2015 Term 3, Week 8 - 4 September 2015

Principal's Message

Information on: a grant from the Association of Independent Schools to support a two-year project examining student engagement and improved learning outcomes, the Archdale Debating Grand Final and the IB Diploma Visual Arts Exhibition.

Tuesday marked the first day of spring, the season we associate with new growth. As educators, we grow with the acquisition of new insights and learning. At Ravenswood, this is gained through various means. We focus on professional learning that improves teaching practice and has an impact on student learning. We have a cycle of professional review for our teachers involving professional reflection and action research and we support teachers moving through higher levels of teacher accreditation with the Board of Studies. We use externally gathered data, such as NAPLAN results, as diagnostic tools to calibrate our practice as well as systematically gathering and analysing our own data about student learning.

With this in mind I am delighted to advise that Ravenswood has been successful in our application for a grant from the Association of Independent Schools to support a two-year project. We have been examining student engagement in learning over the past 18 months and this project will support an investigation and evaluation of practices that may contribute to developing resilience in our students and improved learning outcomes. The outcomes of this research will make a contribution to insights about student learning both within and beyond our school. Ravenswood has established a strong reputation as a leader in teacher development which this latest development can only further enhance.

Archdale Debating

The Year 8A Archdale Debating team has qualified for the Grand Final to be held next Tuesday at 6.00pm at MLC Burwood. Congratulations and best wishes to the team.

IB Diploma Visual Arts Exhibition

The quality of the work of Ravenswood Visual Arts students is renowned. Students, parents and friends are warmly invited to view the Studio Works of our International Baccalaureate Diploma students whose visual arts exhibition opens on Tuesday 8 September. The show is being held in the Centenary Centre Foyer open between 6.00pm-8.00pm on Tuesday and continues on Wednesday 9 September 9.00am-3.00pm and Thursday 10 September 9.00am-2.00pm.

Ms Vicki Steer

Chaplain's Message

This week, something different – a Prayer:

Seeing Love as St Augustine Did

God who is love,
Christ who embodied it,
Help me to show your love to others.

In my being, in my behaviour and in my actions,
May others get to understand what love looks like.
May my love have ears to listen and attend to the sighs and sorrows of others.
May my love look through eyes which have the vision to see misery and want.  
May my love be able to stomach and be strong enough to cope with the burden of compassion, as I witness the suffering of others.  
May my love have feet to hasten me to work with the poor and needy.  
May my love have a heart to not only feel for others but feel my own inadequacies, which erode my willingness to live out this prayer.  
May my love have the hands to reach out to others offering and receiving care in a circle of mutuality, respect and care.  
God who is love,  
Christ who embodied it,  
Help me to show your love to others.  
May you work around me when I try to stop this being so.  
This I try to pray.  
Amen.  
God bless.  
Rev Jon Humphries

Whole School
Anti-Poverty Awards

Ravenswood has entered its Cambodia Immersion Program in the 2015 Connect UnitingCare Anti-Poverty awards. You can view our application and maybe vote for it via: http://antipovertyawards.org.au/applications/ravenswood-school-for-girls-and-knox-grammar-school.

Rev Jon Humphries

Bi-annual Parent Satisfaction Survey

Ms Vicki Steer 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 have been 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.
I look forward very much to the valuable contribution you will be making to this most important project by completing your questionnaire.

A reminder email has been sent from MMG Education to those parents who have not already responded. The survey will close this Sunday 6 September.

If you have not received the email from MMG Education or have any questions regarding the project, please contact Mrs Lyn Armstrong on 9498 9989.

**Roving Photographer**

Ravenswood students may notice a roving photographic team on campus on Monday and Tuesday next week, capturing general learning images for our publications and advertising.

Most parents have given Ravenswood permission to publish photos of their daughters and we thank you for helping us in conveying the best of Ravenswood to our school community, as well as to the outside world. If we inadvertently take photos of students for whom we do not have parent permission for publication, we will see that no photos of those particular students are ultimately published.

**LRC Holiday Study**

10.00am-4.00pm Monday-Friday

Closed Labour Day (Monday 5 October 2015)

Both weeks of the September/October school holidays

**Construction Works at 12-14 Cecil St (across the road from Ravenswood)**

Neighbours have commenced construction works at 12-14 Cecil Street, Gordon. This is a busy street and an integral route in our school’s Traffic Management Plan. Ku-ring-gai Council is aware of this and has prohibited truck movements in Cecil Street, east between 7.45am-8.30am and 2.30pm-4.00pm on school days, for safety reasons and to allow our pick-up and drop-off procedure to operate.

In the coming days, Council will also install street signs to implement a temporary change to parking restrictions, associated with this construction project. These sign changes, which will remain in place until the end of June 2016, are shown on the flyer in the Community section of this Newsletter and may be summarised as follows:

- A Works Zone will be established at the front of 12-14 Cecil Street (on the southern side of the road).
- The time limits on the No Parking zone on the northern (school side) of Cecil Street will be extended to run for the whole weekday and Saturday morning (rather than peak times only). Please note, the No Parking restriction still permits vehicles to stop, allowing drop-off and pick-up to occur as usual, so long as the driver remains either within their vehicle or within three metres of their vehicle.
This is a good time for both new and existing parents and carers to review our Traffic Management Plan. Adherence to this plan is particularly important at this busy time. Click here to view this plan on our school Portal.

Mr Simon Jarrett, Director Property and Facilities

Uniform Centre

All girls need to return to school for Term 4 in summer uniform. The Uniform Centre is open on Monday and Thursday, from 10.00am-4.30pm.

