2015 Term 2, Week 5

Principal's Message

The arrest of a teacher last weekend, alleged to have posed as a teenage girl online, highlights the importance of educating young people about safety and the internet. This is something that both parents and the school can manage well, working together.

Advice for parents

For parents, there a few simple preventative measures you can take to support your daughter in her use of technology:

- agree some household rules about use of technology and storage of devices overnight
- discuss issues, like cyberbullying, with your daughter before they happen
- be aware and involved in your child's use of technology. Understand how privacy settings can protect her and discuss what are appropriate or inappropriate websites
- talk with your child about sending inappropriate messages and images - in order to prevent issues arising
- if your child seems to be spending too much time online/on her phone, discuss this with her as soon as you have any concerns.

The Cybersmart website, which informs the suggestions above, provides excellent resources for parents and is located at http://cybersmart.gov.au/Parents.aspx. Another good web resource is: http://thinkuknow.org.au. Both of these sites also have areas targeted to students.

The advice sent out to parents of Middle Years students by Mrs Tammy Rees-Davies is worth restating:

*It is important that we acknowledge the online world our students are living in and arm them with tools to reduce the risk that some of their behaviours might entail.*

Unacceptable behaviour includes:

- **sending emails, instant or text messages to others disguised as another person**
- **spreading rumours or false information about others**
- **sending rude, harassing or threatening messages**
- **creating websites that ridicule, humiliate or intimidate others**
- **posting on websites or disseminating embarrassing or inappropriate pictures or images of others.**

Please encourage your daughters 'to think before you post'. If they do not want you or their teachers to see the post, then they should not be posting it. Girls should know how to use the privacy settings on social networking sites and reasonable limits should be set on online activities.
What we are doing at school

The school reinforces cyber safety and appropriate use of technology through its policies, learning programs and pastoral care programs.

Policies

The Student ICT Acceptable Use Policy – for use of ICT at school – is published in the School Diary for ready access and makes clear that a student should ensure her own internet safety at school by:

- never agreeing to meet someone online without first checking with both a teacher and a parent or guardian
- not revealing any personal details when using any internet website
- not accessing non-school based webmail, chat or any social networking sites unless instructed by a teacher as part of a class-based activity
- not using a proxy bypass site to avoid being blocked by the school’s internet filtering system
- not interfering with network security, another users’ files or attempt to log into the network with a user name or password of another person
- not revealing her password to anyone except a teacher or the ICT support staff.

At the start of the year, we spend some time during the laptop deployments to Years 5 and 7, on cybersafety and using their laptops/technology in a responsible and ethical manner. The focus in this session is on social networking.

Important safety messages are reinforced in the Learning Resources Centre with the display of posters around the THINK principle: http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/young%20kids/online-safety/Think.aspx.

The Junior School cybersafety program is delivered in the classroom throughout the year, covering password security, not disclosing personal information, not posting photos of others without asking permission first, and about reporting anything that makes them feel uncomfortable to an adult. These issues are further addressed in the Secondary PDHPE curriculum.

Cybersafety messages are further reinforced through the Secondary School Pastoral Care Program. In Year 8 group meetings, the girls are considering these key issues:

- cyberbullying - the effects on the victim, prevention, response, bystanders, forwarding unsavoury material, the law
- online/digital footprint - how anything posted online can be retrieved (I also cover sexting)
- internet fraud - scams, passwords, suspicious emails, banking security
- online predators - how someone online may be very different to how they really are
- Facebook settings - how to lock down your account, tagging
- things never to do online
- how to keep safe (with a strong emphasis on telling an adult)

Educating our girls about cybersafety is a vital part of helping them to become effective users of technology.

Ms Vicki Steer
Chaplain's Message

Empathy is the friend of compassion. Compassion is to feel with someone. Empathy is to enter into their suffering and/or experience. For those of us who are Christian, it is not an optional extra in our faith and discipleship but it is a hard requirement, which often requires great faith and perseverance.

We need to trust that God is with us as we seek to love others, because love is an act of self-giving, and thus is usually an act of sacrifice. In doing so, we learn about God's love, because discipleship is following and learning from Jesus, who is the embodiment of God's compassion and empathy.

