From the Principal:

Parents and Community members,

Have you noticed?
The school grounds are starting to get a little bit greener. It hasn’t started raining yet either! Thanks to Carpentaria Gold, especially Mick Grant, the school now has the irrigation system re-established to almost all areas of the school. Work is underway to restore the grass to a green state.

Working Bee—Sunday 2nd December
Because the school has working sprinklers, the weeds are growing as fast as they can. We need your help to spray these before they get out of control. We have plenty of chemical, but only one sprayer and a time-poor Principal unable to stay on top of them. If you have a couple of spare hours, join us on Sunday 2nd of December for a Working Bee. This will be the last chance to get the grounds in order before the wet season hits over the holidays and we need as much support as we can get. Jobs include (in order of priority)

- Weed spraying (top priority!) If you have your own sprayer please bring it
- Weeding the front gardens (only the bits we can’t spray)
- Raking/levelling off sand pit play areas
- Pressure washing concrete/paved areas
- Filling in subsided areas (holes) in the school grounds (Bring your own shovel please)
- Spray painting exposed rocks in the ground (for safety!)

Because it is heating up quickly during the day, work can start as early as 7am on Sunday. Work will finish by 11am.

Playground
Thanks to Sam Italiano and Ian Byers, the bridge on the playground next the classrooms has been repaired. The playground was originally installed in 1993, through partnership with the school P&C Association and Carpentaria Gold.

Homework
The homework sent home this week will be the final set for the year. Homework, Home Readers and Library books must all be returned by Wednesday of Week 10 (Wed 13th December). Students have been told that if these items are not returned they will not be invited to Break up day celebrations on Thursday 14th December.

Break up day
The school will hold a break up lunch and swimming event on Thursday 8th December at the Ravenswood Pool. Parents are asked to provide a plate of food on the day. Students will begin their day at the school for final instruction until 11am and will be transported by the school bus to the pool for morning tea, swimming and other activities. As this is an outside of school event, can you please return the permission slip below.

New Teacher Appointment
I am happy to report that Miss Tanya Pinto has been appointed to the school as a 0.5 fraction teacher. This means that Miss Pinto will be at Ravenswood on alternate weeks from Monday to Friday (similar to Mr Clarke’s role for those who remember). Miss Pinto is coming from Charters Towers School of Distance Education and will be at Ravenswood next week to meet students.

Harlequin Bag Orders
If parents would like to make an order for new school bags or hats, forms are available from the office. An order will be placed by the end of term, with items available for pickup when school resumes.
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.

Concert
The end of year concert will be held on Tuesday 11th December at the Ravenswood Community Hall from 6pm. The P&C will have soft drinks available to purchase for $2 each and there will be free finger food available after the concert.

Pre-Prep
A reminder also that Pre-Prep program continues next week from Monday to Thursday. Parents are welcome to attend with their children.

School Photos—only a few orders have been received!
A reminder that Individual, Sibling and Whole school photos are available for sale in the office. There are samples on display in the office. Cost is $7 per photograph. The school is producing their own photographs again this year and this cost is to cover paper and ink. If you would like your photos laminated, there is an extra cost of $3 per photo to cover the cost of laminating. Please make any payments to the school directly by Tuesday 4th December. Orders given after this date will not be processed until 2013.

Cook Book Fundraiser
The P&C would like to remind families and the community that cook books are available to order through the school. We have received the shipment of cook books and they are available for collection now.

If you have ordered cook books, please come up to the school to collect your order. Don’t forget to purchase your copy of the cook book before the 14th December as the school will be closed over the holidays. P&C members will have limited copies available for sale over the holidays.

Cook books are available for $20 each or 3 for $50 and are going quickly.

Charters Towers Regional Council—Colouring In Competition
Di Hood has kindly volunteered to drop completed colouring in competition entries in to Charters Towers Regional Council. If your child would like to submit an entry, please ensure that both the colouring in page and the entry form are completed and return them by Tuesday, 4th December at the latest.

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.

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**Break up Event—13th December**

I, ______________________________, give permission for my child/children

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**Ravenswood Pool on 13th December.**

I am happy to provide a plate of food for the event.

I give my permission for my child to travel on the school bus to the pool and I will pick them up from the Ravenswood Pool at 2:30pm.

I give my permission for my child to travel on the school bus to the pool and I will pick them up from Ravenswood State School at 3pm.

Signed ___________________________