Would you please ask your daughter to try on her uniform for size. If you feel you need to buy anything new, contact us at uce@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au or 9498 9815 and we can help you with your order. Keep in mind that we do all our fittings for new students during November and would like second-hand uniform items to sell that are in good condition. All items need to be washed and jackets need to be dry cleaned.

Junior School

Head of Junior School

Information on: Class 3B’s Chapel Service, parent assistance to plant pots for the Summer Carnival, Portfolio Day, an invitation to the End-of-Term 3 Chapel Service and dates for your diary.

Class 3B’s Chapel Service focused on Respect and Compassion, which the girls described as being not only two of our four Guiding Principles but also two very important ingredients for life. The girls guided us through examples of respect and compassion and how we can practise these in our lives. It was a meaningful message for the combined congregation of students, parents and staff.

Parent assistance is requested in the Junior School on Friday 11 September from 10.30am-12.30pm to plant pots for the Summer Carnival, ready to go home to flourish until the Summer Carnival on Sunday 22 November. Help with this would be appreciated. If you are able to assist, please go to www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C4DADA2AA4FC1-junior.

Portfolio Day is part of the Teaching and Learning Program and forms our Term 3 Assessment and Reporting procedure. A range of activities will be run on Friday 18 September and I look forward to seeing you at school. I also encourage you to attend the presentation by Dr Sally Fitzpatrick. Dr Fitzpatrick will speak about the wellbeing of students and the links with their learning.

The staff and students of Junior School
Warmly invite all parents and friends to the
End-of-Term 3 Chapel Service
Tuesday 15 September 9.20am-10.00am
At the Ravenswood Chapel
Dates for your diary

Monday 7 September  Junior School Dance Festival Tech run
Thursday 10 September Year 6 Taste of Asia Day – click here for information regarding your daughter's involvement
Friday 11 September Summer Carnival Potting Day 10.30am-12.30pm - Parents have been asked to assist the girls
Sunday 13 September Junior School Dance Festival, Lorraine Smith Auditorium 2.00pm See the Performing Arts section to book tickets
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 Wednesday Start Smart program conducted by the Commonwealth Bank on
16 September Financial Literacy - 40 minute sessions during regular Mathematics classes
Wednesday 16 September Year 6 attending an SEA surf safety course 9.00am-10.00am in the Middle School Learning Studio
Friday 18 September Portfolio Day

Kindergarten, Years 1-2
Bookfeast – sales/Donations 7.30am-1.30pm
K-2 Athletics Gala – parents welcome 8.30am-10.30am
Science Show and class lessons 10.30am-12.30pm
Parents' Session with Dr Sally Fitzpatrick Lorraine Smith Auditorium 11.30am-12.30pm
BYO Picnic Lunch for parents and girls in Mrs Holly’s Garden
Portfolio reporting to parents 1.30pm-2.15pm
End-of-Term Assembly for parents 2.15pm-3.05pm

Years 3-6
Bookfeast – sales/Donations 7.30am-1.30pm
Class lessons and Science Show 8.30am-12.30pm
Parents' Session with Dr Sally Fitzpatrick Lorraine Smith Auditorium 11.30am-12.30pm
BYO Picnic Lunch for parents and girls in Mrs Holly’s Garden
Portfolio reporting to parents 1.30pm-2.15pm
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Mrs Cheryl Bailey, Head of Junior School

Peer Support - Doing My Best

In Peer Support this week, the Junior School girls were encouraged to attempt new and unfamiliar tasks by 'trying the best they can'. This of course is a consistent approach to all we attempt (and achieve) here at Ravenswood. Each Peer Support group was separated into three groups and rotated through three different tasks. The varied tasks helped the students to identify different strengths in each other and that everyone’s strengths can be used to solve a problem or successfully complete a task.
At home, we encourage families to discuss with daughters their individual strengths and provide them with opportunities to utilise these strengths into the future. Remind your daughter you will always be proud of her in all situations if she tries her best.

Next week’s Peer Support session on Thursday is titled What Can I Do? This session will be our last of the program and all Junior School girls are invited to bring an extra special picnic lunch to school, as we will be celebrating with a Peer Support picnic in Mrs Holly’s Garden at the conclusion of the lesson.

Mr David Freeman, Ms Georgia Galati and Mrs Karla Russo

RPA Junior School Year Group News

2015 RPA Golf Day: Monday 14 September 7.45am for 8.30am tee-off
K-12 parents are invited to the 2015 RPA Golf Day being held at Pymble Golf Club. The cost is $83 per person which includes golf and lunch. Bookings are essential by Wednesday 9 September at www.trybooking.com/IMBO.
Full details are available on the Parent Portal.

Year 1 Parent Dinner: Friday 4 September 7.30pm
Please join us TONIGHT for a Year 1 dinner at Shanghai Stories 1938, The Concourse, 409 Victoria Avenue, Chatswood for an enjoyable evening. The cost is $45 per head and bookings are essential at www.trybooking.com/IUMF.

Year 3 Mums’ Dinner: Friday 11 September 7.30pm
Year 3 Mums are invited to dinner at 2 Stews and a Cockatoo in Gordon. A three-course set menu has been arranged at $47 per head, with drinks on a per person basis to be settled on the evening. Please book via http://www.trybooking.com/IUDY.

Secondary School

Cyber Safety - Part 4

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 fourth in the series of these fact sheets; Instagram, 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 – Significant dates for students and parents**

As their time as Ravenswood school girls draws to a close, I thought it important for the Year 12 students and their parents to be aware of a number of significant dates for their calendars. Click here for a summary of the most important dates for Year 12 and their parents. I suggest it go straight on the fridge at home!