At the heart of the incarnation of God in Jesus, is the idea that God feels with us because in Christ, God entered into our suffering and our human experience. This is the way of the Cross. To take up our cross and follow Jesus, is a call to enter into the suffering and experience of others, in loving service. This is at the core of the Christmas story, just as it is at the core of the Easter story, because it is at the core of who Jesus is. For Christian people, Lent is a time where we steel ourselves and reflect upon our call to discipleship, and our call to be the incarnation of God's love in the world. This is, after all, what it means to be Church - if we accept the radical claim of the Apostle Paul who dared to name us, the Church, as the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27). To be compassionate is radically transformative. It is truly something to think about. God bless.

Rev Jon Humphries

Whole School

STEM Nation Newsletter

Click here for the May edition of STEM Nation.

Articles this month include:

- Crossrail - London's new super tunnel
- The women building Crossrail
- STEM at Ravenswood updates
- TED Talk on the future of machine intelligence
- Rav'n'Math feature:
  - Maths in the real world
  - The magic of maths
  - Rav'n'Maths Hall of Fame challenge

And more!

Mr Matthew Scadding, ICT Integrator
Language Perfect World and G6 Championships 2015

These championships are underway and will run until the evening of Thursday 28 May. This championship includes a G6 competition which sees Ravenswood competing against friendly rivals Barker College, Knox Grammar School, Pymble Ladies’ College, Abbotsleigh and Roseville College.

Given that we won the trophy for the highest average point score per student in 2014, we encourage our students to strive to keep the trophy on Ravenswood soil. Thank you once again for supporting your daughter in contributing as many points as possible. Her language skills and range of vocabulary will improve enormously as a result.

Tour de Nouméa 2016

Expressions of interest are being requested for our next school language immersion tour to Nouméa, New Caledonia, which will take place from Friday 8-15 April 2016. This tour is open to students who are currently in Years 8-11 and who are studying French.

It is also expected that participants will continue their study of the language in 2016. Students taking part in this tour attend French school, live with a host family for five of the seven nights and also take in many of the sites of Nouméa and the surrounding islands. It is a wonderful opportunity to not only improve their competence and confidence in using the language but also a great way to immerse themselves in an authentic French-Melanesian culture, and connect with students from other Year Groups and other schools.
To reserve seats at the Information Evening (6.00pm-6.45pm on Thursday 28 May in the Middle School Learning Studio), please email bcalcraft@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au, giving your daughter's name and Mentor.

For further details regarding the tour, see the flyer with this week’s Newsletter.

Vivent les langues!

Mrs Bronwen Calcraft, Languages Coordinator

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**Girls and Science: Connecting Research and Learning**

This term, students in Years 6 and 7 will be offered a unique opportunity to engage with and learn about science. Researchers from the Department of Psychology at Macquarie University will be inviting students to participate in a research study, looking at children's responses to peer behaviour.

Later in the year, students will have the opportunity to attend a presentation at Ravenswood, during which the researcher will explain the research process, study findings, and how these findings may be used in the future. It is hoped that this opportunity will stimulate the girls’ interest and curiosity in science.

Year 6 parents should have received the information via email and Year 7 parents will receive the information by the end of this week. The deadline for parent consent is Sunday 24 May for Year 6 and Wednesday 3 June for Year 7.

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**USA STEM Tour Pre-Departure Meeting**

This meeting is to be held next Tuesday 26 May, 6.30pm-7.30pm on the La Scala staircase in the Learning Resources Centre.

It is essential that each student is accompanied by an adult as important information will be distributed, for example: medical documentation which will need to be completed and returned, the USA visa application process, an iFly permission note, safety information and emergency contacts, travel money, sample tour shirt sizes for ordering, behaviour contracts and what to pack.

If you and your daughter are unable to attend, please email me at dcavill@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au at your earliest convenience.

Mrs Danielle Cavill

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**da Vinci Decathlon**

Teams from Years 5-11 will be competing in the da Vinci Decathlon Gala Days next week at Knox Grammar School. The da Vinci Decathlon is an academic competition that is inspired by Leonardo da Vinci and designed to challenge and stimulate the minds of the students.

The theme for the Gala Days, which this year is *Place*, will be integrated into the 10 disciplines: Mathematics and Chess, English, Science, Code breaking, Engineering Challenge, Philosophy, Creative Producers, Art and Poetry,
Cartography and General Knowledge. The girls have been attending lunchtime training sessions during Term 2, to help them prepare for the competition and we wish them great success next Tuesday (Years 7 and 8), Wednesday (Years 9-11) and Thursday (Years 5 and 6).

