From the Principal

Term 3 is off to a great start!

I can't think of a better way to start off the term then to go on a school camp. Last week the Ravenswood and Pentland staff and students attended Daradgee Environmental Centre for a week filled of fun and challenging activities.

The week started off with the students making very bright and colourful t-shirts that they couldn’t wait to wear. We then took part in some climbing and rope challenges where the students had to face their fear of heights and push their bodies to the limit. On Wednesday we visited Polly Creek where the students observed the characteristics of a healthy freshwater stream and went for a very cold swim in the crystal clear water. We also had the chance to go beach fishing and croc spotting where we were lucky to see a very large female croc sun baking. Thursday was filled with a snake talk, visit to the farm and loads of team challenges. On our long journey home the staff and students had the opportunity to stop at the beautiful Paronella Park where we were told the story of Jose Paronella’s dream to build this beautiful attraction.

It is just amazing that the school, through the efforts of our P&C are able to organise these camps which provide life long memories and experiences for our students. I know that the staff and students are already looking forward to where we will be heading next year.

Erica Campbell
Acting Principal
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Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015

Woolworths Earn & Learn is back and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for our school.

It’s simple to participate. From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed & our school name is on them, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, at the school. If you are in need of more sticker sheets we have extras at the school.

Ravenswood can then redeem your Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers for valuable education resources for our school.

Ravenswood Soccer Carnival

A huge thank you to Carpentaria Gold and the Ravenswood staff, P&C and parents for all of their efforts to organise the soccer carnival. It was a great day and a wonderful way to end the term.

The results for the day are as listed.
1st – Homestead SS
2nd – Pentland SS
3rd – Ravenswood SS
4th – Greenvale SS

Pentland Athletics Carnival

Our cluster Athletics Carnival will be hosted by Pentland State School on Friday August the 7th. All are welcome and encouraged to attend the dinner and sleepover the Thursday before. As this is a fundraising event for each schools P&C it would be great to see our school support those who supported us. It is going to be a very early start on the Friday so sleeping over would be the best option. If you are wanting to send your child/children for the sleepover but are unable to travel to Pentland on the Thursday please let us know and we can try to make other travel arrangements.

Make Every Cupcake Count!

Ravenswood State School would like to hold a bake sale, Sunday August 23rd at the shop to raise money for the RSPCA. We will be doing some baking at school to stock our stall but if families would like to contribute it would be greatly appreciated. We can sell individual goodies or trays of baked goods. See the staff for more information.
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Ravenswood Animating Spaces

Ravenswood is one of five regions in Queensland to be awarded a place in Artslink Queensland’s Animating Spaces initiative in 2015, supported by Charters Towers Regional Council. The resulting art projects will serve to invigorate the local arts scene through mosaic, sculptures and theatre.

Local artists have already begun work on the project, with lots of work to be completed before the October launch date. The school and students will be getting involved in various projects and workshops to prepare for the day. We need parents to fill out a volunteer permission form along with a photo/video consent form (items attached). On the volunteer form please put your child’s name in the first blank space but you will need to be the one to sign it. By signing this form you are simply giving permission for your child to paint a cow skull to be displayed and be involved in a dramatic skit on the day. You or your child do not have to attend any meetings but are welcome. If you have any further questions please see Ravenswood staff.

School Opinion Survey

It’s that time of year again to have your say about what you think Ravenswood does well and what we can do to improve our school. Parents are invited and encouraged to participate in this year’s School Opinion Survey. Participation in the survey is anonymous and all information provided is treated confidentially. The online survey is available now and should take less than ten minutes to complete. Please follow the instructions on the attached form to enter your data. If you do not have internet access at home you are more than welcome to complete the survey using the school computers. The online application will close July 31st so please make some time to complete this survey ASAP.

School Sores

Pentland State School has called to inform us that two of their children have been diagnosed with school sores. As we were all in very close contact last week please just keep an eye out for any symptoms. Common symptoms of school sores include:

- The skin itches and reddens
- A collection of blisters forms, commonly around the nose and mouth
- The blisters pop and weep a yellow, sticky fluid
- The area develops a raised and wet-looking crust
- The scab dries and falls off

Excluding case until has received appropriate antibiotics for at least 24 hours. Sores are not contagious if covered, or after the child has taken antibiotics for 24 hours. Weeping or crusted sores on exposed areas should always be covered with a wet-tight dressing until at least 24 hours post antibiotics commenced and for as long as practical.
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