**Year 12 Change of Address**

It is very important if a student changes her address that the school is informed. This is particularly important for girls in Year 12. The Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) receives the addresses of Year 12 students from the files held by the Board of Studies Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) and the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO). Every year, UAC sends out thousands of undeliverable letters because Year 12 students have either not notified the Board of Studies or the IBO of a change of address, or the address is incomplete. I urge all girls in Year 12 to advise the school immediately if they change their address, so Mr Chris Papadopoulos and Mr Robin Julian can advise BOSTES and the IBO respectively. It is particularly important for Boarders to ensure BOSTES and the IBO are informed of the students’ home addresses, as during the year correspondence from these organisations is often delivered to the girls at the Ravenswood Residential College.

**Important information for Year 12 IB Diploma Students**

Formal lessons for Year 12 HSC students will conclude on Thursday 17 September. Due to the fact that the IB Diploma examinations do not commence until Tuesday 3 November, the IB Diploma students are advised that lessons will re-commence for Term 4 on Wednesday 7 October and formally conclude on Friday 16 October. The IB Diploma students will not be required to wear their school uniforms for this week; however, school uniform should be worn for the IB Diploma examinations.

**Year 12 University Open Days and University applications**

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

**Commissioning of School Leaders**

Parents of students in Year 11 who are to be commissioned as school leaders in 2015-2016 should have received an invitation to the Commissioning of School Leaders Ceremony to be held on Monday 14 September. The ceremony will commence at 10.00am in the Gymnasium and afterwards, parents, family and sisters of students who have been commissioned are invited to morning tea with staff in the Centenary Centre Foyer. If you have not received an invitation, please email Mrs Liz Crosby lcrosby@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au.

**Year 12 Valedictory Service**

Parents of students in Year 12 should have received an invitation to the Valedictory Service to be held on Friday 18 September, the last day of term. The service will commence at 9.00am in the Gordon Uniting Church, after the students conclude the traditional breakfast with staff. If you have not received an invitation, please email Mrs Liz Crosby lcrosby@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au. Sisters of students in Year 12 are invited to attend and sit with their parents, however, I ask that parents advise Student Absences studentabsences@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au prior to the day, to ensure teachers are made aware that their daughter will be absent from class in Periods 1 and 2.

**Year 11 2015 (Year 12 2016) students – advice re Secondary School Speech Day 2016**

The date for Speech Day 2016 is Wednesday 7 December. As travel agencies are now taking bookings for Schoolies 2016, I am reminding Year 11 students and their parents that the Secondary School Speech Day is a compulsory school activity. Please keep this in mind when planning any Schoolies activities.
Year 10 Australian Business Week

Year 10 will have the opportunity to participate in Australian Business Week (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).

Studio Works – The 2015 International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Visual Arts Exhibition

As part of the requirement for satisfactory completion of Visual Arts in the IB Diploma Programme, students are expected to curate an exhibition of works. The exhibition created by the seven students studying Visual Arts in the IB Diploma, will be held between 6.00pm-8.00pm on Tuesday 8 September. The exhibition will be open again between 9.00am-3.00pm on Wednesday and between 9.00am-2.00pm on Thursday. I encourage you to come and view the amazing works of our Visual Arts students in the Centenary Centre Foyer.

Coming Secondary School Events

Week 8

Friday 4 September Year 11 examinations
Friday 4 to Sunday 6 September Year 8 Latin Camp

Week 9

Monday 7 to Wednesday 9 September Year 11 examinations
Tuesday 8 to Thursday 10 September IB Diploma Visual Arts Exhibition
Tuesday 8 September Archdale Debating Grand Final – MLC Burwood 6.00pm
Thursday 10 September Year 10 Drama Short Film Evening
Friday 11 September Year 8 Dance 7.00pm-10.00pm
Saturday 12 September IGSSA hockey and netball semi-finals

Week 10

Monday 14 September Commissioning of School Leaders Ceremony – Joan Goff Hall (Gymnasium) 10.00am
Tuesday 15 to Friday 18 September Australian Business Week – Ravenswood and Knox Grammar School
Tuesday 15 September Communion Service for Years 11 and 12 students
Wednesday 16 September Boarders’ Worship Service and Year 12 Boarders’ Farewell
Friday 18 September Year 12 and Staff Breakfast

Vacation

Wednesday 30 September UAC on-time applications close for tertiary entrance in 2016

Mr David Garner, Deputy Principal – Head of Secondary School

Year 12 Booklists

Booklists for Year 12 (HSC) are available and can be completed online at www.campion.com.au. Please place your order by Wednesday 16 September for home delivery before Term 4 commences.

When ordering online you will need to use the following Access Code: HU24

Here is the link for the Year 12 Campion Booklist. It can also be found on the Portal.

All orders placed online are delivered to your home, office or any designated address. The parcels will be delivered the week ending 2 October 2015.

Placing your order online by the due date is the best way to ensure your daughter receives all available items in time for Term 4.
English Support

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 EIL SUPPORT THURSDAY WEEK A & WEDNESDAY WEEK B

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 Hazelhurst (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.
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Year 7 Dads’ Casual Drinks Night: Wednesday 9 September 7.00pm
Year 7 dads are meeting at the front bar of the Greengage Hotel from 7.00pm onwards. If you are interested, please RSVP to greg.fenech@emc.com in order to reserve sufficient tables.

Year 7 Mother/Daughter Dinner: Sunday 13 September 6.00pm
Please join us for a night of fun and laughter at the Avondale Golf Club. The cost is $50 per person and bookings should be made via www.trybooking.com/IQIA. Full details are available on the Parent Portal.

Performing Arts

Music

The Music Showcase

Information on: the Music Showcase, the Years 7-8 Play, the Spring Concert, the Secondary School Musical 2016 and auditions for 2016 ensembles and important diary dates.