Mrs Zannah Stredwick, Learning Enrichment Coordinator

Demountable Classrooms

To assist in facilitating construction of our new Science and Technology Centre, Ravenswood has leased three new demountable classrooms.

These temporary buildings will be installed on our driveway at the southern perimeter of the oval, by close of business this Friday 22 May, weather permitting. The classrooms will then be commissioned and new furniture installed, ready for use by Secondary School students from the beginning of Term 3 2015.

Mr Simon Jarrett, Director Property and Facilities

Extra-Curricular Photo Shoot

The Semester 1 Extra-Curricular photoshoot will take place on Thursday 28 May. The schedules are available on the Parent Portal and will be available to students on the Student Portal, school noticeboards and AV screens.

Please ensure your daughter has the correct sport uniforms with her, and any musical instruments required (see schedules for more information).

If your daughter was absent for the Portrait/ID photo day on 2 February, there will be an opportunity for her to have her portrait photo taken during lunchtime on this day.

If you would like a sibling photo to be taken of your daughters, this must be pre-ordered and paid for online. Sibling photo orders will close 48 hours prior to photo day.

To pre-order your sibling photo, please visit www.advancedlife.com.au:

- In the Secure Code Box, enter Ravenswood's online order code AV1 QR8 PC1.
- Click ‘Order Photos' on the lefthand side.
- Click ‘Sibling' and follow the prompts thereafter.

Sibling photos will be delivered to the school for collection by the students, approximately four weeks after photo day.
Ravenswood's Website Calendar

The calendar can be accessed from the homepage of the website or via Quick Links. As well as a tab for Term Dates, you can either view events by day or events by month:

![Calendar](image)

Events can be added to your Favourites, which you can then email to a friend:
Maths Help 2015

MATHS HELP 2015

WEEK A Monday & Tuesday
WEEK B Wednesday & Thursday
3.30pm-4.30pm
LRC Foyer Level 2

Ms Blair (Mon Wk A), Ms Hazlehurst (Tues Wk A),
Mrs Kim (Wed Wk B) 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.
Junior School

Better Buddy National day

The Alannah and Madeline Foundation Better Buddies program is well entrenched in the Junior School. On National Buddy Day, Friday 12 June, we will follow the theme of Band Together with a buddy.

To Band Together, we will focus on our community and how we support each other to reduce bullying and create a friendly and caring school community, through our Better Buddies program. More information will be forwarded to families closer to the date.

On Tuesday 26 May, we look forward to welcoming the Years 3 and 4 fathers to breakfast with their daughters, from 7.00am in the Assembly Hall. The breakfast will conclude the last of the Father/Daughter Breakfast program for this year.

Reminder: Parents are invited to join us at the Years 3-6 Lunchtime Concert on Wednesday 27 May, held in Music Room 401.

The Years 5 and 6 da Vinci Decathlon teams will represent Ravenswood at Knox Grammar School on Thursday 28 May.

Mrs Cheryl Bailey, Head of Junior School

Crunch&Sip®

Fruit and vegetables are virtually the only sources of vitamin C. The only other foods that provide this essential vitamin are breast milk and some offal meats. Vitamin C helps your body to fight off disease amongst many other things.

Mrs Melissa Mülle

RPA Social Activities

Year 1: Coffee Catch-Up, Tuesday 9 June from 8.30am

Year 1 parents are invited to a coffee morning at The Runaway Spoon, Lindfield. We hope to see you there.

Year 3: Vivid Walk, Friday 29 May at 7.00pm

Please join Year 3 families as we take a journey through Vivid at Chatswood. Meet at the Concourse steps, overlooking the water feature and Lid and Jar. Please RSVP to admalmquist1@gmail.com by Monday 25 May.
Secondary School

Year 8 Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

Year 8 Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences will be held on Monday 15 June from 4.00pm-7.00pm.
All appointments will be made online and information regarding the process was emailed to all parents on Monday 18 May. If you have not received your notification, please send an email to secondaryschool@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au. Please be mindful that the deadline for booking your appointment times is Sunday 14 June.

Year 9 Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

Year 9 Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences will be held on Thursday 4 June from 4.00pm-7.00pm.
All appointments will be made online and information regarding the process was emailed to all parents on Friday 15 May. If you have not received your notification, please send an email to secondaryschool@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au. Please be mindful that the deadline for booking your appointment times is Tuesday 2 June.

