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.

From the Principal

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

UPCOMING DATES
Principal Absences—28 October, 15 November, 28 November
International Volunteer Day—Friday 6th November
Remembrance Day—Monday 11th November
End of Year Concert—Tuesday 10th December at 6:30pm

DANCE INSTRUCTOR
Our Dance instructor has unexpectedly cancelled lessons planned from Week 5. If you know of a Dance instructor who is interested in working with students for 2 hours a week for 5 weeks, please get them to contact the school. At this stage, we are planning a play as an alternative for the end of year concert.

World Teacher’s Day
Today (25th October) is World Teacher’s Day. It is a day set aside to publicly acknowledge the hard work of teachers across the world and recognise the importance of their role in a child’s development. I would like to congratulate Miss Campbell, who in her first year of teaching has shown consistent hard work and dedication to the students at both Ravenswood and Homestead.

SWIMMING—Clarification
It has been brought to my attention that parents may be under the impression that if students do not have a ‘long sleeve’ swim shirt they will not be permitted to swim. This is not the case. A long sleeve swim shirt is preferred as it provides more adequate protection, however a short-sleeve swim shirt is considered the minimum requirement to participate.

Pre-Prep Program
Pre-Prep will begin on 5th November and will run each week on a Tuesday until Week 9 (3rd December). If you have a child who is due to start Prep in 2014, please contact the school for an enrolment package and to discuss attending Pre-Prep.

eKindy in 2014
Children who are unable to attend a centre-based kindergarten program may be eligible to register for eKindy if they turn 4 by June 30 2014. The registration form can be accessed on the Brisbane School of Distance Education web site (eKindy page) http://brisbanesde.eq.edu.au/wcms/index.php/ekindy

A number of other small schools have supported eKindy families in 2013, for example by providing access to technology for web sessions or supporting ‘playgroups’ and visits by eKindy teachers. This enables the school to build connections with families and children before they start Prep. If you are considering e-Kindy in 2014, please contact the school to see how we can help.

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.

From the Classroom

Students put in their part for Halloween Ball—carving out pumpkins for the fundraiser this weekend. A big thankyou to John Ahern who organised the donation of pumpkins to the school.

On Monday the 14th October, Rebecca and Nick from Carpentaria Gold visited our school for a short presentation on mineral drilling before a walking excursion to Buck’s Reef. Students found Nick’s presentation on the drilling process interesting, especially when they were able to hold and examine drill samples that contained small flecks of gold.

After donning hats and sunscreen, students and staff walked with Nick and Rebecca up John Street and around the corner to the Buck’s Reef mining lease. Buck’s Reef was extensively mined in the 90’s and drilling has recommenced in the area.

Students were able to get fairly close to an Air Core drill rig as it was shut down for maintenance. After the drill rig was examined, small groups of students were taken to look at the decommissioned Buck’s Reef pit and then we examined the drill samples from previous drilling operations. We would like to thank Carpentaria Gold, Rebecca and Nick for our excursion to Buck’s Reef.

Erica Campbell
Classroom Teacher

P&C Update

Please join us for our November monthly meeting on Monday, 4th November at 3pm in the library.

P&C desperately needs your help to participate with serving and security for the night as well as do setup and clean up the Saturday and Sunday. If you are willing to do either of these jobs please give Bianca a call 4770 2001.

We had such a great response from volunteers for the Cluster Soccer Carnival and we look forward to receiving a similar enthusiastic response from volunteers for this important event.