From the Principal

READING
While we focus on improving reading in the classroom, it is important to remind everyone that the day for Library Borrowing is Thursday. Students are asked to bring a ‘library bag’ which can protect the books they borrow—as often books are bigger than school bags. Students from Year 3 up (and some Year 2s) are also now able to borrow books that match the range of their Lexile level—meaning they are reading books that they should be able to read independently. Parents are still encouraged to read with their children whenever they can.

NAPLAN
Our students in Years 3 and 5 next week sit NAPLAN testing. Staff at school are aware that some students experience ‘pre-test stress’ and it is important we do as much as we can to reassure students. It is timely to remind everyone that NAPLAN is simply a snapshot of the skills your child has developed up to this point in their education, which will allow teachers to focus on giving the right support to students as the year continues. In the classroom, students are learning Literacy and Numeracy skills across the curriculum every day, especially in English and Mathematics. This means, that every day, students are getting ready for NAPLAN. This Friday students will view the tests from 2012 so that they are familiar with the format of the tests and have an understanding of what to expect next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Parents can access the official sample tests from http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/the-tests.html

The timetable for testing next week is as follows:

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You can help your child be ready by:
- Leading by example—show your children how you cope positively by thinking out loud “I feel a bit nervous, but I’m going to try my best’. 
- Encouraging them to go to bed early the night before
- Have a break from homework Monday night, Tuesday night and Wednesday night
- Eating a quality breakfast
- Removing distractions the morning before the test like cartoons or excessive physical activity.

PRINCIPAL ABSENCE
I will be away from the school for Meetings, Training and Teacher Interview Panels on the following dates: 16th & 17th May / 22nd May / 31st May

Cameron Warne
Principal
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.

In the Classroom
Speech Sounds
The school is using a new program to teach spelling in the early years—called Speech Sound Pics. More information is available at http://www.myspeedyssp.com/ including downloadable resources for Parents.

Erica Campbell
Classroom Teacher

Basketball Court Construction Works
Construction work will begin on the Undercover Basketball area this Tuesday. Work is expected to continue for at least 2 weeks. Whilst the court is undergoing the construction works, the area will be out of bounds to students for the entire period. Arrangements have been made so that students can play on the oval. Students will be supervised as they walk to and from the oval to ensure that the area remains out of bounds.

Please ensure that your child brings their hat to school. If your student leaves their hat at home or cannot find it at school, they will be required to play in the classroom under supervision whilst the other students play on the oval.

Playgroup Cancellation
Playgroup has been cancelled this Tuesday, May 14th due to NAPLAN testing in the library. Please contact Rebecca McLellan on 0431 162 259 if you have any questions regarding playgroup.

P&C Update
From the Secretary
I would like to remind members of the community and school families that the next P&C monthly meeting will be held at 3:05pm on Monday, 13th May. The agenda includes the Bunnings Fundraiser BBQ, the upcoming Soccer Carnival and planning for the 2013 Halloween Ball. All members of the school and wider community are invited to attend the P&C’s monthly meetings.

There are only 6 sleeps until the Bunnings BBQ on May 19th. Please remember, if you are in Townsville on Sunday, 19th May, please drop in to the Bunnings at Fairfield Waters and show your support of our small school.

We are also still seeking volunteers to man the BBQ or serve customers during the operational hours of the BBQ. Shifts are available from 8am-12pm and 1pm-4pm. Please complete the form below and return to the school by Wednesday, 15th May if you would like to volunteer your time.

Shea Hughes
P&C Secretary

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