Planning a Gap Year in the UK in 2016?

Is your daughter taking part in a Gap year in the United Kingdom in 2016? Would you like to find out more about arranging her travel, insurance, accommodation in London, Top Deck tours of Europe in Summer, and so on?
If so, I invite you to an information session for Year 12 students at Ravenswood and neighbouring schools on Tuesday 26 May in the Assembly Hall. If your daughter has been offered a placement in a UK school for 2016, I encourage you and her to come to the Assembly Hall at 7.00pm and listen to the presentation from Roz Martindale at Wahroonga Travel. Mrs Martindale will be escorting students from Sydney on 2 January 2016. For more information, please see the flyer below or telephone 9489 1978 or email roz.wahroonga@optusnet.com.au.

Immersion

As you know, Ravenswood has partnered with Knox Grammar School for three years and facilitated Immersions in Cambodia for Year 11 students. On Thursday 11 June, Immersion, a documentary about the Ravenswood/Knox Cambodia Immersion program, will premiere

at Knox Grammar School (see the flyer below). If your daughter has taken part in a previous Immersion or she is currently in Year 11 and preparing to travel to Cambodia in June, I encourage you to join me on the night. I would also like to invite current Years 9 and 10 students who may be thinking about taking part in the program in the future, to come along on the night. Please view the trailer here: [https://vimeo.com/knoxgrammarreview/98605982/8e56af2524](https://vimeo.com/knoxgrammarreview/98605982/8e56af2524).

Over twelve months in the making, Immersion tells the story of a group of students from Ravenswood and Knox who travel to Cambodia to teach English in the slum communities of Phnom Penh. This is a ticketed event (even I will be purchasing my own seats!) and can only be booked via this link: [http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=134545&embed=134545](http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=134545&embed=134545).
Global Experience Program Opportunity - Open to all students in Year 10 2016

Any current Year 9 student who would like to consider taking part in Ravenswood’s Global Experience Program in 2016, should attend an Information session with their parents on Monday 1 June at 7.00pm in the Auditorium.

Ravenswood currently has exchanges with schools in Canada, China, England, France, Germany, Japan, New Zealand and the USA.

This is a fabulous opportunity and you are warmly invited to come along and learn more about the Program, hear from those girls who have recently been on exchange and speak with them about their experiences. Application forms for exchange will be distributed at this session.

Mr David Garner, Deputy Principal – Head of Secondary School

For the parents of girls in Year 10 2015: HSC/IB Course Information Evening for Year 11 2016

On Wednesday 27 May, an HSC/IB Information Evening will take place for Year 10 girls and their parents. The Deputy Principal, Head of Learning Innovation, Mrs Terrie Jones, will host the evening in the Lorraine Smith Auditorium. The Coordinator Academic Programs, Mr Chris Papadopoulo and the IB Coordinator, Mr Robin Julian, will outline the structure and requirements of the Higher School Certificate (HSC) and International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme respectively. At the conclusion of the presentation, there will be an opportunity to ask questions. It is expected that all Year 10 girls will attend this information session accompanied by a parent. It would be appreciated if students could arrive by 6.45pm, in order to register in the downstairs foyer of the Centenary Centre and receive written information which will allow for a prompt start at 7.00pm. The evening will conclude at 8.30pm.

Mrs Terrie Jones, Deputy Principal – Head of Learning and Innovation

Secondary School Athletics Carnival

On Tuesday 2 June, we are holding the 2015 Secondary School Athletics Carnival. You will have received an email last week, with an attached information note regarding this event.

The note can is also on the Portal: https://ravonet.ravenswood.nsw.edu.au/sports/secondary/Pages/Home.aspx. A reminder that Secondary School students are required at school no later than 7.00am, in time to board the charter train to Homebush, which will be departing from Gordon Station. Following the completion of the Athletics Carnival, the train will depart Homebush, arriving at Gordon Station at approximately 3.32pm. Students will be dismissed from Gordon Station. Any student who will be collected by a parent at the conclusion of the Carnival, needs to submit a note to Student Reception prior to Friday 29 May.
Wet weather arrangements: The track is an all-weather surface and it is unlikely that the Carnival will be cancelled if it is raining. A decision will be made at 7.30am if the Carnival is to be cancelled. Girls are asked to bring materials for normal lessons in case of cancellation.

