2015 Term 3, Week 5 - 14 August 2015

Principal's Message

Information on: STEM; good luck at the National Titration Competition and the Young ICT Explorers Competition, update on the Science and Technology Centre; congratulations to the School Captain and School Vice Captains 2015/2016; student and parent presentation.

STEM

The developments in STEM (that’s Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education at Ravenswood are rapid and significant. Through core learning programs and co-curricular activities Ravenswood students are experiencing the fun and challenges of this learning in both the Junior and Secondary schools.

Following their success at the NSW Schools Titration Competition, one of our teams - Year 12 students Rachel Irwin (Yr 12), Rachael Lee (Yr 11) and Jocelyn Morgan (Yr 12) - has been invited to take part in the National Titration Competition at UNSW next month. The girls are very keen to be in it and will now start training.

This Saturday, seven Year 6 students will be participating in the Young ICT Explorers Competition at the Australian Technology Park in Redfern. The students designed projects based around their Lego EV3 robots, and were selected to present their projects to the judges this Saturday. The projects the students made include coding their robot to write and draw and coding their robot to pick up and dispose of litter. We wish the girls well!

Great teaching and excellent programs are supported by outstanding learning environments. The new Science and Technology Centre will provide this with the final stage well underway and opening scheduled for the start the commencement of the 2016 school year. This stage will see the completion of five further laboratories, a microscope laboratory, preparation and store rooms, courtyard for outdoor scientific practical learning and creation of a walkway through to the Old Girls’ Courtyard. Existing staff areas on the first floor will also be refurbished.

School leaders

Voting by staff and students in Years 10-12 took place this week to elect girls to the positions of School Captain and Vice Captain of Ravenswood. I am delighted to announce that Jessica Williams will be School Captain and Eliza Stephens and Han Bee (Hannah) Yang will be Vice Captains. Commissioning of all our school leaders, who assume their responsibilities from Term 4 2015, will occur in the last week of term at a special commissioning service attended by students.

Student and Parent Presentation

We are really privileged to have Paul Dillon, the national ‘go-to’ person in the nation around alcohol and drug education, visit our school to talk to our Years 10-12 students on Wednesday 26 August. I strongly encourage parents to come along to his presentation at 7.00pm.

Paul Dillon is passionate about ensuring that the community has access to accurate and up-to-date alcohol and other drug information.

Ms Marion Delprado, School Counsellor, has written in greater depth in the Whole School section of the Newsletter.

Ms Vicki Steer
Chaplain's Message

Being created in the image of God means that we are beings of will, if we take the Scriptures and traditional doctrine of 'free will'. We have the gift and power of choice and the will to use it.

Sadly, this is where we often come unravelled. Too often, we don't know or remember or understand that we are beings of love, which is also a key aspect of the nature of God. Too often, we just see ourselves as being choosers, and we choose to gratify ourselves and our wants. We wilfully seek to get what we want, often at the expense of others. We fail to love because we will not, or choose not to bear the cost of loving beyond the narrow circles of our self-interest. We too often cannot, or will not see the need of choosing to put others before ourselves. Perhaps, our failure of will and love as those who bear the image of God, and especially those who follow the Christ, can be seen as taking the Lord's name in vain. It's something to think about but more importantly it is something to work to turn around. God bless.

Rev Jon Humphries

Whole School

Bi-annual Parent Satisfaction Survey

Ms Vicki Steer recently wrote to all parents advising: As part of our commitment to ensure continual improvement in the quality of education we provide to students, I wish to gain a deep and well-informed understanding of the school's performance.

To encourage you to express your opinions openly and frankly, I have commissioned MMG Education, a consultancy specialising in school research and strategy development, to conduct the surveys.

All parents will be invited to complete an online questionnaire during a two-week period commencing on Friday 21 August.

On Friday 21 August, MMG Education will email you with details of how to complete your questionnaire.

To ensure confidentiality and to encourage frank and full expression of views:

- all responses will be treated in strict confidence
- respondents will not be identified to the school by MMG Education, on the basis of questions asked or responses made

Once the research has been completed, MMG will provide me with a report on its findings and I will provide you with feedback on the research outcomes.

If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact Mrs Lyn Armstrong on 9498 9989.

I look forward very much to the valuable contribution you will be making to this most important project by completing your questionnaire.
From The School Counsellor

Parent Evening: Paul Dillon
Wednesday 26 August at 7.00pm, Lorraine Smith Auditorium

Teenagers, Alcohol and other Drugs: How much influence do parents really have?

Each year, Ravenswood invites Paul Dillon to chat to our students and parents about safe partying and to update our community with the latest research on the effects of drug and alcohol use. He has a wonderful rapport with the girls and his talks are full of great tips to stay safe and look after one other.

