Hello All,

We have hit the ground running for Term 2. This term has 11 weeks, with a couple of public holidays thrown in, so we are going to all be working hard at school to have students making significant ground with their learning during this time. All students will by now have brought home interim reports of their progress in Term 1. If you have any concern that may be in danger of not meeting expectations (not passing the subject) by the end of the semester, please don’t delay in making an appointment to speak with the teacher concerned. When a problem is being focussed on at home and at school, the likelihood of a positive outcome is all the better. Secondary teachers are offering parent-teacher interviews on the 26th April. If you are unable to see a teacher on that evening, you are always welcome to ring the school to make an appointment to speak with them. Primary teachers also welcome appointments with parents at any time.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Bill Woodland for the wonderful volunteer work he has been doing in the school library. I approached him last term to request that he might be able to come in for a few days, as a retired librarian, to help with a cull of the secondary library collection which has been neglected for a few years. As it turns out, there was more work needed than we first anticipated, and Bill, members of his family and some of his wide circle of friends have now spent several weeks sorting books, reorganising collections and generally making the library a better teaching and learning resource. Bill and your band of merry workers, we cannot thank you enough!

Finally, I would like to let you all know that the position of (permanent) Principal has been advertised, with the successful applicant taking up duty as of the beginning of Term 3. I am making no secret of the fact that I am really enjoying the rewards and challenges of working here, as Acting Principal, and am so excited about the role I have played in putting plans in place to bring about improvements at the school, that I will be applying for the job. Nothing would delight me more than to be able to inform you in a few weeks that I have been given the honour of being school leader for your community for the foreseeable future.

Until next time,

Andrea Manley

Acting Principal
Message from the Secondary Deputy Principal

It has been a promising start to Term 2 at the secondary campus. This, too, will be a busy Term for students and staff alike with the annual NAPLAN Tests, the District Cross Country, ANZAC Day, the Year 10 BEACON camps to Woodleigh Station, the Careers Expo, Interschool Chess and a rigorous academic program amongst other things.

Reports and Parent-Teacher Interviews

Student Interim Reports have been issued as of Friday 15 April. Students have also been issued Parent-Teacher Interview Booking sheets. Please read and discuss your child(ren)'s report with them and make appointments to further discuss their progress, effort and behaviour for the Parent-Teacher Interviews to be held on Tuesday 26 April in the secondary Dining Hall from 3.15pm until 6.00pm.

Tuckshop

The P and C wishes to advise that hot meals from the secondary Tuckshop will need to be ordered before 8.45 am each day to avoid wastage. This will also allow the tuckshop convenors to offer more variety. The secondary Tuckshop is open for first lunch from Monday to Thursday each week. On Fridays, the Home Economics Department often runs fundraising events, selling food so that students have an alternative option for lunches on this day. Parents/carers are reminded that their children must have ample food each day so that they are focussed and functional in classes.

Immunisation Clinic Term 2

Parents/carers are advised that Queensland Health will be conducting another Immunisation Clinic at the secondary campus in Term 2. The Clinic is scheduled for May at this stage, and a specific date will be determined and communicated when known. The Immunisation Clinic will be run for those students whose parents/carers have given consent in Years 7 and 8. Students in these year levels who are new to the school will also be given the opportunity to catch-up on the first round of vaccines.

Y’s Girl

Beginning this Term, the School-Based Youth Health Nurse, Diane Gander, will be facilitating a wellbeing program for a group of girls in Year 7. Y’s Girl is a fun, creative and active program for girls created by YWCA Victoria. The program aims to encourage and build a community of wise girls who value themselves. The key aims of the program are to:

- Build positive body image, self-esteem and resilience
- Build positive peer relationships and communication skills
- Build positive attitudes and practices towards health and self-care
- Present positive and diverse examples of female role models
- Support girls to celebrate their diversity and capabilities
- Provide opportunities for the girls to develop emotional, physical and practical skills.

It is anticipated that we will run a session in Term 3 for Year 8 girls and another in Term 4 for Year 9 girls.