Music Showcase

Congratulations to all of the girls who performed in the K-12 Music Showcase on Sunday 23 August.
Years 7-8 Play
Auditions for the Term 4 Years 7-8 Play, *Law & Order: Fairy Tale Unit* by Jonathon Rand, will begin next Thursday 10 September and will run until Wednesday 16 September. Audition packs and a sign-up sheet are available in Performing Arts Reception. The cast list will be put up on Thursday 17 September and the first read through will be held on the last day of term. All Years 7-8 girls are welcome to audition.

Spring Concert

A reminder of the Spring Concert for our bands on Monday 14 September. The concert will include performances by the Junior School and Secondary School Rock Bands, Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Morrison Band and Burrows Band. This will be the farewell concert for our Year 12 students. Girls should wear full winter uniform. The call time for this event is 6.00pm.

Secondary School Musical 2016
On Thursday 10 September at 1.00pm, there will be an informational meeting for all girls in Years 7-11 interested in auditioning for the 2016 musical, *Grease*. Students should meet in the Middle School Learning Studio.

Auditions for 2016 Ensembles
From Monday 7 September, audition packs for instrumental ensembles in 2016 will be available in Performing Arts Reception. All students interested in participating must audition. Auditions will take place in Term 4.

*Mrs Heather Aird, Director Music and Performing Arts*

Ryde Dance Eisteddfod
Congratulations to the Secondary School Dance Company who performed at the Ryde Dance Eisteddfod on Saturday 29 August. Dancers performed their Contemporary and Jazz pieces in two large sections. There were about 20 performers in each section and Ravenswood was awarded Highly Commended (4th) for both. Well done girls.

*Miss Ebony Keys*

**Secondary School Dance Festival**

![2015 Secondary School Dance Festival poster](image)

*With guest judges Natasha Crane, James Barry and Aimee Regan*

*Lorraine Smith Auditorium*

*Sunday 18 October @ 2pm and 7pm*

*Tickets on sale 14 September through Trybooking - [http://www.trybooking.com/WS1](http://www.trybooking.com/WS1)*

**Junior School Dance Festival**

![2015 Junior Dance Festival poster](image)

*2015 Junior Dance Festival*  
*September 13 @ 2pm*

*Tickets sales open Monday 24 August through Try Booking*
Tickets are selling fast for the 2015 Junior School Dance Festival held on Sunday 13 September from 2.00pm. There have been a small number of seats released due to high demand of tickets so be sure to get in quickly to secure your seats. Tickets can be purchased through [http://www.trybooking.com/ISOY](http://www.trybooking.com/ISOY).

**Sports**

**IPSHA Athletics**

On Tuesday 25 August, 28 Junior School girls represented Ravenswood at the IPSHA Athletics Carnival at Homebush. Everyone competed enthusiastically and over 80% of our team members performed better than at the Ravenswood Athletics Carnival. Well done everyone.

Congratulations in particular to the following five girls who made it through to the CIS team: Lili Kablau (Yr 6) for 12/13yrs Discus, Charlotte Stewart (Yr 6) for 11yrs Discus, Alicia MacMillan (Yr 5) for 11yrs High Jump, Philippa Musson (Yr 5) for Junior Long Jump and Zoe Ryan (Yr 5) for Junior Shot Put.

Mia Viljoen (Yr 4) and Annabel Armstrong (Yr 5) also did very well and are first reserves, coming 7th in the 9yr 100m and Junior Discus respectively.

Good luck to all the girls who will be competing at CIS on Wednesday 9 September.

*Imogen Smith, Year 6, Athletics Captain*

**Acrobatics**

Hana Chorley (Yr 7) is now an official member of the Australian Acrobatics National Squad after a selection competition last weekend in Queensland. As a member of one of four women's trios in the 12-18 year category, Hana is eligible to represent Australia at international competitions in 2016. She will compete in such events as the World Age Championships and the Indo-Pacific Games, which is very exciting news.
Artistic Gymnastics

Congratulations to all of the girls who competed in the Epping YMCA Invitational competition last weekend. The following girls have qualified to compete at the Level 3 State Championships in November: Isabella Pettinato (Yr 5), Zoe Mather (Yr 5), Ava Stefanovic (Yr 5), Tayla Kew (Yr 5), Sophie Smith (Yr 6), Jasmine Wilks (Yr 6), Laura Bauman (Yr 6), Emma Denton (Yr 6), Stephanie Garnsey (Yr 6) and Amelia McLean (Yr 7).

Good luck to Sophia Barnard (Yr 5) Alicia MacMillan (Yr 5), Isabella Seiser (Yr 7) and Claire Marshman who will compete in the Level 4 State Championships on Sunday 13 September at Rooty Hill.

Rhythmic Gymnastics

The St Catherine’s Invitational competition was held over the weekend and the girls achieved so many amazing results that there are too many to mention, however, congratulations to Level 6 gymnast Elizabeth Chapman (Yr 8), Level 5 senior gymnast Emma Kuhl (Yr 10) and Level 5 sub-junior gymnast Sophie Burke (Yr 6) on their overall results. A number of girls have qualified for the upcoming State Championship, topping off a terrific event for our gymnasts.

The IPSHA Rhythmic Gymnastics trial for all students wanting to be considered for selection in the Ravenswood team, will be held on Monday 7 September from 3.30pm in the school gymnasium.

