From the Principal

HELLO!
Hello Ravenswood State School! I was very pleased to accept the Acting Principal contract for the school for Semester 1. Thank you for the warm welcome I have received so far. Previously, I was Acting Principal at Scottville State School in Scottville via Collinsville last year. Before that, I was Acting Principal Education Officer Student Services Student Wellbeing in the Department of Education, Training and Employment Regional Office. My portfolio was supporting North Queensland state school principals and schools in programs for Children In Care, Behaviour Support, English as an Additional Language: refugees and migrants, Student protection, Youth at risk, Investigations and more. I have been a teacher since 1996 in primary and secondary schools in north Queensland and England. I am married to Kylie Ball. Kylie is a choreographer and teacher at Kirwan State High School. We have three young children aged 9, 6 and 3.

SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT
There are minor changes to our Positive Behaviour Support. Students will receive a blue ticket when they are moved to the A rung of our behaviour ladder chart instead of a blue ticket for every single move. The Dunk-In-The-Box has been filled with exceptional prizes for lucky students!

PARADE—Week 1 focus: Be a learner.
Friday morning will be our parade time this Semester. This gives students a chance to demonstrate success in our weekly behaviour focus based on our three school rules: Be respectful, Be safe and Be a learner. Certificates will be issued to students of the week who demonstrate these positive behaviours.

HOMEWORK
This semester, homework will be issued on Mondays. Homework will include reading, evidence-based spelling activities and one sheet of Maths. Research indicates that students who regularly complete homework add a whole year of education over the course of their primary and secondary schooling.

CAMP
Our camp has been postponed to the end of Term 3 due to a number of logistical problems. This means that the parents now have longer to pay the invoices that were issued last year. Please ensure that a minimum of $50 is paid by the 4th April. The remaining instalments must be paid by the following dates—
4th April 27th June 8th August

P&C Update
Being part of the P&C is a great way to support the school community. There will be many executive positions in the P&C available in 2014. People who are considering a role should come along to the meeting being held on the 3rd of February. New parents are most welcome. Support the Ravenswood P&C Boar Busters Pig Weigh In Competition: sign up, encourage others to sign up or spread the word via Facebook!

Be safe, Be respectful and Be a learner

Kind Regards,

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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.