*Mrs Kate Christodoulides, Coordinator Operations*

**Careers Information**

Interested in 2D and 3D animation, art, design, technology?

You may like to attend the *Vivid* Ideas masterclass coming up soon, delivered by Old Girl Lucy Keeler (Young, 1999), Director Ample Projects, who is designing and curating the newest precinct of *Vivid* Sydney in Chatswood.


UNSW Information Evenings coming up:

- Co-Op Scholarships Wednesday 3 June
- Scholarship Information Evening Wednesday 15 July

Information for Year 12 students about the Robertson Scholarship, which offers the opportunity for two outstanding Australian students to attend Duke University or the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is available at [www.scholarships.unsw.edu.au](http://www.scholarships.unsw.edu.au). Applications close Friday 4 December.

Year 12 students will attend the Careers Expo at Moore Park next Friday 29 May. Year 12 parents are reminded to complete permission slips, to be returned to Student Reception before Thursday 28 May.

*Ms Meg Hall, Careers Counsellor*

mhall@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au

**Vaccinations**

- Year 7 Vaccinations are scheduled for Wednesday 27 May in the Assembly Hall. A note will be in the Bulletin next Monday regarding times.

- Catch-up vaccinations for Year 8 students are on Wednesday 27 May in the Assembly Hall. A note will be in the Bulletin next Monday, with a list of students scheduled for a catch-up vaccination and the time.

- Catch-up vaccinations for Year 11 students are scheduled for later in the year. Please hand your form in to Student Reception no later than Tuesday 26 May if you require a catch-up vaccination. If you have lost your form, please see Student Reception.

**RPA Social Activities**

**Year 7: Morning Tea, Friday 5 June from 9.30am**

Year 7 parents are invited to a morning tea at the home of Julie Cowdery. Please RSVP to Julie via [stephenandjulie@ozemail.com.au](mailto:stephenandjulie@ozemail.com.au) by Monday 1 June. Full details are available on the Parent Portal.
Year 8: Parent/Daughter Dinner, Sunday 14 June at 6.00pm

Year 8 parents and their girls are invited to a Tapas-style dinner at The Runaway Spoon, 6.00pm-8.30pm. The cost is $37 per head and bookings should be made at http://www.trybooking.com/HRUW by Monday 8 June. Full details are available on the Parent Portal.

Year 9: Morning Tea, Thursday 28 May from 8.30am

Year 9 parents are invited to a coffee morning at The Runaway Spoon, Lindfield. We would like to see you there.

Year 10: Walk and Talk with your dogs, Monday 1 June at 9.00am

Year 10 parents are invited to ‘walk and talk’ (dogs optional!). Meet at Bert Oldfield Oval (Killara Park), Springdale and Rosebery Roads, Killara. Any queries to Harriet at hoakeshott@optusnet.com.au. Full details are available on the Parent Portal.

Year 10: Mother/Daughter Dinner, Sunday 14 June at 6.00pm

Year 10 mothers and their daughters are invited to dinner at Avondale Golf Club, Pymble. Tickets are $48.50 per person and bookings should be made at http://www.trybooking.com/HUWJ by Monday 8 June. Full details are available on the Parent Portal.

Year 11: Mums’ Drinks, Wednesday 10 June 6.30pm–8.30pm

To celebrate being two-thirds of the way through Year 11, all mums are invited to joins us for a drink and canapés at The Small Bar, Crows Nest. Tickets are $32 per head and bookings should be made at http://www.trybooking.com/HSAI by Wednesday 3 June. Full details are available on the Parent Portal.

Performing Arts

The Beatnix
This week, members of the Morrison Band, Symphonic Wind Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra have received information regarding an event with The Beatles, on Monday 13 July in the Auditorium. Students must read this information carefully and return their reply slip by Friday 22 May. Tickets ($12) are now on sale via www.trybooking.com.au/hsla.

The Idea of North

Ravenswood Voices are rehearsing for a workshop and event with The Idea of North on Thursday 16 July, with a performance for friends and family at 7.00pm in the Auditorium. Tickets ($12) are on sale via www.trybooking.com.au/hslm. Please watch out for a letter that will be sent to parents and singers, with more information.

Front of House Team

Year 5 Students - Are you interested in being part of the Front of House Team?
If so, you will learn how to:

- meet/greet patrons
- usher audience members to their seats
- sell tickets on the door with another adult
- know the Auditorium seating plan
- be stationed on the door ready for latecomers
- watch the event until the interval and supervise the doors during the interval
- watch the rest of the event - help tidy up programs/venue ready for the next day.

