Parents and Community Members,

We’re passing the halfway point in the term. There has been a lot of absence due to illness lately and I would like to reinforce that while I encourage students to be at school as often as they can be, it is important to recognise that rest is often the best medicine if you are sick or unwell.

SPELLING UPDATE
Our 5 week spelling project wrapped up last week. I am pleased to report an overall increase in performance in spelling (spelling words correctly) of 23.25%. As a school, we also met our target of 65% accuracy across the school. This means that students spell an average of 10 more words correctly in their final spelling tests. Congratulations goes to Billy Hood, who scored a perfect 50 out of 50 words correct in his final test! While we will move on to another project, the focus on spelling (learning both the concepts in weekly lists and new spelling strategies) will continue as part of our Strategic Plan. Please continue to work on strategies at home such as Chunking, Making Connections and Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check.

WORKING BEE
Many thanks to Pam and Brett Smollett and Di Hood for their participation in the working bee on 5th August. While it is great to see these families consistently volunteering, it is a disappointment that these are but a few of our entire parent community supporting the school at working bees. The next working bee is scheduled for Sunday 9th September. A list of jobs will be posted in the next newsletter.

SPINAL EDUCATION AWARENESS TEAM—6th August
Students spent the afternoon last Monday talking to Scott Stidson from the Spinal Education Awareness Team.

Topics discussed were how your spine works, what happens if you hurt your spine and what you can do to look after your spine. Students were surprised to learn that it is the little things that can make a big different to preventing spine injury.

Activities such as: ALWAYS wearing a helmet when riding bicycles, four-wheelers, motorbikes and horses; Using your seatbelt in the car, even for a little trip to the shop and back. and sitting on chairs in class properly (not rocking on them, for example) were highlighted as having potential to damage your spine.

Please take the opportunity to talk to your child about their safety and discuss ways they can look after their spine.

FAREWELL TO SHELLEY BURT
Our cleaner, Shelley Burt, will finish this Friday. Shelley has been working at the school for a long period of time and we thank her for her hard work and commitment to the school. Lyn Hancock will be starting as the new school cleaner from 13th August. Welcome to Lyn.

UPCOMING PRINCIPAL ABSENCES
I will be absent from the school on special leave on Wednesday 15th August and Thursday 16th August. I will also be absent from 29-31st (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) August to attend the North Queensland Region Principal’s Business Meeting.
Our Purpose: Ravenswood State School exists to provide learning to all stakeholders. We provide a learning environment which supports students in their achievement, facilitated by skilled, professional and compassionate staff.

SCHOOL PARADE
A reminder that school parade will be held Tuesday 14th August. Parents are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL CLEANER—POSITION VACANT
I am seeking applications from community members who may be interested in working at the school as a cleaner for 14.25 hours per week. The current position requires a person capable of general cleaning duties Monday to Friday from approximately 3:00pm to 5:30pm (including some school holiday work). Any interested persons should contact the school to apply. A position description is attached to the newsletter.

GROUNDS PERSON—POSITION FILLED
The position of Grounds person (Casual) has been filled. We welcome Steve Hancock who will taken up duties from 20th August.

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS & WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN
Please be aware that we will cease to collect Woolworths stickers and Coles Vouchers on Thursday 16th August. Please ensure any stickers or vouchers collected are handed in by this day. A box is at the school for collection of Woolies and Coles stickers and a collection box is available at the Ravenswood Store.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL AT PENTLAND
Parents are reminded that the Athletics Carnival will commence at 8am in Pentland. The carnival is being held at the sports grounds. In Pentland, turn left when you reach the pub and the sports grounds are behind the police station.

Regards,
Cameron Warne
Principal
Our Values

Respect – We treat ourselves and each other with respect, show care and regard for property.
Excellence – We work always as learners and seek the best in ourselves and others.
Accountability – We take responsibility for our performance and own up to mistakes, so that we can learn from them.
Productive Relationships – We are aware of others in our school and work together so that success belongs to us all.

PUBLISHED AUTHORS & Ravenswood State School Parents & Citizens Association present -

A new approach to fundraising cookbooks

We’re publishing our own cookbook!

To encourage healthy eating and to raise much needed funds, we’re publishing our very own premium quality cookbook.

To be involved, the process is so simple:

1. Go to the Published Authors website & submit your favourite recipe using their easy to use on-line template.
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   - Don’t have access to a computer? Just give us your recipe & we’ll try to find a volunteer to enter it for you.

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Key Strategic Directions:
1. Provide quality schooling through curriculum programs that cater for individuals, educational initiatives and societal expectations.
2. Develop and share high expectations for individual student learning.

A SES barbecue and skills demonstration will be held in Ravenswood on Saturday, September 8 at the SES shed

The Ravenswood SES needs new members to remain active so anyone interested in learning more about the SES is invited to attend. The Charters Towers SES team and the Northern Region area director will be on hand to answer questions.

All welcome – lunch and drinks provided. For more information phone Rebecca on 4752 3196.
Key Strategic Directions:
3. Build the capacity of our teachers and staff across a range of professional competencies.
4. Provide appropriate resourcing and quality learning environments to support and extend student learning and commit to sustainable practice.