Water Polo

Melissa Izaks (Yr 10) and Isabella Wall (Yr 12) were the star performers in round seven MLC Water Polo action on Friday Night. Melissa scored a few skilful goals early in the match, while Isabella scored the goal of the season, with a tricky around the body flick shot. Unfortunately both teams lost in tight matches, including the Senior Firsts, in what will be their only loss of the season I'm sure. The Junior Firsts lost but showed signs of strong improvements throughout the match.
Touch Football

*Photo: The Year 6 teams*

The Year 6 Broncos certainly played like their NRL equivalent on Saturday, beating Abbotsleigh and Tara in their double-header. The girls started to gel and it was great to see. Thank you to the Year 6 Roosters players who played in the second match. The season has drawn to a close for the Year 4 and 5 teams. Most girls had never played before this term and appeared to thoroughly enjoy the sport. I hope to see everyone play in 2016.

House Sport

The competition was intense at House Touch Football this week. All teams showcased their skills and thoroughly enjoyed the day. Results will be announced at the Junior School Sports Assembly next week.

*Mr Adam Raw*

Snowsports

*Photo: Zara Gatland (Yr 9) in Div2 Alpine*

Last week, Ravenswood competed at the NSW State Snowsports Championships in Perisher, starting with Amy Pillinger (Yr 8), Penelope Bate(Yr 7) and Jemima Bate (Yr 6) competing in the Amelia McGuiness Memorial Time Trial. Alicia MacMillan (Yr 5) and Jemima Bate combined in SnowboardX to win bronze as a team, with both girls gaining a top ten finish. The two girls also finished 4th as a team in another great result, qualifying for Nationals. Our Division 3 team, Amy Pillinger, Penelope Bate and Zoe MacMillan (Yr 7), finished 6th in SnowboardGS and 5th in SnowboardX, to qualify for the National Championships.

*Photo: Alicia MacMillan (Yr 6) and Jemima Bate (Yr 6) won Bronze in SnowboardX*

Our Division 1 team, Jeane Grove (Yr 11), Brianna Rossetto (Yr 12) and Rachel Irwin (Yr 12), finished 7th in SnowboardGS and 7th in a challenging BoarderX course, with Jeane finishing 18th overall in a great result.
Photo: Zoe MacMillan (Yr 7) in Moguls

Natalie Leijer (Yr 11) and Zoe MacMillan competed in Moguls. Zoe had her best ever run, finishing 10th overall. Natalie finished 13th. Both girls have received invitations to Mt Buller on the back of their great results. Our Div 2 SkierX team, Natalie Leijer, Zara Gatland (Yr 9) and Sophie Irwin (Yr 10), finished 12th and was unlucky not to finish higher but for a cruel bend at the end of the course. The girls combined with Remy Hayman (Yr 9) for Alpine, and unfortunately had a few falls which stopped them progressing to Nationals.

Congratulations to all 12 competitors. Good luck to Zoe MacMillan, Penelope Bate, Amy Pillinger, Jemima Bate and Alicia MacMillan who are heading to Mt Buller next week, to compete in the National Championships.

Mr Dale Berg

IGSSA Netball

Clockwise from top left: Rav 10, 19, Year 7 Firsts, Rav 12, 23

On Saturday, the following teams won their games:

Senior Teams
Rav 5 defeated Ascham 34-10
Rav 6 defeated Roseville 28-18
Rav 7 defeated PLS 36-20
Rav 9 defeated Pymble 21-11
Rav 11 defeated Meriden 19-16

Junior Teams
Rav 13 defeated Brigidine 30-28
Rav 16 defeated Ascham 14-9
Rav 17 defeated Ascham 16-11
Rav19 defeated SCEGGS 17-13
Year 7 Teams
Rav 22 defeated Abbotsleigh 21-17

The following teams drew or lost in very close games:
Rav 10 drew with Frensham 9-9
Rav 4 lost to Roseville 20-21
Rav 8 lost to Danebank 20-23
Rav 23 lost to SCEGGS 13-1

Thank you to the following captains for their match reports:

Rav 21: ‘We lost to Brigidine, just missing out on making the semi-finals. We had a few unlucky calls that left us two goals short.’

Rav 23: ‘We played extremely well and fought hard in a tough game against SCEGGS Darlinghurst. In the final minutes SCEGGS scored two goals to just beat us 14-13. Nevertheless, we still made the semi-finals. Good job girls and good luck!’

Rav 12: ‘This team has played short the last two weeks. The previous weekend there were only six players against SCEGGS and up until half-time, the scores were even. SCEGGS ran away with the game in the end. Last weekend, the team was really keen to play and represent the school against Tara, even though there were only five players. The girls played with great team spirit and soldiered on despite a couple of injuries (and resulting blood rule delays). In both games the girls fought hard to the end. Team members were Peihan Li (Yr 10), Anqi Liang (Yr 10), Renita Tsz Wai Tin (Yr 10), Shuang Zhang (Yr 10), Clare Bricknell (Yr 11) and Sarah McKenzie (Yr 11).’

Good luck to Rav 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 22 and 23 in the semi-finals this weekend.

Congratulations to all Ravenswood Netball players on an excellent IGSSA season. The sportsmanship and teamwork has been great.

THANK YOU to all the parents for transporting the girls each week and to the coaching staff for their dedication to our school and the girls.

*Mrs Jeni Wasson*

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**Hockey**

Rav 6

Last weekend marked the final games of the season for many teams. After a season of hard training, improvement and some spectacular games, two teams will play in the semi-finals this weekend.