We have new waistcoats and torches for you to use. The big event in the Junior School this year is the Year 6 Musical. If you are interested in being part of the Front of House team for that event, please contact performingarts@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au to register your interest.
Music

*Ravo Presents*

![RAVO PRESENTS](image)

Tickets for the Final (Thursday 18 June) are now on sale via [http://www.trybooking.com/HQCC](http://www.trybooking.com/HQCC) and are selling very quickly. Book soon to avoid disappointment.

**Term 2 Lunchtime Concert**

The Years 7-12 Lunchtime Concert takes place on Wednesday 3 June. Please sign-up at Performing Arts Reception or via [music@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au](mailto:music@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au).

**Band Performance**

The Morrison Band and Symphonic Wind Ensemble will be performing their current repertoire on Thursday 11 June at 7.00pm-8.00pm in the Lorraine Smith Auditorium. The Ravenswood community is invited to join us for this free, informal concert. We look forward to seeing you there.

*Speakfest*

An invitation for Years 7-9 students is included with the flyers, with this week’s Newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Jillian Burgess, Convenor Public Speaking at [jburgess@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au](mailto:jburgess@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au).

*Mrs Heather Aird, Director Music and Performing Arts*

**Year 11 Drama Production**

*As four children wait for a school bus on a rainy morning in the Australian countryside, they take it in turn to tell stories. On this particular morning, Anna tells a story about a young girl, Heidi, whose father was one of the most notorious men of the twentieth century.*
As the play jumps between Germany in the 1940s and the Australian bush in the present day, each of the characters is confronted with issues of morality, personal responsibility and humanity.

The Year 11 Drama class production of *Hitler’s Daughter* opens in two weeks, performing Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 June at 7.00pm, in the Caroline Trotter Studio. For tickets, go to [http://www.trybooking.com/HVUR](http://www.trybooking.com/HVUR) or [http://www.trybooking.com/137765](http://www.trybooking.com/137765).

**Years 10-12 Drama Excursion**

As part of the Stage 6 HSC Drama program, Years 10-12 students are attending a performance of *Neighbourhood Watch* on Friday 29 May at The Bondi Pavilion Theatre, Bondi.

*Neighbourhood Watch* is a play set for study in HSC Drama, in the topic area of Contemporary Australian Theatre Practice.

The students will leave Ravenswood by bus at 5.30pm for a 7.00pm performance, which finishes at approximately 10.00pm, and the students will be brought back to school at approximately 10.30pm.

*Mr Chris Bird, Drama Coordinator*

**Sports**

**Athletics/Cross Country Camp 2015**

As part of the school’s Athletic program, we extend an invitation to all members of the Athletics and Cross Country squad to attend the Ravenswood Athletics Camp, to be held at the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation in Narrabeen, from Monday 29 June to Wednesday 1 July.

The Camp will help in preparing girls for the athletic competitions to be held in Term 3 2015. We have a jam-packed itinerary with the girls training every day, enjoying the challenges of rock climbing and ropes course, learning fun new skills like paddle boarding, lectures and guest appearances.

[Click here](http://www.trybooking.com/HVUR) for the permission note, or alternatively go to the Athletics page on the Portal. There are limited spaces available, so please return a note soon if you want to cement a spot on the Camp for your daughter.

*Mrs Kara Bryson, Head Coach Athletics and Fitness*

**Junior School Athletics Carnival**

The Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival is being held on Friday 22 May at the Sydney Academy of Sport, in Narrabeen. Students need to arrive to school at 8.00am to have their names marked off and to board buses.

Those travelling to school on the Ravenswood bus service, will be waited for and taken on the bus to Narrabeen.

We are still needing a few parent helpers if you are available on the day to assist. Students have been given the opportunity to view the draft program. The official program is on the Portal for parents to view ([click here](http://www.trybooking.com/HVUR)). Copies of the final program will be available on the day of the Carnival.

*Mrs Kara Bryson, Head Coach Athletics and Fitness*
Basketball Clinic

Thank you to Mrs Elizabeth Jessop, Director Boarding and International Students, for takingour Boarders to a Sydney Kings game last season. As a result, Ravenswood is lucky to be holding a clinic, including a discussion about sport as a career, a one-hour skill development session and having questions answered by 6’10” Centre player Angus Brandt.

