2015 Term 2, Week 7

Principal's Message

Information on: Careersearch: a networking night and a progress update on the Gordon interchange.

Careersearch: a networking night

The Careersearch evening on Tuesday 16 June is a valuable part of our senior girls’ preparations for life after school. The event has been running in various formats since 2006 and is now recognised as a significant networking and information gathering evening. It is also a testament to how we continue to support the girls after they have left school, by providing opportunities to engage with the school and other alumni. Careersearch is a collaborative event with our Careers Advisor, Ms Meg Hall, surveying Year 12 students to establish a careers 'wish list' of alumni who have experience in those fields. Our Development Office, with the support of our Archivist and a parent volunteer, then locate alumni with careers that match the ‘wish list’ and who are available to act as mentors for the night. This year, we have over 35 alumni attending, representing occupations from agricultural scientists to film producers to barristers and creative directors; all who are eager to share their experiences with the girls from Years 10-12 and provide valuable personal insight to career opportunities. I encourage all girls from Years 10-12 to attend with their parents and take advantage of the wealth of information available.

Ms Vicki Steer

Gordon Interchange

The construction of the bus interchange at Gordon station is virtually but not quite complete. If your daughter travels through this area to and from school, please ask her to be mindful of the changes which are being rolled out in stages. Buses are now operating from the new area; however, pedestrian access routes are not complete. Please ask her to take care while crossing roads as drivers as well as pedestrians, are operating in a changing environment.

Chaplain's Message

Charity is a great thing but maybe we need to rethink some of our attitudes around what charity is. It is perhaps good to begin by remembering that charity is not hierarchical or patronising.

It is not about better giving to worse but is about those who should often know better, sharing with those who often experience the worst. It is not about pity but about compassion. It has less to do with an exchange of money or goods, and more to do with an exchange of respect and mutuality. Although charity may include the sharing of things like food and money, these are but the signs and symptoms of good charity.

Good charity is at heart, the giving to others, the deep things that they need. It is about giving respect. It is about taking some of the time that we might otherwise spend on ourselves, and gifting it in thinking about others who are much less fortunate, due to the circumstances of life. It is about allowing compassion to open up the truth in us, that we are not more deserving of the good things we have compared to others, who don't share such things. It is about a way of seeing the world where all people should have enough, and that such a thing is only possible when those with more than enough, share their abundance. This is why the saying goes that charity begins at home, because charity is about the way we value others, and belief that all people have a right to good things.

Charity is not just skimming off our surplus and distributing it to poor souls, whose lot in life is impoverished. It is about a readjustment of some of our fundamental attitudes and values, to shape a more equitable redistribution
of wealth in the world. It is not the wealthy giving to the poor. It is about the correction of an impoverished value system becoming more enriched, by valuing all people and giving all people equal worth. Charity is a great thing, at least it is when we see it as God sees it. Much that Jesus was about, had to do with reshaping our understanding of charity. It is really something to think about. God bless.

Rev Jon Humphries

Whole School

Gordon Multi-Storey Commuter Car Park Completion

This is an important notice for all students. Henry Street will be converted back to two-way traffic from Saturday 6 June. The commuter car park, including the footbridge over Underpass Road, will open from 6.00am on Tuesday 9 June.

All temporary signs previously redirecting students, will be removed from 6.00am on Tuesday 9 June. Students walking to and from the bus interchange/railway station must use the pedestrian over bridge, accessed via a flight of stairs at the southern end of the bus interchange; they will no longer be permitted to cross Underpass Road. Students are not permitted to walk up and down Henry Street.

Variable messaging signs have been installed on St John’s Avenue and Henry Street to notify motorists of the upcoming traffic changes.

Years 8 and 10 Subject Information Afternoon

On Tuesday 9 June, Years 8 and 10 students and their parents will have the opportunity to discuss the various options available for 2016 subject selections.

The subject departments of the school will have displays of student work and relevant specialised equipment used in their respective subjects. Subject Coordinators and teachers will also be present to answer any queries. This information afternoon will be held in the Centenary Centre from 4.00pm.

Following the information afternoon, a presentation will be given by Kim Paino, University Admissions Centre (UAC) Director, in the Auditorium. This presentation is for all Year 10 students and their parents about the processes involved in applying for University entry.

Mr Chris Papadopoulos, Coordinator Academic Programs

Tour de Nouméa 2016

Please note that the information evening for this tour was held last Thursday 28 May, and that the tour dates have changed slightly. Students will now depart on Monday 11 April and return on Monday 18 May 2016.