Paul is a former school teacher and has worked in the area of drug education for over 25 years. He works at the Drug and Alcohol Research and Training Association (DARTA), Sydney where his key role is to disseminate research findings to policy makers, drug and alcohol workers and the general public.

Paul will speak with Years 10-12 during the day on Wednesday 26 August. He always tells very real stories to the girls which they can relate to and I am certain he will answer their many questions. The girls really seem to take notice when he discusses the effects of alcohol on the brain and thus their HSC. Feedback from some of the girls in the past means that we have learnt to really value his visits.

We invite all interested parents to come and hear what Paul has to say to parents and how they can best support their children with this issue. This talk will be relevant to all and we look forward to seeing you there.

Ms Marion Delprado

STEM Nation Newsletter

Click here for the August STEM Nation newsletter.

Featured articles:
- STEAM camp in Rwanda for girls
- Year 6 and the Young ICT Explorers competition
- Ravo Science
- TED Talk of the month
- STEM Social

Mr Matthew Scadding, ICT Integrator

2015 HSC Major Works Exhibition Gala Evening

Ravenswood has much pleasure in inviting you to the 2015 HSC Major Works Exhibition Gala Evening on Wednesday 19 August from 6.00pm-8.00pm in the Centenary Centre, Henry Street, Gordon. Please enter via Gate 3, Henry Street.

The exhibition will include works from the departments of Drama, Music, TAS, Visual Arts, English and Social Sciences.

The HSC Music Recital will be held in conjunction with the opening of the HSC Major Works Exhibition. This will be held in the Auditorium from 7.00pm for those who wish to attend.
Light refreshments will be provided by Years 11 and 12 Hospitality Food and Beverage students.

RSVP: Please book on Trybooking by Monday 17 August; http://www.trybooking.com/149917. For catering purposes your response would be appreciated.

Junior School

Head of Junior School

Information on: Class 3G’s Chapel Service and dates for your diary.

Congratulations to Class 3G girls for their excellent Chapel Service *What a Wonderful World*. We were entranced by their theme of the miracle of our planet and all who live in it. The girls cited examples from nature, linked the hymn and reading to this theme and were even able to find stories from *Dreamtime* and sang *What a Wonderful World* to support the overall effect.

**Dates for your diary**

Wednesday 19 August  
Junior School Busking Concert, 1.00pm Mrs Holly’s Garden - Families welcome

Thursday 20 August  
Northside Gifted and Talented Parent Seminar, Lorraine Smith Auditorium at 7.00pm

Friday 21 August  
Year 4 2015 Language selection due (French/Chinese), contact the Junior School Office if you have not made a selection and did not receive our email

IPSHA Athletics team opening *Book Week* at Assembly from 2.15pm - Visitors welcome
Sunday 23 August  K-12 Showcase Concert at The Concourse, Chatswood
See the Performing Arts section for tickets

Monday 24 August  Junior School Dance Festival/Dress Rehearsal – details to come from Performing Arts
Book Week begins – the flyer that was emailed to parents is also on the Parent Portal
Book Week competitions due to the Class Teacher

Year 7 2016 Parent Information Evening – Monday 24 August 7.00pm-8.30pm,
Auditorium, RSVP http://www.trybooking.com/IGJO

Kindergarten to Year 2 visit to Gordon Library for Book Week Presentation,
departing school at 9.15am

Tuesday 25 August  Book Week Chapel Service at 8.45am
Book Character Parade and tea party, 9.30am Junior School Courtyard – Parents are
welcome at these events

IPSHA Athletics Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park - the team has been notified that
the bus departs at 6.30am and the carnival concludes at approximately 3.00pm

Wednesday 26 August  Book Week Author and Illustrator Deborah Abela – Auditorium

Years 3-6 Lunchtime Concert, 1.00pm Room 401 – Visitors welcome

Thursday 27 August  Fathers’ Day Stall, 7.30am-1.40pm Boarders Courtyard (outside Mabel’s Café), gifts
from $5

Years 3-6 Public Speaking Finals during Activities and lunchtime

Monday 31 August  Book Week prizes awarded

Wednesday 2 September  Great Book Swap - Details sent from the Library

House Touch Football and Netball in Activities/Lunchtime

Thursday 3 September  Orientation #1 for Year 3 2016, 8.45am-11.30am - Ravenswood students to school as
normal. Please change Music/Speech lessons if they occur during this time.

Friday 4 September  Orientation #1 for Year 5 2016, 8.45am-11.30am - Ravenswood students to school as
normal. Please change Music/Speech lessons if they occur during this time.