Girls will be able to have their photo taken with Angus at the end of the session. The Senior Firsts, Senior Seconds, Junior Firsts and Junior Seconds will be invited to attend the session on Thursday 28 May from 3.45pm–5.15pm. In the event there are still places available, other players will be invited to send an expression of interest. Boarders are encouraged to pop down and say hello. More details to come.

Mrs Deanna Paraska

Community

From the Development Office

Over the next few months we will be working closely with the Ravenswood Foundation and RPA on some new events in the school’s social calendar, focusing on the significance of science and technology on our futures. The proceeds of these events will go towards the completion of the Science and Technology Centre precinct, scheduled to be opened at the beginning of 2016.

The events will have limited ticket sales and invitations will be sent out in the next couple of weeks. For now, please save the dates for:

Saturday 1 August 2015
Science is the New Black Foundation Dinner, Q station, Manly

Promised to be an exciting, interesting and elegant evening (with optional ghost tours!) held in the grounds of the old Quarantine Station.

Saturday 22 August 2015
RPA Trivia Night, Assembly Hall, Ravenswood

An opportunity to utilise all those random facts you thought you would never use again, in the safety of the school grounds!

Ms Liane Leslie, Development and Relationships Manager

RPA Summer Carnival

We had a productive Carnival meeting last week and it seems we are making some great headway. More on that in future posts.

For now, I wanted to highlight that we have finally been able to coordinate an RPA Carnival storage space with Mr Simon Jarrett, Director Property and Facilities.
Many parents have books and other knick-knacks they would be happy to donate to the Carnival. We wanted to make it as simple as possible for parents to purge themselves of such items.

You can drop off boxes of books etc. at Gate 10 (main entrance on Pacific Highway, adjacent to the electronic signboard). You can literally drive in (there is ample parking) and drop off at the Property Services Office - Brown House. We ask that you drop off between 7.30am-1.00pm on any school day. If the office is unattended, feel free to leave the items on the front porch. The team will walk the boxes to the storage appointed area.

Also, it would be great if you would put your name and number on the box(es) so we know who has kindly donated the items.

Thanks for your support in this regard.

*Colin Frost, Summer Carnival Convenor*
Cambodia Film Night 2015

IMMERSION: DOCUMENTARY FILM PREMIERE

ABOUT THE FILM

Can one lesson change the future?

**Immersion** tracks the liminal journey of a group of Knox Grammar School and Ravenswood School for Girls students from their ‘North Shore bubble’ to the slum communities of Cambodia.

These students have bright futures and a burning desire to make a difference in the world. Rather than simply ‘liking’ social justice causes on Facebook they instead volunteer to travel to Cambodia to teach English to disadvantaged students for two weeks.

The preparation, organisation and fundraising before departure is challenging but there is nothing compared to the emotional and physical toll of being out of their comfort zone in a developing country. They leave Australia as students. They arrive in Cambodia as teachers. But what will they return to Australia having learnt?

This is a universal story of courage and everyday heroism of young people supporting communities in need of hope.

**When**
Thursday June 11 2015, 7pm

**Where**
Business Studies Centre Auditorium,
Knox Grammar School, Warringa - see map

**Cost and bookings**
$20 per ticket - book at
www.knox.nsw.edu.au/immersion

All proceeds to be donated to Mateabroad,
Partner NGO to Knox and Ravenswood's Cambodia Immersion Program.

Numbers are strictly limited so booking early is essential.

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KNOX GRAMMAR SCHOOL
Planning a Gap Year in the UK?

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JOIN ROZ’S ESCORTED DEPARTURE BOUND FOR LONDON ON JANUARY 2ND, 2016!

- Group departure with Singapore Airlines
- Other departures catered for
- 2 experienced travel consultants to accompany the group. In 2015 we took 129 students
- 30kg of luggage allowance
- Special visa assistance
- Group yearly insurance
- Arrange onward destinations from London
- Accommodation on arrival in London if required, with free tour and hotel transfer
- Top Deck gap tours of Europe during Summer break
- Confirmation of return flights free of charge
- Assistance with excess luggage home
- Information regarding bank accounts and mobile phones
- End of year BBQ for all gap families to finalise documents and meet fellow gappies
- Roz’s 24hr assistance during gap year

For further details please contact Roz Martindale:
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SPECIAL GAP MEETING
RAVENSWOOD SCHOOL
26TH MAY AT 7:00PM
Assembly Hall, Gate 3
Henry St Gordon
ALL FAMILIES WELCOME
Tour de Nouméa 2016

RAVENSWOOD TOUR DE NOUMÉA 2016 (8 – 15 APRIL)
Open to students of French currently in Years 8-11

$2470* per student, based on 20 paying students and 2 staff escorts plus pre-paid taxes and levies
* Costs are subject to currency fluctuations, airline increases and seasonality changes for 2016.