Rav 1 played Frensham in a strong match, unfortunately losing 0-3. It has been a season of development and growth and Rav 1 has demonstrated a high level of skill. Rav 2 lost to Abbotsleigh 0-3. Rav 2 displayed tenacity and determination every week, continually working on skills and tactical play. Rav 3 lost to Monte 0-3 in a match where the girls maintained possession but had quick goals scored against them either side of half-time. This weekend, Rav 3 will play in the first round of semi-finals, a fantastic effort from the girls who have worked hard over the season. Rav 4 played against Pymble in a tough match to finish the season. The girls showed teamwork, persistence and dedication throughout the season.
Rav 5 played against Loreto Kirribilli in a tight finish to the season. The team was strong in defence and had a number of attacking opportunities but was unable to score.

Rav 6 played against Frensham, vying for a place in the semi-finals. Ravenswood showed its strength as a team through development of tactics and players linking together. Despite many attempts at goal, the girls lost 1-2. Rav 7 played a brilliant game against Loreto Kirribilli, demonstrating a high level of skill and perseverance to score two unanswered goals. The girls will play in the semi-finals this weekend, a phenomenal effort especially given many of the girls are new to hockey.

Good luck to Rav 3 and 7 in their semi-final matches. All information can be found on the Portal.

Ms Ashleigh Nottage

**IPSHA Netball**

**Year 6 Swifts versus Loreto Normanhurst**

As soon as the whistle blew the determination was evident, the Swifts wanted to continue their winning streak. The team passed beautifully and the shooters were exceptional. The girls in defence were amazing, tipping and intercepting every time they could. Daniella Sentonaris (Yr 6) and Ella Bergstrom (Yr 6) were the players of the match. Both girls worked hard in the game, as they do in training. The girls should be very proud of their efforts.

**Years 5-6 Magic versus PLC**

The Years 5-6 Magic team played against PLC Sydney. The PLC team was very strong especially when it came to defending and passing the ball. The final score was 7-2 to us. A few of the things we need to work on as a team are defending, spreading out when someone is passing, catching rebounds and moving when one of the Ravenswood’s players has the ball. Overall, we played very well as a team. *By Ashleigh Goninon (Yr 6)*

Amelia Naumovski, Year 6, IPSHA Netball captain

**House Netball**

In one of the most hotly-contested House Netball competitions ever seen at Ravenswood, a scoring countback had to be used to determine a winner.

With the crowd of girls having the time of their lives, dancing to the soothing sounds of Jason Derulo and the *Pitch Perfect* soundtrack, the atmosphere was buzzing. Some brilliant netball was played and it was excellent to see girls from different Year Groups working as one for their House.
York and Tudor finished on equal points, however, York was the victor having scored more goals throughout the round robin tournament. Stuart and Windsor battled admirably, finishing third and fourth respectively. Thank you to Kaitlyn Cathcart (Yr 7) and Stephanie Lovegrove (Yr 12) for their sensational umpiring. Thanks also to the House Sport Captains and their helpers, you did a fantastic job in organising teams.

*Mr Thomas Pyle*

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**Community**

**From the Development Office**

With so much happening at the end of the term (and in this Newsletter), I feel that I should offer congratulations for reading this far. I have condensed all the Development Office information into an easy-to-read *To Do/Reminder* list that you can copy/paste into your diary.

**To Do List:**

*Book RPA Christmas Lunch:* **Monday 2 November** [http://www.trybooking.com/IUMN](http://www.trybooking.com/IUMN) – the invitation is on the Portal and was emailed on Monday 31 August.

*Save the date:* Summer Carnival – **Sunday 22 November** – Call for volunteers to sign-up for stalls COMING SOON.

*Lost Property:* Please remind your daughter/s to come and collect items on Tuesdays and Thursdays 1.15pm–1.39pm – we have over 60 lunchboxes and drink bottles in Lost Property! There is no fee to collect items.

*Reminder: Empowering Women – Women and Wealth* – **Monday 7 September** 6.30pm, Knox Grammar School

*Reminder:* Connect Group Walk – St Ives to the Cascades and Pattison’s for morning tea afterwards – **Monday 7 September** – please contact Marissa on 0425 710 944.

*Ms Liane Leslie, Development and Relationships Manager*

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**From the RPA - Summer Carnival**

Drop-off spare tea pots at Brown House from 7.30am-2.30pm Monday-Friday.

Contact Don Tritton on [ravocarnivalsponsorships@gmail.com](mailto:ravocarnivalsponsorships@gmail.com) if you or your company are interested in sponsoring the Carnival. Sponsorship packages are from $100-$3000.

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**Gordon Uniting Church New Class – Cardmaking and Scrapbooking**

Starts in Term 4 - each Friday morning from 9.15 am at Uniting Gordon Community Centre (just across Cecil Street from the school).

Cost: $65 for a 9-week term (includes morning tea)

There are also some vacancies in the Watercolour Painting class and Needlecraft.

Contact Sue on 0412 117 076 or [sue@guc.org.au](mailto:sue@guc.org.au) to register your interest.
Mood Meter Program

Here’s a quick video I prepared for you. It will only take a minute: [Creating emotionally intelligent families](#)

*What are you doing to build your own emotional intelligence as a parent?*

I ask this question as we so often do everything we can to help our kids, and we neglect to improve our own behaviours and emotions. Most parents will do anything to help their kids feel less anxious yet they’ll neglect to learn how to better manage their own emotional responses.

And goodness knows, raising kids is such hard emotional work that it’s parents who need to learn new ways to manage their own responses, so they’re not overcome with annoyance, anger and hurt when they are challenged by their kids.

*Here’s a program for YOU and your KIDS*

My next [online course](#) Mood Meter Program for Parents, beginning on 11 September, will teach YOU the tools to better manage your own emotions as well as giving you what you need to help your kids be happier, less anxious and angry.

The Mood Meter is a simple but powerful tool that will help you and your kids recognise, express and regulate emotions. The Mood Meter was originally designed for kids by the fabulous team at Yale Centre for Emotional Intelligence but it’s a brilliant tool for parents too.