Sunday 13 September  Junior School Dance Festival, Lorraine Smith Auditorium 2.00pm
Performances: Kindergarten, Years 1 and 3 school dance classes, K-6
after school Dance classes, Junior and Secondary Dance Companies
More information will be released closer to the date

Monday 14 September  Years 3-12 to attend the Commissioning of the 2015/2016 School Leaders

Tuesday 15 September  End-of-Term Chapel Service from 9.15am

Tuesday 15 and Wed  Start Smart program conducted by the Commonwealth Bank on
16 September  Financial Literacy – 40 minute sessions during regular Mathematics classes

Friday 18 September  Portfolio Day
K-2 Athletics Gala

Mrs Cheryl Bailey, Head of Junior School
Peer Support - 'Our Rights!'

In this week's Peer Support session, the Junior School girls looked at rights and how we as individuals have rights and so do other people around us. The activities also reminded the students that although they may find themselves in difficult or awkward positions, they still need to remember to do the right thing.

At home, we encourage you to discuss with your daughter/s a situation you were in that was potentially difficult or awkward and explain the decision you made and why it was the right thing to do.

We are now officially over the halfway point of our Peer Support sessions, and the girls continue to impress us with their positive participation and support of each other, not only during Peer Support but also in and around the school playground.

Next week's Peer Support session is titled 'Making Choices'.

*Mr David Freeman, Ms Georgia Galati and Ms Karla Russo*

RPA Junior School Year Group News

**Year 5 Morning Tea: Friday 4 September at The Lappin's home**

Please contact Sophie Lappin via lappinfamily@gmail.com to RSVP. Full details are on the Parent Portal.

Secondary School

**HSC Major Works Exhibition**

We are now in the second half of Term 3, a turning point that flags the beginning of the last few weeks of school for Year 12. At the moment, Year 12 students are busy receiving Trial HSC and IB Diploma examinations back from their teachers, obtaining feedback, studying and doing everything they can to refine their understanding of the course work. I trust they have obtained results in the examinations that reflect their effort, and wish them every success in the last weeks of their school life.

For a number of students, the Higher School Certificate Examinations have already begun. The modern language speaking examinations are currently taking place, and this week students are putting finishing touches to projects. Over the next few weeks, teams of markers will visit schools like Ravenswood and assess students in Music performance, the Design and Technology projects, the English Extension 2 projects and the Visual Arts bodies of work.

Next Wednesday 19 August, the HSC Major Works Exhibition will open at 6.30pm in the Centenary Centre and its surrounds. I invite you to view the display of the students’ work, something I am sure you will enjoy. Please see the Whole School section of the Newsletter for details.
Bookroom Opening Times

From the commencement of Term 4, the Bookroom will be open for students twice a week at the following times: Tuesday 8.00am–2.30pm, Friday 10.00am-2.30pm.

Change to Winter Uniform 2016

From Term 2 2016, all Secondary School students will be required to wear tights (brand: Kayser, colour: Ink Navy (opaque)) as part of the winter uniform.

Long socks will no longer be acceptable as part of the Secondary School winter uniform; however, students in the Junior School may continue to wear long socks as an alternative to tights. The tights are available from the Uniform Centre.

Cyber Safety

Cyber Safety was top of the agenda at the recent Police and Principal’s Forum. Ravenswood was represented at the forum and heard from ThinkUKnow, an Internet safety program delivering interactive training to parents, carers and teachers through schools and organisations across Australia.

Links to the ThinkUKnow fact sheets on cyber safety, cyberbullying, Snapchat, Instagram, ask.fm and KIK Messenger can be found on the Parent Portal: https://myravo.ravenswood.nsw.edu.au/igloo/portal/ or for more information visit their website www.thinkuknow.org.au.

Alternatively, the first in the series of these fact sheets; CYBER SAFETY: top ten tips for youth, can be found in the Community section of this Newsletter. I will include the rest of the series between now and the end of the term.

Year 12 Father/Daughter Breakfast

Invitations have been sent out for the Year 12 Father/Daughter Breakfast that will be held on Friday 28 August in the Assembly Hall at 7.00am. Reservations are essential. If you wish to attend, please RSVP by close of business today, Friday 14 August via http://www.trybooking.com/118611.

Year 12 University Open Days and University Applications

The dates for NSW and ACT University Open Days in August and September this year, are available on the UAC (Universities Admissions Centre) website at http://www.uac.edu.au/documents/undergraduate/opendays.pdf.

Year 10 Australian Business Week (ABW)

Year 10 will have the opportunity to participate in ABW in partnership with students from Knox Grammar School, this term. The program will run from Tuesday 15 to Friday 18 September, commencing at 8.25am and concluding at 3.25pm (2.50pm on Friday). Further details about the program will be available later this term.

Coming Secondary School Events

Saturday 15 to Tuesday 18 August – Cadet Promotions courses - learning about leadership and teaching lessons on drill and dress - 35 students from Years 9-11 on Junior Non-Commissioned Officer course, 20 girls in Year 11 on Senior Non-Commissioned Officer course and 9 girls in Year 11 on Cadet Under Officer course.

Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 August – Boarders’ exeat weekend - all Boarders leave the Ravenswood Residential College for the weekend

Monday 17 August – House Hockey and Netball competitions during Activities and Lunchtime
Wednesday 19 August - Opening of the HSC Major Works Exhibition (see the Whole School section of the Newsletter)

Sunday 23 August - K-12 Showcase Concert (see the Performing Arts section)

*Mr David Garner, Deputy Principal - Head of Secondary School*

**English Support**

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The English Department is offering English support in Semester 2 in the LRC from 3.30-4.30pm. This is available for all Years 7-12 students.

Miss Bowers will be available **Monday Weeks A & B**

Mrs Sullivan will be available **Wednesday Week A**

**& Tuesday Week B**

Mrs Paulsen will be offering ESL support **Thursday Week A**

**& Wednesday Week B**

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**Science Support**

For Term 3, the Science Department is trialling support sessions during lunchtimes on Monday, Thursday and Friday in Room 232.

Any student is welcome to attend and a specialist teacher will be available to answer any questions or to provide assistance with routine work. Girls in Years 7-10 are welcome any day. Specialist teachers are available for Years 11-12 students, according to the timetable below:

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*Mr Toby Duncan, Science Coordinator*
Maths Help 2015

Maths Help 2015
WEEK A Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
WEEK B Thursday
3.30pm-4.30pm
LRC Foyer Level 2
Ms Blair (Mon Wk A), Ms Hazlehurst (Tues Wk A),
Mrs Hurd (Thurs Wk A) and Mrs Allan (Thurs Wk B)
will be available for individual help with homework,
preparation for testing or review of problem topics.
All Years 7-12 Mathematics students are welcome.
Please encourage your daughter to take advantage
of this opportunity to consolidate her mathematical
understanding in a relaxed and supportive environment.

RPA Secondary School Year Group News

Year 8: Morning Tea, Thursday 20 August from 9.00am
Year 8 mums are invited to drop in for a coffee and a catch-up from 9.00am at Deli on the Park, 13-15 Hughes
Place, East Lindfield (at the East Lindfield shops). We hope to see you there.

Performing Arts

Music
Information on: the K-12 Music Showcase, the Junior School Busking
Concert and IB Diploma Music Recitals.

K-12 Music Showcase
The showcase is on Sunday 23 August, starting at 2.00pm and
finishing at approximately 4.30pm. The tickets are available through
Ticketek or The Concourse:
Tickets are selling fast so please book soon.

Junior School Busking Concert
The Junior School Busking Concert is on Wednesday 19 August in
Mrs Holly's Garden. If you want to play or sing at this event, please
see Ms Clare Thornley in Performing Arts Reception for a form.
**IB Diploma Music Recitals**

IB Diploma Music Recitals will be held on Wednesday 19 August in the Auditorium and Monday 24 August at 3.30pm in Room 401. Come along and hear some amazing musicians - all welcome.

**Congratulations**

Alicia Poon (Yr 5) featured as a soloist at the Hunan Symphony Orchestra concert in Changsha, Hunan Province, China on Friday 7 August. Performing the Mendelssohn E Minor Violin Concerto, Alicia was described as showing a maturity disproportionate to her age. The Concertmaster Isaac Ormaza Vera expressed warm congratulations on an expressive opening. 'It was a brilliant success. When we first heard Alicia’s playing, we were shocked and surprised. The sound was so beautiful and played by an 11 year old girl.' The concert master of Shanghai Orchestra came to listen and he said ‘you are welcome to come and play with my orchestra anytime on an even bigger stage. He said ‘You played really really well!’

Hana Chorley (Yr 7) recently competed in the Speech and Drama sections of the Sydney and Ryde Eisteddfods and came away with a number of awards.

Hana placed first at Ryde Eisteddfa for both the 12 and under humorous verse (reciting The King’s Breakfast by A A Milne) and 11 Years Character Solo (as Flora from The Innocents by William Archibald).

She also placed second in the Sydney Eisteddfod 12-15 years individual Drama section, third in the 11-12 Years Verse Speaking and highly commended for both the 11 Years Character Solo and Prose Speaking sections.

*Mrs Heather Aird, Director Music and Performing Arts*

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**2015 Preliminary Dance Festival - Tuesday 25 - Thursday 27 August**

The Preliminary Dance Festival allows Years 7-11 dancers to perform for their peers in the Auditorium over three lunches. Each student who auditions will receive a House point and those presenting exceptional skills are asked to perform in the Secondary School Dance Festival held on Sunday 18 October. The highlight for the Preliminary Dance Festival is always seeing the Year 11 girls get together in their Houses to create a fun entertaining dance. The sign-up sheet for the Preliminary Dance Festival is on the Performing Arts noticeboard. Best of luck to all who audition.