This is to avoid any clash with the Cadets’ AFX and any other school camp or event which may be scheduled for the last day of term.

A friendly reminder for those who have received the tour information that deposits are due next Friday 12 June.
Adults' Evening Language Courses

Please see the flyers in the Community section of the Newsletter, providing information on courses provided by Ravenswood, in both learning Chinese and Japanese.

The aim of these classes is to introduce you to the language and culture, to equip you not only to assist your daughter’s language studies but also to acquire some language skills yourself.

_Vivent les langues!_

_Mrs Bronwen Calcraft, Languages Coordinator_

Uniform Centre

_Snowsports Jacket (back and front), Supporters Jacket_

To help keep you warm in the colder months, we have the following items in stock:

The Snowsports Jacket: $149.00
Supporters Jacket: $69.50
Warm Gymnastic Zip-top: $49.50
Warm Training Top: Girls $43.00, Womens $48.00
Zip Polar Fleece Jacket: $58.00
Track Jacket: $91.00
Track Pants: $61.00

Trading hours are:
Monday 10.00am-4.30pm
Thursday 10.00am-4.30pm
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
Semester 1 Reports

Semester 1 reports are currently being prepared by teachers and will be distributed on Friday 19 June. These
reports cover all subjects that the students attend with a focus on achievement, improvement and application.
As we are all aware, learning progresses at different rates for the individual and reports are written to explain
this in regard to your daughter.

Interviews linked to your daughter’s report will be held at the beginning of Term 3. The online booking system will
open on Friday 19 June and close on Tuesday 14 July. This information will be included with your daughter’s
report.

Rescheduled Athletics Carnival

Thank you for your support of the rescheduled Athletics Carnival now being held on Friday 12 June. Notes have
been sent home. Please see the Sports section for more information.

End of Term 2 Chapel Service

The staff and students of Junior School
Warmly invite all parents and friends to the
End-Of-Term 2 Chapel Service
Tuesday 16 June 9.20am-10.00am
At the Ravenswood Chapel
Explore 100

As we approach 100 days of learning in the Junior School, and the end of the first semester, we felt it might be nice to have a small celebration during the last week of term. You are very welcome to join us on Wednesday 17 June 9.00am-12.00pm.

Classrooms will be open and many of the girls will be involved in a range of activities which explore the theme of 100.

The day will also be open to prospective families. Please register your interest at http://www.trybooking.com/138762 for catering purposes, as the day will end with a lunchtime sausage sizzle. If you have younger children - girls or boys who are not yet at school but would like to participate in a range of fun activities such as dance or clay modelling, please register this at http://www.trybooking.com/138762 so we know how many children we need to accommodate. (Please be assured we are not looking at enrolling boys – we just felt for a family event it was a shame to exclude those young boys who might want to visit their big sister at school).

Please contact Enrolments on 9498 9908 or email enrol@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au for more information.

Mrs Cheryl Bailey, Head of Junior School

Crunch& SIP®

Most people cook green beans to eat with a meal. Raw green beans are a great, crunchy option for Crunch& SIP® and can help bump up your child’s intake of green coloured vegetables, which can often be a challenge.

Mrs Melissa Mülle

RPA Year Group News

Kindy: Family Picnic, Sunday 21 June from 12.00 noon

Please join Kindy families for a picnic at Winnererremy Bay Foreshore Reserve. Please RSVP to Mark Nelson on 0424 152 738, with the number of attendees. Full details are on the Parent Portal.

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 1: Parents’ Night Out, Friday 12 June at 7.30pm

Please come along for casual drinks, dinner and some great conversation at the Willoughby Hotel. Drinks and meals can be ordered at the bar. Please RSVP to Amanda (0417 083 650) or Angie (0402 395 618) by Monday 8 June. Please refer to the Parent Portal for full details.

Year 4: Mums’ Night Out, Saturday 13 June at 7.00pm

Please join Year 4 mums for a casual night out at The Runaway Spoon (note change in venue). Order and pay as you go. RSVP by Wednesday 10 June to Eva at evachye@gmail.com. Please refer to the Parent Portal for full details.
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 8 Subject Information Evening for Year 9 2016

Parents of students in Year 8, are invited to attend the Year 8 Subject Information Evening on Tuesday 9 June from 4.00pm-6.30pm in the Centenary Centre Foyer and Assembly Hall.

This expo style information session will enable you and your daughter to obtain information about the courses that will be offered for Stage 5 (Years 9 and 10) in 2016 and 2017. Subject Coordinators and teachers will be present to answer questions about the courses.