**REGISTER NOW**

As soon as you register you’ll receive a link to the Pre-learning video, as well as access to all the resources, downloads and videos on the Parentingideas Club website.

Here’s to raising happy kids (and happier parents),

Michael Grose

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September Holiday Years 3-6 STEM workshops at UTS

*Bright Futures* is a new enrichment and extension program offered by the International Research Centre for Youth Futures and the School of Education at UTS. A range of exciting one and two-day workshops for Years 3-6 will take place at the Kuringai and Broadway campuses in the September holidays. With a special focus on STEM subjects, girls have an ideal opportunity to try out some new skills this holidays.

Workshops include *Robotics (city campus)*, *Messy Science*, *Mathematics*, *Creative Writing* and *Construction Engineering for girls* (all at Kuringai).

Full program and enrolment information

This is also your last chance to visit the UTS Kuringai campus in its current form as the University will be closing its doors in December to make way for the development of a new state-of-the-art public school.


Contact Sasha.Segers@uts.edu.au.

International Baccalaureate Diploma Visual Arts Exhibition 2015

Ravenswood warmly invites you to:

**Studio Works**

*International Baccalaureate Diploma Visual Arts Exhibition 2015*

**Opening**

Wednesday 9 September 6pm-9pm

**Exhibition continues**

9 September 9am-3pm

10 September 9am-2pm

Ravenswood

Centenary Centre Foyer

Henry Street, Gordon

02 9498 9929

(Entry via Henry Street Arts Reception)

Image front and back Natalie Too
Ku-ring-gai Council Temporary Changes to Parking Restrictions in Cecil Street
ThinkUKnow Instagram FAQs: Parents

What is Instagram?
Instagram is a photo-sharing app which allows users to take photos, apply a filter and share content with either followers or the general public. Users are able to ‘like’ and comment on photos as well as send these images directly to individual followers. Instagram also allows users to post short videos.

What is the age classification for Instagram?
Instagram is recommended for users aged 13 years and above, however there are many underage users.

What are the privacy settings on Instagram?
Accounts on Instagram can be shared with anyone, or with those you approve as followers only. This can be done via the Instagram app on your mobile device. First select the Profile option on the lower right-hand side of the screen. In the Edit Your Profile section scroll to the bottom of the screen and ensure Photos Are Private is in the On position and select Save.

What could be revealed through an image?
A concern with photos which are taken and shared via a mobile device is that they may contain geolocation information. Geotagging refers to the embedding of location data, such as GPS coordinates, in images taken on smartphones and some digital cameras. When these images are shared online, the location data is often also shared. This may allow others who have access to the file to determine where the image was created, potentially revealing your home address.

How can my child limit geolocation information?
It is important for your child and you to know how to disable the geolocation function for the camera on the smartphone or mobile device your child utilises. For iOS devices, this can be disabled by accessing Settings > Privacy > Locations and disabling for Camera. On Android devices, users need to open the Camera app, access Settings and disable GPS tagging. If you are unsure how to do this on your device, please access the online user guide for the model of device.

It is also useful to discourage children and young people from using the Photo Map function on Instagram. This capability plots users’ photos on an interactive map and could reveal sensitive location information.

What are the potential problems with Instagram?
It is important that young people only allow people they know and trust to access their photos and learn how to block and report inappropriate users. You can block users via the Instagram app on your mobile device. Open the profile page of the offensive user and select the Further Options icon on the upper right-hand side of the screen. Select the Block User option and when prompted by the dialog box, select Yes, I’m sure.

Sharing images that are rude, offensive or sexualised can see young people in breach of State and Commonwealth legislation that carry serious legal consequences. Ethically, young people need to be aware of the impact that their online behaviour has on others as well as their own reputation.

How can I delete my child’s account?
If after talking with your child about the ethical use of Instagram and your family’s rules around technology, you may think it’s appropriate to delete the Instagram account. To delete an Instagram account log into the account at Instagram.com, click the account username in the top right and select Edit Profile, click It’d like to delete my account in the bottom right.

Note: Accounts can not be reactivated and photos may be lost. Open and supportive discussions around technology usage are vital in ensuring your child understands their responsibilities when using technology. Simply removing the technology is not the best response as it could potentially drive your child’s usage underground where there are fewer opportunities for you to support them.
Dress for Success

We Need You!

Have you cleaned out your closet recently?

Do you have any business or smart casual clothes at home that you don’t need?

Will you help provide less fortunate women with the opportunity to get a job?

If you answered any of these questions with ‘YES’ then you are just the person we need!

We are supporting the not-for-profit organisation Dress for Success. It is a company that promotes the economic independence of disadvantaged women, both young and old, with the opportunity to be as prepared as they can to go into the job market. They provide women with professional attire, resume writing skills, a network of support and even career development tools to let them thrive in both work and life.

They are active in more than 140 cities in 19 countries and have helped more than 850,000 women achieve self-sufficiency.

So please, help us help them by donating clothes (which are appropriate for the workforce, in good condition, clean and pressed).

A collection box is in the Foyer of the LRC.

Here’s some examples of the clothes that could be useful:

Year 11 Dress for Success Team
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang supporting the Children's Hospital

Flying into Glen Street Theatre
18 – 26 September

Proudly supporting the Children’s Hospital at Westmead

Stage Artz Bookings Now Open
9975 1455 | glenstreet.com.au
News

Archdale Debating Grand Finals

We congratulate members of the Year 8A Archdale Team, Clare Gim, Holland Touw, Clare Golja, Hannah Walsh and Meghana Reddy, who defeated a strong team from Meriden on Tuesday evening and will now represent Ravenswood in the Grand Final next Tuesday 8 September. Coach, John Patrick Asimakis, spoke highly of the girls' achievement. The Grand Final will take place at MLC Burwood at 6.00pm and supporters are very welcome.

