From the Principal

DALRYMPLE CLUSTER ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Students recently competed in the Dalrymple Cluster Athletics Carnival. Ravenswood were again the winning team.

THANKS MR BUTTAH
Murray Burt joined us at the school while he was completing one of his pre-service professional experiences. In this role he is required to plan and teach lessons to students and undergo evaluations while at Ravenswood. Multi-age classrooms are a challenge but also a reality for teaching graduates and Ravenswood State School has been working in partnership with James Cook University for the past two years to ensure that pre-service teachers learn how to operate in this kind of classroom environment. Students were naturally happy to see “Mr Buttah” working at the school again.

CHARTERS TOWERS SHOW
Students did a fantastic job in handwriting and in their preparation of items for the Charters Towers Show. Almost every entry walked away with a prize and two students—Ryan Grant and Beau Easton won Champion ribbons for their entry. Congratulations to everyone

PRINCIPAL/SCHOOL CONTACT
The main contact for the school principal after hours or urgent contact during the day is now:
0459 380 945

I have previously made my personal mobile number available and this will be discontinued. Parents calling/texting the old number to contact or notify of absence should be aware that they may not receive a response.

SCHOOL CAMP
At P&C on Monday I discussed that Ravenswood and Homestead Schools were in the very initial stages of planning a camp to the Whitsundays—in Week 10, Term 1, 2014 (Mon 31st March to Fri 4th April). Activities include tours of Daydream Island and a Day out on the Reef. Students would stay at the Big4 Caravan Park in Airlie Beach/Cannonvale. It is expected that the cost of the camp will be at least $500 per student. P&C support the camp in principle and will actively fundraise (with community support) to reduce the cost to students.

To proceed further I am seeking written expressions of interest from families who would send their children to this event. There is some capacity for parents to attend also, but the specifics of this (including available places) are not yet worked out. If you could return the short slip at the bottom of this page with your feedback it would be a big help—you can cut it off, we don’t want the whole newsletter back!

Cameron Warne
Principal

2014 Whitsundays Camp Expression of Interest
Family Name ________________________________________________

YES! We are definitely going to a camp!
YES! We are really keen to go to camp and would like to help P&C fundraise to reduce the cost.
NO! We are definitely not going to a camp.

Parent/Guardian Signature
From the Classroom

SCIENCE WEEK
August 10th to the 18th is National Science Week. To join in we have been taking part in some pretty exciting activities throughout the week. The P-2’s enjoyed launching hand held rockets and measuring their distances.

To go along with the weather unit we have been studying in class the students put together a weather system to track the temperature, rain fall and direction of wind. Throughout the week the 3-6’s will be designing their own solar system model which will help them learn a little more about each planet. We were lucky enough to have Daniel from Carpentaria Gold visit us for a special science demonstration. It has been a great week of learning!

Book Club
If you would like to place a Book Club order, please ensure that your order forms and payment are returned by the 30/08/2013. This ensures that your orders are received before the September/October school holidays.

Payment for Book Club orders is via cheque—cheque made out to Scholastic Australia, via credit card online at www.scholastic.com.au/payment or phone 1800 557 908. Please record and return your digit receipt number on your order form if paying by credit card.

P&C Update
Please join us for our September monthly meeting on Monday, 9th September at 3pm in the library.

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.