*Miss Ebony Keys*
Ravo Can Dance

2015 Junior Dance Festival
September 13 @ 2pm
RAVO CAN DANCE
Tickets sales open Monday 24 August through Try Booking

Sports

Water Polo

The Senior Seconds played their best match of the season on Friday night. The girls scored seven goals and were only narrowly beaten by Kambala 2, 7-10. After a slow start, the Senior Firsts prevailed against Santa Sabina, winning 9-4. The girls now lead the competition and are yet to hit their full potential. In another solid team effort, the girls always looked in control of the match. The Junior Firsts played a nail-biter against Sydney Girls High, drawing 3-3. The Juniors continue to improve each week and will be tough to beat when the finals commence next month.

Touch Football

Photo: The Year 6 teams

The Year 6 Broncos and Roosters played on Saturday against Pymble and Tara respectively. Anna Duckworth and Lili Kablau played their best matches of the season and heavily contributed to their team’s strong performances. This Saturday, both teams play against each other. This has often resulted in a tightly fought and entertaining match, which I am sure will be the case again this time. The Years 5 and 4 teams continue to develop their touch football skills and knowledge. It is great to see all girls enjoying a new sport.
Equestrian

Phoebe Wilkinson (Yr 11) has been named in the NSW Interschools Equestrian team to compete at the upcoming Australian Interschool Equestrian Championships. Phoebe was selected after her strong performance in June at the State Championships. Phoebe will compete in the September school holidays at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre. Congratulations Phoebe.

In other great riding news, Elizabeth Austin (Yr 5) competed at the Northside Equestrian event over the weekend, claiming a third and sixth place in her jumping events. Elizabeth will compete for the school next month at the Camden and Tara Interschool events and we wish her the best of luck.

House Gymnastics

We recently reviewed how House Gymnastics is run for Years 7-12 students and have changed the format for this year.

Previously, gymnasts and non-gymnasts competed in individual and House group displays to determine the overall winner. In this year’s format, the individual routines remain, however, the four House group routines will be separated into group Artistic and Rhythmic Gymnastics performances. The gymnasts will finish the competition with a great finale, displaying an array of gymnastics skills.

The event will be held on Monday 24 August commencing at 12.10pm. Parents of gymnasts are welcome to attend.

Rhythmic Gymnastics

The Levels 3-6 Rhythmic gymnasts competed at the Yotala Invitational, held at Minto PCYC earlier this month. This was the first competition of the Levels 3-6 season and the girls produced some great results.

In Level 4 Senior, Alexis Rigele (Yr 7) placed 3rd in Ball, 5th in Clubs and 5th overall. In Level 5 Sub-Junior, Sophie Burke (Yr 6) placed 1st in Hoop and Clubs and won overall. In Level 5 Senior, Amy Brooke (Yr 9) placed 1st in Rope and Hoop, 3rd in Clubs and 1st overall. Ciara Quinn (Yr 8) placed 4th in Rope and Hoop, 6th Place in Clubs and 5th overall. In Level 6 Junior, Amy Burke (Yr 8) finished 2nd in Hoop, 3rd Place in Ball and Clubs and 2nd overall. Elizabeth Chapman (Yr 8) finished 4th in Hoop, 2nd Place in Clubs and 4th overall.

Mr Adam Raw

Snowsports

Photo: Zoe MacMillan (Yr 7)

Ravenswood is excited to announce that we will have 12 students representing the school and the Sydney Region at the NSW Snowsports Championships. The girls will compete across five disciplines in two weeks’ time at Perisher, in what we hope will be the complete opposite conditions to those we experienced at Thredbo. The following girls will be competing
and we look forward to reporting their results: Alicia MacMillan (Yr 5), Jemima Bate (Yr 6), Zoe MacMillan (Yr 7), Penelope Bate (Yr 7), Amy Pillinger (Yr 8), Remy Hayman (Yr 9), Zara Gatland (Yr 9), Sophie Irwin (Yr 10), Natalie Leijer (Yr 10), Jeane Grove (Yr 11), Brianna Rossetto (Yr 12) and Rachel Irwin (Yr 12).

**Tildesley Tennis**

Nominations for the 2016 Tildesley Tennis squad are taking place. The trials are being held on Thursday 20 August from 3.45pm-5.45pm at both Ravenswood and Regimental Park. Any student wishing to trial, see me for more information and please confirm your intention to trial by Monday 17 August. All students will be informed where they are heading to for the trials on Wednesday 19 August, after all students confirm their intention to trial.