Mrs Jane van Beek

Portraits of Practice: women in architecture

A group of Years 10 and 12 students visited the Portraits of Practice exhibition at the Tin Shed Gallery, University of Sydney last week. In addition to viewing the photography and hearing stories of women architects, the students engaged in conversation with women architects at BVN to find out what architecture is really about. We thank BVN architecture for hosting this event for our students.

Ms Meg Hall, Careers Counsellor

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Youth Review Forum 2015

Photo: Student reviewers with Paul MacDonald, Youth Review Panel Moderator

Last Monday, a group of 11 Ravenswood girls joined students from Roseville College, Killara High School and Sydney Church of England Grammar School to discuss the six Children’s Book Council of Australia shortlisted books for older readers.

The panel discussion was heated and our Year 9 representatives, Freya Mann and Ashleigh Nicholls, valiantly defended the Ravenswood group’s collective opinion as to which title should have won the coveted Children’s Book Council Award. Our vote went to Christine Bongers' thriller The Intruder, however, the award went to Claire Zorn’s coming-of-age story The Protected.
I live-Tweeted the event, and two of the nominated authors, Darren Groth (Are You Seeing Me?) and Melissa Keil (The Incredible Adventures of Cinnamon Girl) joined the Twitter discussion. To take a look at the Twitter feed, just search for hashtag #yrforum on Twitter.

The other nominated titles this year were Nona and Me by Clare Atkins, and this year’s controversial entry The Minnow by Diana Sweeney. Why not grab one or two of the shortlisted titles and take a look for yourself?

Ms Katharina Colmer, Teacher Librarian

Books Light up our World – Book Week 2015

Kindy and Year 3 Book Characters

Last week was a busy and exciting week for all Junior School students as they eagerly participated in a wide variety of activities to celebrate Book Week.

All students in K-2 enjoyed a Book Week presentation at Gordon library.

The annual Book Week Chapel Service was held on the Tuesday. Following the service, all Junior School students paraded in costumes depicting a huge variety of book characters. The task of the Year 6 Library Monitor judges proved to be extremely difficult. Many parents were able to be present on the day to enjoy a wonderful ‘literature’ experience with their daughters.

Photo: Frances Watts with Year 4

Popular children’s author, Frances Watts shared her books, knowledge and experience with the girls on the Wednesday.

Colourfully decorated posters, dioramas and colouring competition entries are currently displayed in the Learning Resources Centre.

This year’s annual Book Feast during which students have the opportunity to purchase books for themselves or as library donations, will be held on Friday 18 September, Junior School Portfolio Day.

Miss Jan Wettone and Mrs Christine Rothfield
Maths News

Information on: the MYCA Challenge Series achievements, Enrichment series on *Euler, Gauss or Noether*, the Australian Mathematics Competition winners and the Australian Intermediate Mathematics Olympiad.

**MYCA Challenge Series**

I would like to congratulate the 31 students from Years 6-10 who participated in the MYCA Challenge Series, in either the Junior or Intermediate level. The following students achieved a credit or above:

**High Distinction**
Year 10: **Yunan (Elizabeth) Cao, Cindy Wang**
Year 9: **Shiyi Song**

**Distinction**
Year 10: **Daisy Hu**
Year 6: **Justine Xu**

**Credit**
Year 10: **Lucy Hamer, Yvette Nguyen, Shuang Zhang**
Year 7: **Charlotte Woods, Jasmine Chan, Kei Joe**

Following on from this, there are currently 18 girls in Years 7-10 who have been working on the Enrichment series on *Euler, Gauss or Noether* during Terms 2-3 and the last few problems are due in Week 10 this term. My Year 10 Mathematics class has been given the opportunity to work in a differentiated learning environment once a week this term, alongside the students doing the Enrichment series. It has given students the opportunity to work on extension topics that relate directly to the HSC Extension 1 course.

**Australian Mathematics Competition**

On 30 July, 312 Years 7-11 students sat for the Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC). I would like to congratulate all the participants. Ravenswood students collectively achieved 1 Prize, 23 Distinctions and 99 Credits. These students will be presented with their certificates at a later date.

A special congratulatory note goes to our Prize winner **Ivy Cai (Yr 10)** and our Prudence Award winner **Anna Chen (Yr 8)**.

The top three students (in rank order) in each Year Group are:

**Year 7:** Ibuki Tsuru, Zia Bohm, Kei Joe
**Year 8:** Anna Chen, Emily Austin, Dominique Abrahamse
**Year 9:** Tulip Foung, Shiyi Song, Winny Tsai
**Year 10:** Yuzhu Cai, Shuang Zhang, Lucy Hamer
**Year 11:** Juhyun Son, Joceline Chiu, Xinying Shu

Registration for the Australian Intermediate Mathematics Olympiad (AIMO) is closed. The following girls have been invited to sit the AIMO, to be held on Tuesday 8 September:

**Year 7:** Vivienne Yang, Charlotte Woods, Riya Swarup, Chaeyeon Lee
**Year 8:** Anna Chen
**Year 9:** Shiyi Song, Anna Choi, Xinglin Ge, Yiqia Li, Winny Tsai, Ana Isaacs
**Year 10:** Yvette Nyugen, Daisy Hu, Lucy Hamer, Lucy James, Shuang Zhang, Yunan Cao, Yuzhu Cai, Jemma Frost

Best wishes are extended to these students.

*Mrs Lisa Kim*