From the Principal

In 2014, the Queensland Government commenced the Great Results Guarantee, a four-year funding initiative to improve student outcomes. For 2015 (the second year of the initiative) the Queensland Government invested a total of $183 million in additional funding for state schools to improve student performance. All schools received a share of this funding in addition to standard resource allocations. All Queensland state schools, entered into an agreement committing them to guarantee that every student will either:

- achieve the National Minimum Standard for literacy and numeracy for their year level or
- have an evidence-based plan, developed by the school, in place to address their specific learning needs.

In 2015 Ravenswood State School agreed to use the funding to:

- Maintain the percentage of students meeting the National Minimum Standards in reading, spelling and writing at 100% for students.
- Improve staff capacity through focused professional development for Writing, Reading and Spelling.
- Develop a learning plan for students who are below National Minimum Standards for Writing, Reading and Spelling.

As we near the end of the year we would like to share some data to show the success achieved with help from this funding initiative.

This year we used some of the funding to purchase and train our staff in using the Levelled Literacy Intervention resource and the Spelling Mastery resource.

The results:

- 100% of our students met the National Minimum Standards in all areas of NAPLAN
- 100% of our students were in the Upper Two Bands of NAPLAN in Reading Writing and Spelling

We also had the opportunity to attend the Quality Teaching and Learning Forum which guided the discussion and training of our staff meetings, where we are working towards creating assessment literate students.

The results:
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SCHOOL PHOTO’S
Betty Pemble will be here on November 20th at 9am to take our school photo’s again this year. Please find attached the order form. Please send your payment (cash or chq) along with the order form to the school before the 20th. If paying by cheque make it payable to Elizabeth Pemble.

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME
The school is offering all family’s our voluntary student resource scheme for 2016. The student resource scheme makes the back to school period much simpler for parents and students. Please find attached student the resource scheme participation form.

SCHOOL HATS & BOOK CAVERS
Our school supply of school hats & books covers has run out. We will be placing an order with Harliquin in week 7, so we have spares for new family’s in the future. If any family would like to place an order, please let staff know before week 7.

SWIMMING CARNVIAL
Ravenswood SS would like to thank Greenvale SS for hosting a well organised event. After many years, Ravenswood broke the Greenvale curse and walked away with the trophy. Thank you to all the family’s who made the long journey to support our school.

HALLOWEEN BALL
Rural Fire & P&C’s annual Halloween Ball was a great success, we raised roughly $3000 each (still waiting on final figures). THANK YOU to everyone that gave their time to help out. The night would not have achieved the same result without your support.

DANCE LESSONS
Constable Belinda is happy to be back at the school, she will travel out every Tuesday to help the students choreograph & practice their dance for the end of year concert.

QSR
This year Ravenswood State School was required to develop a new school plan for the next four years. The plan is basically our schools vision, describing the school’s aspirations. It was developed through the recommendations given to us during our full school review along with the
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Daryl melee Cluster Swimming Carnival
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