Inclusions

* Return economy airfare with Aircalin ex-Sydney (based on a special fare), prepaid taxes and levies. Return airport transfers in Nouméa.
* Two (2) nights’ accommodation at Le Pacifique
* Five (5) nights homestay accommodation in pairs.
* Daily buffet breakfast whilst at Le Pacifique.
* All meals, including one set menu dinner at L’eau Vive on the last evening, and transfers.
* 2-hour guided tour of the Tjibaou Cultural Centre, including transfers.
* Excursion to the Parc Forestier, including coach transfers, entry fee and picnic lunch.
* City Sights Tour on the Chou Chou Train.
* Entry to the famous Aquarium de Nouméa.
* Amédée Lighthouse Cruise including Melanesian buffet and performance.
* 4 x 3 hour French Language lessons at C.R.E.I.P.A.C., including transfers.
* 5% New Caledonia service tax.
* Room tax.
* Tour Diary and polo shirt.

If your daughter is currently in Years 8-11, is studying French and is keen to improve her cultural knowledge and linguistic skills (with a view to continuing her study of the language in 2016), then you are invited to attend an information evening on Thursday 28 May, 6.00pm-6.45pm in the Middle School Learning Studio.

Please email your expression of interest to attend this meeting, plus your daughter’s name and Mentor Group, to Mrs Bronwen Calcott
bcalcraft@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au by no later than Monday 25 May.

Vive le français!
Speakfest - Years 7-9

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This Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championship is the preliminary competition that leads to the Australian Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championship (AIDPSC).

Ravenswood is able to take 4 students each year.

This year it is being held at St Kevin’s College, Toorak in Victoria from

**Monday 21 to Wednesday 23 September. (THE FIRST THREE DAYS OF THE SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS)**

If you are chosen, the team will travel to Melbourne on Sunday 20 September and return to Sydney on Wednesday 24 September in the evening.

The cost is usually around $850 per student.

**SPEAKFEST TRIALS**

**MONDAY 1 JUNE/FRIDAY 5 JUNE IN ROOM 604 AT LUNCH:**

- **Persuasive Speaking OR After Dinner Speaking** - a 3min speech for the trial

**FRIDAY 12 JUNE IN ROOM 609:**

- **Interpretative Reading:** Choose a short passage (300 words approximately) from a fictional novel or a Narrative Poem to read aloud.

**MONDAY 15 JUNE IN ROOM 604:**

- **Impromptu Speaking:** Deliver a 2 minute extemporised speech on one of three topics: - a word; a phrase; or a quote given to the candidate who is given 3 minutes preparation time.

**IF YOU ARE CHOSEN FOR THE TEAM - DEBATING AS WELL AS IMPROMPTU SPEAKING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN TERM 3.**
Northern Beaches ADHD Group – Navigating Teenage Depression

Northern Beaches ADHD Support Group

A problem shared is a problem halved

The Northern Beaches ADHD Support Group is a voluntary, parent-run group offering support for parents of children or teenagers with ADHD via regular meetings. The group is run to provide a supportive environment to discuss and learn more about ADHD in order to best help parents and kids alike.

SPEAKER EVENING: BLACK DOG INSTITUTE

“Navigating Teenage Depression”

For Parents, teachers and people working with young people.

A 60 minute presentation delivered by a trained presenter who has themselves experienced a mood disorder as a young person, or who has cared for a young person with a mood disorder.

The presentation covers:

-  The pressures faced by teenagers today
-  Signs and symptoms of depression and bipolar disorder in young people
-  Identification of early warning signs
-  When and where to seek help
-  Practical strategies for offering support and communicating with a young person you are worried about
-  Strategies for building resilience

Monday 15th June 2015 @ 7.00-9.00pm

The Pittwater RSL, Main Sail Room, 82 Mona Vale Road, Mona Vale

Ticket reservations essential via

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/baghe ADHD Support
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