JCU Visits

Later this Term, students in Years 7-10 will receive a visit from some James Cook University Student Ambassadors who want to promote access to higher education and encourage students who potentially face barriers to learning or who would access higher education via non-traditional pathways to consider tertiary education as a real, accessible future pathway. Such visits are intended to engage students with educational opportunities beyond school and raise student aspirations.
Weekly Attendance and Uniform Data - Week 10 Term 1

Attendance and uniform data from Week 9 shows poor attendance for the last week of school but more promising uniform compliance. This Term, we continue to push for ‘Awesome Attendance’ and ask that, where possible, documentation is provided to the school to account for any student absences. Any student who has more than 5 unexplained absences in a Term will not be able to attend extra-curricular school events.

As the weather cools, students will need to have school jackets to ensure they are in correct uniform. Two different styles of jacket are available from the front office. Office staff are able to assist students with sizes and inform of costs. Long pants featuring the RSS logo are also available for purchase from the secondary office.

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Jessie Cairns
Deputy Principal

Primary Corner

Term 2 Week 1

Welcome back to Term 2. Everyone has settled well and great learning is taking place. Already in the first week I have listened to some terrific stories, fantastic reading and seen students striving to work on Maths problems. Thanks to the great work of our teachers and students, we are moving forward in raising our reading, awesome attendance and changing Ds and Es into As, Bs and Cs.

Our Cross Country will be next Friday 22 April, at the local football field for Year 3 to Year 6. We will walk down as a group after first lunch on Friday. Prep to Year 3 (Yr 3 who are not old enough to compete in the Cross Country) will compete in an obstacle course that will take place during the last session on Friday. Each morning students have been training for this. It has been terrific to see so many students participating each morning. For each lap completed, each child receives a paddle pop stick, 25 sticks can then be traded next week for an icy pole.

The school ANZAC Parade will be held at the Primary Campus Hall on 22 April at 10.15am. All parents are invited to attend. There will be no normal primary school parade on this day. On the Monday 25 April our school will be marching in the ANZAC Parade. I would like to encourage all students to come along and march. Details of meeting times will be sent out during the week.

Reminders:

- Keep your contact details up to date – change of phone numbers, addresses etc.
- Please return the forms that were sent home in regards to this.
- Shoes and a hat are part of our full school uniform.
- No sporting equipment is to be brought to school.
- Contact the office if your child is absent.
- Tuckshop every Thursday and Friday.
- School grounds are out of bounds outside of school hours.
- Parade Times - Fridays - 9am Prep – Yr 3/4, 12.45pm Yr 4 - Yr 6

Have a great weekend,

Ann-Marie Duesbury
Deputy Principal – Primary Campus
Welcome to the first week of term two from the Junior Secondary. This week I would like to tell you about the fantastic year 6 camp that I had the privilege to attend last term at the Daradgee Environmental Education Centre near Innisfail. Let me start by saying that Ms Majer organised the camp with incredible proficiency. Our camp was also a success as we had Mrs Grigg from the Ravenshoe Bakery who volunteered to come with us. Due to the extraordinary generosity of the Principal from Daradgee Mr Noel Cristaudo, our students were not charged to attend the camp for either food, lodgings or activities. Ms Majer was successful in obtaining funding for our bus fare, so that we didn’t have to pay for transport.

Our students were engaged across three days with several team building activities where we witnessed considerable growth in both their problem solving and team work abilities. Many of our students challenged themselves to overcome their fears of high ropes and climbing walls. The year 6 class received many favourable comments from staff at the centre regarding their conduct and attitude to learn. The students even made their own dinner and operated a commercial dishwasher which even the adults wanted a turn at operating.

I think that the key theme to the camp was one of being challenged both mentally and physically. What does this concept actually mean though? They say that victory begins in the mind and that all challenges are initially won or lost between your ears. To be able to work through a challenge provides one with a psychological edge that leads to operating at your full potential.

Working through challenges also leads to the development of courage. Courage helps to form character, initiative, self-control and responsible behavior. Being challenged helps to focus attention and to build self-confidence.

Our students never gave up. With expert guidance from the Daradgee staff the students worked through all the challenges that they were exposed to. Upon reflection, it is a shame that we don’t have more educational opportunities such as the one that we experienced at Daradgee. Congratulations Ms Majer for all your work and to your year 6 class as you journey through the rest of the year. Students, you have established some firm foundations on which to grow and to move our school forward as you provide leadership and mentoring to the younger students.

Have a great week

Regards,

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HOD Junior Secondary
Year 12 Fundraising

By Alex Wilson and Jacie Brennan

So far this year, the Year 12 cohort have run several fundraising events to raise money for their Formal. Every Thursday at second break the year 12’s run ‘milkshakes and sausages’ in the Home Economics room. Throughout January and February the seniors raised over $1100 for rose orders that were handed out on the week of Valentine’s Day. In March all Year 12 students were given the task of selling raffle tickets for $1 which gave people the opportunity to be in the draw to win a variety of Easter chocolate or the choice of a Michael Hill necklace. The lucky winner of the necklace was Krystal Wycherley and Jericho Ryder won the win of many chocolates! This raffle was drawn at the cross country and over $600 was raised. Thank you for supporting the Year 12 Class of 2016.

ANZAC Ceremony

Ravenshoe SS P-12 will be hosting an ANZAC Ceremony on Friday 22 April at 10.15 am in the Multi-purpose Hall at the Primary Campus. All members of the school community are invited to attend this event to commemorate the occasion. Primary staff are then invited to stay for the Primary Cross Country.

Garage Sale

In Aid of Ravenshoe School Chaplaincy

Saturday 23 April
7.30am – 12.30pm

Marina Woods, one of our RATEP students, was nominated for the Barnardos Mother Of The Year contest and obtained third in the state. Congratulations, we are proud of you.

Well Women’s Clinics
(These clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)
Service includes Pap Smears, Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Confinence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Bowel Health, Domestic Violence, etc. All services are provided by a specially trained Women’s Health Nurse.

Ravenshoe-Mamu Medical Centre Tues 19th April Ph: 4097 6502
Mount Garnet Primary Health Centre Wed 20th April Ph: 4097 4800
Ravenshoe-Community Health Thurs 21st April Ph: 4097 6223

Cedar the 2016 Secondary Cross Country Champions!!

By Aaron Simpson

On the 18th of March, the Ravenshoe Secondary Cross Country was held this year at the Secondary school campus itself. Normally the event is held at the Rugby League fields and is run up Telecom Hill, due to unforeseen circumstances this year’s Cross Country had to be changed. The students ran laps of the school boundary to complete their set distances. The 12 & 13 years boys and girls had to run 3km. The 14 & 15 years ran 4km, 16 & Open girls ran 4km and finally the 16 & Open boys ran 6km. Students participated in the event very well on the day and the score in the end was Cedar-156, Archer-118. Congratulations to this year’s Champions Cedar!

Age Champions

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Sport News: Cross Country Carnival
Cedar runs loops around Archer
Ravenshoe Rules

Safe
Follow staff instructions promptly
Show self-control at all times
Protect people, places and things

Respectful
Treat people with courtesy and respect
Care for places and things

Learner
Be prepared for learning
Persevere and complete all set tasks
Participate without disrupting others

Secondary Awesome Winners

Safe
Venus Collins Year 8: English, for lining up

Respectful
Paige Groves Year 8: continuously being respectful

Lacey West Year 11: media art learning techniques

Special Respectful Awesome
Rowan Groves Year 10

Super Awesome
Senior: Sheridan Aitken Year 11: always using manners, respectful, good role model
Junior: Skye Adamson Year 8: commitment to learning, great manners, always respectful

Total Awesome Tallies:
Secondary: 1385
Archer: 701
Cedar: 684
Primary: 960
Archer: 474
Cedar: 486

This week:
LEARN TO LEARN WEEK-
Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be a Learner- Follow school and classroom routines and practices.

Next week:
Be a learner and participate without disrupting others.
Maintain an orderly working environment
Be an active listener