From the Principal

My goodness, where does the time go? Term 1 is officially done and dusted. It has been a very busy term full of learning and fun activities. The students have been extremely busy with assessment over the past few weeks and I will be very busy marking it all over the break. Continue to watch for results being posted in communication folders.

I am very pleased to inform you that our data from Term 1 is looking quite good. We are sitting at 98% for attendance with no unexplained absences. As for behaviour, out of 140 incidents reported so far this year 137 of those are positive. We have also just completed student reading tests and 85% of our students are at or exceeding our Reading Benchmarks. I am so proud of the efforts of all students and want to thank the families for their on going support.

All the staff at Ravenswood State School wish our families a very safe and happy Easter break. We look forward to continuing this positive learning journey in Term 2.

Miss Campbell
Acting Principal
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Dawn Service

This year the Ravenswood Restoration Association will be holding an Anzac Day dawn service and would like to invite the school children to come and sing the national anthem and to also lay a wreath. The service will start at 0600am sharp. A catapult party will be attending this years’ service and will be conducting a march.

P&C Membership

The objectives of the Ravenswood State School Parents and Citizens’ Association are to promote the interests of, and facilitate the development and further improvement of the school by promoting parent participation and encouraging collaboration between parents, students, school communities and non-government entities to foster a commitment to achieving the best educational outcomes for children and young people.

In pursuit of the Association’s objectives, the functions of the Association are to foster community interest in educational matters and try to bring about closer co-operation between the parents of children attending the school and other members of the community, staff members of the school and students of the school.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Ravenswood State School Parents and Citizens’ Association please complete attached membership form and return to the school’s principal.

Cross Country Carnival

On Friday the 27th of March 2015, Homestead State School welcomed parents and students from Pentland State School, Ravenswood State School and Greenvale State School to the Interschool Cross Country event. The students were assigned distances based on age group and were given points for their school based on their ranking in each race. We are so proud of the effort all of our students displayed on the day. Ravenswood was only points away from taking home the trophy but were happy to congratulate Pentland State School on their first place efforts. Not only did all of our students finish their races in the blistering heat but many came away with Age Champion medallions. We would like to thank all staff, students and parents for their efforts in making yet another school carnival a great success.
Go Ravenswood!!

HOMEWORK

We want to firstly thank all the parents and students for really putting in a big effort with homework tasks. Homework is a way for students to consolidate their learning and gives you the chance to have a sneak peak into what the children are learning in class. We have however noticed that parents are completing tasks for the students. Although it is necessary at times to assist your child with their homework it is your child’s responsibility to complete the tasks. As stated many times before those students who put the effort into their homework will see the benefits in the classroom.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN tests will be held on 12-14 May for all Year 3 and 5 students.

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. NAPLAN tests provide very valuable information, but there are no consequences for individual students for poor or good performance. The families who have students involved in NAPLAN will receive more information closer to the date.
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Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held in Term 2. The dates that we have available are:

Week 2: Monday (27th), Tuesday (28th), Wednesday (29th)
Week 3: Monday (4th), Tuesday (5th)

Afternoons work best but if needed we can arrange a morning meeting. Please contact the principal to book in a spot.

Quadrennial School Review (QSR)

This year Ravenswood State School is required to develop a new school plan for the next four years. The plan is basically the school's vision, describing the school's aspirations. It is developed through the recommendations given to us during our full school review along with the input of students, staff, parents and the community. A committee has been developed to assist the principal in developing this plan. In saying that we still want all parents to have their say. The majority of our data will come from our 2014 School Survey but we understand that some families did not fill this out and we also have new families to the school. Due to this we are going to give all families a bit of homework over the break. We ask that over the break you take some time to sit down and fill out the attached survey. This survey will give the committee an insight into what Ravenswood State School should focus on for the next four years. We ask that all surveys be returned by Friday April 24th. Let’s work together to make Ravenswood State School the best it can be!

Farewell, Thank you and Welcome

We sadly are having to say good bye to Mrs Callcott as our classroom teacher. We have finally filled the position left vacant at the end of last year. We want to thank Cheryl for her dedication to the school and students over the past term. We hope to continue to have Mrs Callcott visit the school when she can.

We welcome Ms Christie to Ravenswood State School as our new classroom teacher.

Hello Everyone,

I am so pleased to have been offered the position at Ravenswood SS and am looking forward to getting to know the whole school community, so here is a little about me. I grew up in Townsville and came to teaching later in life. I completed a BA (Sociology) and a Graduate Bachelor of Education (Primary) at James Cook University. I have been teaching for almost 10 years, predominantly in P-3 classroom settings at the remote NT school, Nhulunbuy PS. While I was in an Early Childhood leadership position at Nhulunbuy PS, I had the opportunity to provide specialist P-6 lessons in History, Library and ICT, as well as implement a Year 1 Reading Support program.

I moved back to Townsville last year to be closer to family and am temporarily job sharing at Kelso SS with a Year 2 and a Year 4 classroom teacher. I also provide Literacy and Numeracy Support to Year 3 and Year 5 students.

I have a wonderful 20 year old son, Hayden, who is currently taking a break from university studies at JCU.

Hope to see you all in a couple of weeks!

Regards,
Ms. Jacqueline Christie

There has been a lot of change at Ravenswood over the past little while, some out of our control. We need to remember that life is full of changes and we have made our decisions with the schools best interest in mind. Our students will always come first and we will continue to work together to strive for greatness.
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**AWARDS**

Principal’s award - Jessica Spurdle for being a learner and taking responsibility for her own learning and behaviour.

25 nights of reading award - Jessica, Beau, Jayden, Parker, Charlie, Billy & Kye

P -2 Data collection and graphing (taste testing)
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