Mr Dale Berg

**IGSSA Netball**

*Clockwise from top left Rav 6, 9, 19 and 24*

Last Saturday, the following teams won their games:

**Senior Teams:**
Rav 4 defeated Loreto Normanhurst 38-15
Rav 5 defeated St Vincent’s 28-16
Rav 6 defeated SCE 25-18
Rav 7 defeated Kincoppal 28-19
Rav 11 defeated Tara 14-13
Junior Teams:
Rav 13 defeated St Catherine's 44-13
Rav 16 defeated St Vincent's 19-6

Year 7 Teams:
Rav 21 defeated St Catherine's 18-17
Rav 23 defeated Brigidine 21-6
Rav 24 defeated Meriden 12-7

Thank you to the following captains for their match reports:

Year 7 Firsts: ‘We were down by two goals every quarter. The team seemed to be really tired and flat. We made a lot of silly mistakes to do with passing, spacing and breaking. We definitely have a lot to work on. In the end, we won by one goal as the team pulled it together in the final minutes.’

Junior Thirds: ‘Our team lost unfortunately. It was a very close game though with a score of 21-22. Everyone played well but Sophie Osborn (Yr 9) had an amazing game as Goal Attack.’

Junior Fourth: ‘Rav 16 had its first win of the season 15-10 against St Vincent's College. Shooters Emma Tafft (Yr 9) and Susannah Alexander (Yr 9) played very well and so did Lucy Bregenhoj (Yr 9) and Lucinda Judd (Yr 9) in the centre court. It was a very fast game but we managed to maintain our power and defensive skills.’

Rav 4: ‘Unfortunately we lost 15-38 in a tough game against Loreto Normanhurst, who had just been moved into our division from a few below.’

Rav 3: ‘We played really well against Tara and the game ended in a draw, 21-21. Everyone put in a lot of effort considering a few players were out injured.’

Rav 1: ‘The Senior firsts had a tight match at home against Monte. It was very close up until the end of the third quarter when Monte got away from us and we lost by 10. Maddison Fryer (Yr 12) displayed great form with a tenacious defensive effort. Hopefully we can continue to improve for the rest of the season.’

A reminder that we have House Netball on Monday 17 August. Would all players please check the Portal to see if they have been selected in a team. Please make sure you have your PE uniform to play the matches.

If players are absent from training or games, they need to send an email explaining the reason. If any parents are taking photos at the games, we would appreciate it if you email them to jwasson@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au so that they may be used for the newsletter and the Netball Portal page.

Mrs Jeni Wasson

IPSHA Netball

Wow! What an amazing morning the teams had with everyone playing their best. All of the girls showed huge improvement. Great job everyone.

Year 6 Swifts versus Abbostleigh

The girls tried out new skills learnt in training. The intercepts were endless as well as our shooting. Although Abbostleigh was tough, Ravenswood won 24-7. Congratulations to Holly Tritton who won player of the match as Goal Keeper (even though she is usually Goal Shooter) and for being a great sport. The girls are very proud of themselves and are ready for the next game.

Year 5 Tactix versus Pymble

The Tactix team had another great game. Loads of fabulous passes were made to get the ball down the court and the shooters were excellent. We ran into space as quickly as possible when we had gained the ball, surprising our
opposition. Our defence made clever intercepts and caught the rebounds. We all worked really well as a team to secure a win against Pymble 1 and a great final score of 18-2. A fabulous team effort!

**Years 5-6 versus Meridan**

Everyone played their best to try and have a successful game. Even though the score was 1-14 to Meridan, the girls still achieved their goal. Everyone passed exceptionally well but what the girls think they need to improve on is spreading out. Well done girls.

*Amelia Naumovski, Year 6, IPSHA Netball Captain*

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**Community**

**From the Development Office**

We’ve been at a conference with other schools over the last week discussing ‘best practice’ processes for community groups. One of the things that I was most impressed with was that other schools were telling me what a great culture Ravenswood has and the opportunities are not just for the girls but for the whole family.

As a working mother, I know only too well how hard it is to attend daytime events and I want to let you know that I have listened to your feedback. The next Empowering Women event will be held on Monday 7 September at Knox Grammar School. This talk is open to all women in the Ravenswood community and I will send an email with the speaker details next week.

**Save the date**

**Financially Empowering Women – part of the Empowering Women seminars with Knox**

Date: Monday 7 September
Time: 6.30-7.30pm
Where: Thistle Room KG1
Knox Grammar School

As always, I appreciate the support and encouragement that you share with your daughters, the school and my team.

*Ms Liane Leslie, Development and Relationships Manager*

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**Ravo Cooking Dads**

**STARTS NEXT MONDAY 24 AUGUST – LAST CHANCE TO BOOK IN**

Do you have trouble boiling water? Then the Ravenswood Cooking Dads want you! No cooking experience is required. If you have cooking experience we also want you.

Once again, we have secured the services of our chef Paul Black to run the Cooking Dads course for 2015.

All restaurants have to take short cuts to get food to the tables. The Ravenswood Cooking Dads don't need to take these short cuts and you will be pleasantly surprised when your dish is better than the restaurants.
For four Monday nights in a row, starting on 24 August, you will learn how to cook a three course meal each night in the school's kitchen. All the food is provided.

