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
HELLO!
Improving reading and writing skills are our 2014 focus areas.
To achieve improvement, the school has started a weekly Power Writing program. This trains students to write on demand for 30 minute blocks of time on a given topic. Our new daily Spelling program melds curriculum spelling lists, Higher Order Thinking (HOT) skills and evidence-based comprehension skills from leading programs by CARS and STARS and Dr Carol Christensen. Our expanded Sight Words program expands students’ vocabulary and reading in the Magic 100W (100 most frequently used words in English) all the way up to 1000 (most frequently used) Words plus the Extension 1 group and Extension 2 group of sight words. Our weekly 7 Steps To Writing Success program supports all writing, supporting and training students with exciting lesson plans to compose original texts with seven easy strategies. Students can now write ‘Sizzling Starts’ to immediately capture the reader’s attention! Our new Daily 5 program explicitly teaches grammar conventions so staff can use the language of grammar with students to improve writing. Our Handwriting program continues. The school’s history of valuing this often-ignored skill is evident in many of our students’ ability to write legibly. This enables them to focus on thinking about what they are writing instead of how they are physically writing with a pencil.

SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT (SWPBS or PBS)
We are adapting well to our weekly behaviour focus which is announced each week on Friday’s parade in the Library. The focus alternates between ‘Be safe’, ‘Be respectful’ and ‘Be a learner’. PBS aims to use positive language (the “Do...”, not the “Don’t...”). Feel free to experiment with this at home! Last week, the mantra ‘First time, every time’ was introduced to encourage respectful behaviour in following instructions the first time.

HOMEWORK
It is pleasing to see completed homework in students’ books every Monday morning. Each week, students will always have one iMaths page of Maths homework (along with learning number skills such as times tables), reading (readers, sight words and library books), spelling and Individual Learning Plan items for some such as nightly handwriting tasks. Thank you for supporting your children’s learning at home.

CAMP
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
New parents are most welcome to attend our next meeting to catch up on our progress with our fundraiser, the Ravenswood P&C Boar Busters Pig Weigh In Competition. Our P&C has been allocated a Bunnings BBQ spot at the Townsville Fairfield Waters (Annandale) store on Sunday 9 March.

Attendance
Every day counts! Please call, email or text the school if your child will be absent. I am happy to email school work to you. Email the.principal@ravenswoss.eq.edu.au or admin@ravenswoss.eq.edu.au before 8:30am.

Be safe, Be respectful and Be a learner!

Kind Regards,

Damien Tiltack
Acting Principal
0459 380 945
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.

Make every day count in 2014

Make 2014 the year when your child doesn’t miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the new Every Day Counts videos live on DETE TV.

http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland