From the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers and the Ravenswood Community

Here we are at the end of week 2 already!
On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to thank everyone for their support over the past few weeks. I’d also like to give a special thanks to the Ravenswood State School staff for all of their patience and support in helping me settle into your school routine.

The first couple of weeks at a new school is all about getting to know the routines, programs in place and establishing a good working relationship with students. I have to say that it has been an absolute pleasure to work with your children. They have all been so well mannered, thoughtful and have a great attitude towards learning and each other. We now have 17 and a few more girls to even the balance and it already promises to be a fantastic and fun year.

Andrew Stallman
Principal
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WELCOME

All the staff & students would like to extend a big welcome to our new classroom teacher Mrs Diane Alford. We hope all parents have had the chance to come up & meet Mrs Alford & make her feel welcome. We are very lucky to have Mrs Alford join our team as the consistency of her role enables the children to develop a strong working relationship with all staff and allows staff to work closely in providing consistent and inclusive education for our students.

Mrs Alford will teach 5 days per fortnight and assume any relieving duties. In most cases, a roster across a fortnight will be:
Week 1: Thursday & Friday
Week 2: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
However, this may vary due to my administrative responsibilities and staff professional development.

Hello Ravenswood State School Families,
I'm Diane Alford, and it's great to be able to introduce myself as your teacher, with Mr Stallman, for 2016!
Trained as a Primary teacher in Townsville, I taught for 7 years in Townsville, Hughenden and Ayr before marrying Bill Alford, and moving to Grass Hut. In 1988 we moved with our first son Tim to Mokana, Hughenden, where John Scott and Fiona were born, then to Rainsby, Aramac in 2000.
After 26 years in the West, with 4 years of part time teaching and 10 years of delivering Distance Education as Home Tutor to our own children, our move back to the Mingela district has allowed me the opportunity to do what I have always loved- return to teaching full time.
It has been wonderful to get to know your children in the past week, and to meet so many families. I am excited to become part of the Ravenswood School community, and look forward to a productive year ahead.

HOMEWORK CLUB

Thank you to Miss Anne & Miss Kada for your continual support with homework club. This will start again in week 3 on Monday 8th February.

P&C MEETING

Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday the 16 of February at 3pm in the school library. Hope to see you all there. New faces & ideas are always welcome.
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JOYFUL FOUNDATION

The Joyful Foundation has devoted its energy and passion to helping others in need. Ron Donnellan who is the founder of the Joyful Foundation, in memory of his daughter, has once again donated 10 folders containing rulers, pencils, erasers, exercise & scrap books etc. to our school. We would like to say a big thank you to the Joyful Foundation for their kind donation.

ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

Although my primary role and focus is as a teacher, throughout the year I will have to attend functions and seminars and may be away from school. Diane and myself will be working closely together to ensure minimal disruption to student learning. Please feel free to contact staff about any concerns during these times. Furthermore, please don’t hesitate to contact me via email or the school mobile.

Current DET Mandatory Dates:
8th February
18th & 19th February
23rd to the 25th February
These dates are mandatory for all principals in the region and must be attended.

SWIMMING

As you are aware swimming started this week and it will continue until the end of term. I was lucky enough to see some of the swimming training this week. The children were having a great time and a big thank you to Rebecca, Bianca and Kada for giving up their time to teach the children swimming. Swimming and pool safety is such an important issue for child safety.

ATHLETICS

Constable Wade will continue athletics this year every Tuesday unless advised. A big thank you to Constable Wade.

LOTE (Languages Other Than English)

LOTE is compulsory for all Year 5 & 6. Japanese lessons will start in week 3. Please find attached information about LOTE.
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