Our School 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.
Healthy, Safe and Sustainable Environments – We look after ourselves and our school by being safe, healthy and good to the environment.

Next P&C Meeting:
Monday 11th March @ 3:05pm
All community members are welcome!

What's on:

★ COMMUNITY GARDEN DAY
SUN 3rd March

★ SCHOOL PARADE —
TUE 12th March

★ SWIMCARNIVAL —
FRI 15th March

★ WORKING BEE —
SUN 17th March

★ CROSS COUNTRY —
THU 28th March

★ GOOD FRIDAY —
FRI 29th March

PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
Part of the focus for the 2013 Principals’ Conference in Brisbane will be on Parent and Community Engagement with schools. In the lead up to this conference, I have been taking time to learn about the difference between ‘involvement’ and ‘engagement’ with parents, community and school. The following is from the WA P&F Website — http://pff.wa.edu.au

We all have a general understanding of what being ‘involved’ means when it comes to children’s schooling. Attending P&C meetings, helping at a working bee, rostering to help in the classroom or with sports are all wonderful examples of involvement. When you are involved in your child’s school, you make a positive difference to the wellbeing of your child, your child’s attitude toward school, the school community and the social capital of the broader community. But does lots of ‘involvement’ lead to better outcomes for YOUR child?

Research has found that being ‘engaged’ with your children’s education leads to better learning outcomes. When you are ‘engaged’ in your child’s education, you make a positive difference to their readiness to begin school, learning outcomes and academic results, motivation to do their best and social and relationship skills. Engagement in your child’s education will work best when you feel like you’re a ‘partner’ rather than a ‘consumer’.

Involvement generally means being present in the school, something not all parents have the ability, confidence or time to do. But, it is important for your child and their school, so any involvement at any level, is valuable.

Engagement can happen without being present in the school, so in many ways, is easier to do. Just remember, it will benefit your child, so whatever you can do, no matter how small, it will make a difference.

I encourage all parents and community members to consider these key differences between involvement and engagement as we continue to work together in 2013.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL @ GREENVALE
Coming home in Communication Folders today is a copy of the Program and Permission form for the Cluster Swimming Carnival at Greenvale. Please note that transport is not able to be provided by the school for this event, so I ask that parents please seek arrangements where possible to car pool. If all transport options for your children are unavailable, please contact the school.

Permission forms must be returned by Monday, including payment for any food. Please make any cheques out to Greenvale State School P&C Association. There will be a payment envelope attached to the Swimming Program.

COMMUNITY GARDEN EVENT
There will be an event held at the Community Gardens in Ravenswood on 3rd March for Clean Up Australia Day. All community members are welcome to attend, there will be craft, tree planting and a BBQ provided by Morris Catering. More information is in the current Community Newsletter — Ravenswood Round-up.

Receive the newsletter by email!
Send a request to admin@ravenswoss.eq.edu.au
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.

STOP, DROP, GO / STOP, PICKUP, GO
As you would have noticed, our stop, drop go / stop, pickup go area at the front of the school has been completed. While we wait for signs to be placed in this area, please be aware that this area is not a car park. The car park across the road is the only designated parking area near the school.

Regards,
Cameron Warne
Principal

P&C News

ELECTION OF P&C Executive
The Ravenswood Parents and Citizens Association would like to announce the election of the 2013 Executive.

President—Dianne Hood
Vice-President—Wade Hastie
Treasurer—Pam Smollett
Secretary—Shea Hughes

The P&C Association provides valuable support to Ravenswood State School. If you would like to learn more about the P&C, or would like to volunteer your time to contribute to the P&C, please attend the General Meeting on Monday, 11th March 2013 at 3:05 pm.

Thank you.

Dianne Hood
P&C President

EVERY DAY COUNTS—Is your child getting to school on time?

But he / she is only missing...

10 mins per day...which equals...50 mins per week...which is...nearly 1.5 weeks per year
20 mins per day...which equals...1 hour 40 min per week...which is... 2.5 weeks per year
30 min per day...which equals...Half a day per week...which is ...4 weeks per year
1 hour per day...which equals 1 day per week...which is... 8 weeks per year

The best learning time is at the start of the day. That’s when every minute counts!

School instruction starts at 9am...students can be dropped off from 8:30am...

Why not get a head start to your day?