On the final night your daughters and sons are invited for dinner. You can then demonstrate your new cooking skill with three courses selected from the previous three weeks menus.

The cost is $360 per person, which is the same price as last year.

Please email Shaun Pitcher, spitcher@ausgrid.com.au, if you would like to participate in Ravo Cooking Dads 2015. 

*Shaun Pitcher, Ravenswood Parents’ Association*

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**RPA Golf Day**

**2015 RPA Golf Day**

**When:** Monday 14 September 2015  
**Where:** Pymble Golf Club  
**Time:** 7:45am for 8:30am tee-off  
**Format:** Ambrose Event  
**Cost:** $83 pp (includes golf and lunch)  
**Register:** [www.trybooking.com/IMBO](http://www.trybooking.com/IMBO)  
**RSVP:** Book tickets by COB 9 September

*Note: For players without a Golflink handicap, handicaps will be set at a maximum of 20 for men and 36 for women*

It is our pleasure to invite you to join us for a round of golf at one of Sydney's premier golf courses.

The RPA Golf Day will be held on Monday 14 September at Pymble Golf Club and is open to all members of the Ravenswood community. The format will be Ambrose in teams of four and players of all standards are most welcome.

Bookings must be made through [www.trybooking.com/IMBO](http://www.trybooking.com/IMBO) by Wednesday 9 September and the event is limited to 15 teams.

Should you have any queries, please contact Marcus Chantry at chantrys@iinet.net.au.

We hope you will join us for this fun filled day.  

*Marcus Chantry*
RPA Summer Carnival

Food, Food Glorious Food! Preparing, eating and sharing food with friends and family is a big part of community lives. As part of the new look Ravenswood Summer Carnival, we are bringing the food in-house. It's a win-win situation; parents build spirit and friendships, everyone gets great food to eat on the day and importantly, we keep the profits rather than them going to an outside vendor.

This email is a call for parents who consider themselves ‘Foodies’, those who are confident working with food and have a generous spirit!

We already have parent groups committed to running a number of food stalls: Spanish, Japanese, Korean, South African and Indian but there is the BBQ Pit and the cooked-to-order pizza station (both Dad-magnets) and we have ambitions of offering meze platters, nut-free satay, homemade spring rolls and the like ... or maybe you have a specific talent or family recipe for a particular meal or snack item.

Volunteering for the Carnival (food and other functions) will be run through an online application called VolunteerSpot. To initially identify the ‘Foodies’ in our parent community who wish to help, those who might take a lead with the broader group of volunteers, we ask that you to simply email ravocarnivalfood@gmail.com with a 'Yes'. We will be in touch with you shortly thereafter.

Be assured you will not be left doing all the work. This cohort of parents will primarily help us connect with and filter initiatives to the broader parent community and be a lead during preparation sessions.

I hope we get a good response. PLEASE, it is for a good cause. Remember, by volunteering we are teaching our girls community in action. The added bonus is you will make new and/or stronger friendships to work towards building the Ravenswood parent community spirit. Of course, a hugely successful Carnival will be the cherry on the top!

Thanking you in advance.

*Kate Smith, Ravenswood Summer Carnival Food Convenor*

Community Notice - Fred Hollows Humanity Award

The Fred Hollows Foundation is keeping Fred’s vision alive through The Fred Hollows Humanity Award which recognises Year 6 students who follow in his footsteps by showing care and compassion for others.

After three successful years in the ACT the Award is expanding into NSW with the support of NSW Premier Mike Baird.

Teachers, principals, parents and members of the community are encouraged to nominate compassionate Year 6 students through the online nomination form by August 21. It’s a great opportunity for students to be recognised outside the sporting and academic realm.

All nominees and their parents will be invited to a presentation ceremony in Sydney to announce the NSW winner.

To nominate a student and learn more about the award go to [www.hollows.org.au/humanityaward](http://www.hollows.org.au/humanityaward).
ThinkUKnow Cyber Safety Top Ten Tips for Youth

The internet and mobile phones provide great ways to express yourself and communicate with others. It’s important to make sure they’re used responsibly so that everyone has an enjoyable online experience. It’s all about respecting yourself and others.

1. Use a strong password, a combination of upper and lower case letters, numbers and symbols, e.g. Pin$Sw0rd!
2. Use secure web browsers, those with https at the start of the URL and a padlock or other indication that it is secure, when sharing sensitive information.
3. Update your operating system regularly and make sure you have antivirus software installed on your computer and other devices – phones too!
4. Avoid opening or responding to emails from people you do not know and aren’t expecting – they could contain a virus or malicious software.
5. Don’t give out private information over the internet or mobile phones about you, your family and friends. Also think about what information might be contained in photos you share.
6. Only accept friend requests from people you know and trust. When it comes to friends and followers online it is not a popularity contest!
7. Think before you post! Once you’ve pressed ‘Send’ you can’t get that back. Who might see that photo, video or comment? Where might it end up?
8. Make sure your social media accounts are set to private or friends only! Also make sure you check your privacy settings regularly as they can change without you knowing.
9. Tell your friends to ask for your permission before uploading or tagging you in a photo – Make sure you do the same!
10. Don’t post inappropriate or illegal content – It is impossible to permanently delete digital content once it has been shared.

Most importantly, know where you can go for help! Speak to an adult you trust if something makes you feel uncomfortable online or on a mobile phone. You can also contact:

- Reach Out: www.reachout.com.au
- Bullying, No Way: www.bullyingnoway.com.au
- Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800
- Youth Beyond Blue: www.youthbeyondblue.com
- The website, application or phone carrier that you were using at the time

For more information visit www.thinkuknow.org.au
The Gifted Child and Friendship Presentation at Ravenswood

THURSDAY 20 AUGUST 2015
THE GIFTED CHILD
AND FRIENDSHIP

A gifted child has different needs when it comes to friendship. As parents we need to understand these needs in order to help our children from Preschool into adolescence.

Gifted children have different needs when it comes to making friends. Their driving need for intimacy and to be understood at a deeper level means they find forming friendships a minefield, from the sandpit to the Formal! This workshop will look at the research about gifted children and friendship. Our presenter, Bronwyn MacLeod, will provide parents with some strategies for navigating the inevitable rejections and exclusions that gifted children can find so hurtful.

Bronwyn MacLeod is Director of Gateways Education and a Consultant in Gifted and Talented Education. Her experience includes teaching in state and independent schools K-12, adult training, postgraduate lecturing and she is co-author of two educational texts on curriculum for gifted students and author of two published units of differentiated curriculum.
Drummoyne Water Polo Club Trials

Come & try out the fun sport of WATER POLO!

If you like swimming & team sports, you’ll love water polo!

Drummoyne Water Polo Club is holding 3 trial dates for our U14 girls’ teams.

Girls born in the years 2002, 2003 and 2004 are invited to come along and try out.

Trials will be held at MLC Pool at Burwood. (Rowley St, Burwood.)

Trial dates are:
• Tuesday 25 August (7-9pm),
• Saturday 29 August (2-4pm) and
• Tuesday 1 September (7-9pm)

For more information, please contact Lora Cipriani at lora_cip@hotmail.com.

We hope to see you there!

www.drummoynewaterpolo.com.au
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Flour Babies

Babies, babies and more babies! Last week, Year 6 students learned how hard and expensive a baby can be. The Year 6 teachers loved observing how well (or not so well) the students coped with the responsibility and commitment of looking after a 2kg bag of flour, known as a *Flour Baby*. During the week, the students wrote insightful diary entries, weighed their babies daily, took them on public transport and babysat for friends. We hope that the students have realised being responsible for something, or someone 24 hours a day, can be mentally and physically straining yet rewarding too.

*Ms Karla Russo, Mr David Freeman and Ms Georgia Galati*

Jeans for Genes Day

On Friday 7 August, a group of Year 8 students helped to raise funds for *Jeans for Genes Day*. *Jeans for Genes* directly supports the Children’s Medical Research Institute (CMRI), which looks for ways to discover cures for conditions affecting children such as cancer, epilepsy and a range of genetic defects.

Students and staff were allowed to wear jeans to school to show their support, donating a $2 coin to the cause. As well as a cake sale, ten Year 8 girls went to Gordon Train Station to raise funds by approaching members of the public.
In total, we raised $2679.35. This is a fantastic amount. Thank you very much to all students and staff for their support and to Year 8 students for their organisation and yummy cakes.

For more information, please go to https://www.jeansforgenes.org.au/.

Mr Anton Kendall, Year 8 Coordinator

IPSHA Debating

On Friday 7 August, the Red team headed off to Masada College, and the Blue team stayed at Ravenswood. The topic was: That graffiti is just another form of modern art. Unfortunately, the Blue team lost both debates but the Red team Affirmative won its debate convincingly. All the girls did their very best and are looking forward to their debates next week. The next debate will be That we should remove sharks from our beaches. Good luck Ravo!

Alicia, Year 6

ICAS Skills Assessment in Science

Earlier this year, 45 Years 7-12 students elected to sit the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Science papers. The Science Department congratulates all participants; over 70% of Ravenswood participants were awarded a Distinction or Credit. The following eight girls achieved a Distinction result (placing them in the top 10% of entries):

Year 7: Zia Bohm, Pippa Day, Chaeyeon Lee, Charlotte Woods
Year 11: Clare Bricknell, Saskia Fung
Year 12: Jocelyn Morgan, Yun Zhe (Tammy) Tan

Mr Toby Duncan, Science Coordinator