Year 10 Subject Information Evening for Year 11 2016

Parents of students in Year 10 are invited to attend the Year 10 Subject Information Evening on Tuesday 9 June from 4.00pm-6.30pm in the Centenary Centre Foyer and Assembly Hall.

This expo-style information session will enable you and your daughter to obtain information about the courses that will be offered for both the Higher School Certificate (HSC) and the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme in 2016. Subject Coordinators and teachers will be present to answer questions about the courses. Each student was provided with a copy of the Course Information Booklet 2016 at the information session last Wednesday night.

Year 10 Information on the ATAR and scaling of HSC Subjects

At the conclusion of the Year 10 Subject Information Evening on Tuesday 9 June, Ms Kim Paino, Director, Information Services, Universities Admissions Centre (UAC), will speak at 6.30pm in the Lorraine Smith Auditorium.

Ms Paino represents the Technical Committee on Scaling, the body which calculates the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) from HSC results on behalf of NSW and ACT universities. She will explain the scaling system for the HSC examination, and speak about the best way to choose subjects - taking into account a student’s strengths, talents and interests, not trying to ‘second guess’ which subjects will ‘scale well’, as this is neither possible nor helpful. Ms Paino will be available to answer questions after her presentation.

Year 10 students travelling to exchange schools this year

For those students in Year 10 taking part in the 2015 Global Experience Program, it is my pleasure to invite parents and daughters to an information session on Wednesday 10 June at 4.00pm, in Room A0.03 (ground level of the Mabel Fidler Building).

We will discuss a range of issues regarding being a host family and a travelling exchange student and a number of 2014 Global Experience students will be present to speak with and answer any questions you may have. Would you please be kind enough to RSVP to Mrs Suellen Oakley: soakley@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au. I look forward to seeing you all on 10 June.
Experience IB Day

A highlight of the year for girls in Year 9 is the Experience IB Day. All of our Year 9 students (and those who joined the school in Year 10) will participate on Wednesday 17 June, in order to experience this programme for a day.

Students will rotate through a series of lessons run by IB teachers and Year 11 students, who are keen to demonstrate what they have learned in the first 100 days of their IB Diploma Programme. In addition, each student will complete an activity designed to identify their Learner Profile. This will benefit them in their future learning regardless of what pathway they choose to study, the IB Diploma or the HSC. We hope that at the end of the day your daughter will be more informed about her exit credential options and excited to have gained insight into her Learner Profile.

Ravenswood offers its senior students the choice of the IB Diploma or the HSC exit credential. The IB Diploma is a rigorous two year course, recognised both in Australia and internationally as university matriculation, providing access to tertiary education worldwide. The IB Diploma also provides the opportunity to study subjects not available through the HSC, including Psychology and Social Anthropology.

You can learn more by visiting the IB Diploma page on our website or visit our online IB Diploma tour, to listen to our current students talk about their experience of studying the IB Diploma.

We are also opening this day to students currently at other schools who may be interested in studying the IB. If you or your daughter know of a girl who is interested in exploring the IB for a day, please ask her or her parents to visit our website for more information; www.ravenswood.nsw.edu.au/experienceIB.

Free Road Safety Forum

I encourage parents of students in Years 10-12 who are learner drivers, to attend the Drive to Survive forum, being held at Knox Grammar School between 7.00pm-8.00pm on Thursday 18 June.

This free forum, facilitated by Ian Luff, the Founder of Drive to Survive, will create a proactive environment guaranteed to stimulate positive thinking, actions and behaviour. For more information, see the flyer in the Community section of this Newsletter.

Upcoming School Holiday Events

Saturday 20 to Sunday 28 June - Operation Bula! In Fiji
Saturday 20 June/Monday 22 June to Friday 3 July/Sunday 5 July - Cambodia Immersions
Sunday 21 June to Thursday 2 July - STEM USA Tour

Mr David Garner, Deputy Principal – Head of Secondary School

Archdale Debating Competition

The opportunity exists for students in Year 7 to experience debating on Tuesday evenings in the Archdale Debating Competition. The Competition commenced last week and continues in Term 3.

Year 7 teams receive topics and prepare from 4.30pm, then debate from 5.30pm, at Ravenswood and other schools. Weekly team coaching sessions build skills.

Interested students and parents should contact me at iyanbeek@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au for further information about how to become involved.

Mrs Jane van Beek
Learning Resources Centre Holiday Study

Holiday study will be operating in the LRC during the Term 2 holidays for Ravenswood students in Years 7-12.

Dates and hours are:

Week 1: Monday 22 - Friday 26 June - Closed
Week 2: Monday 29 June - Friday 3 July 10.00am-4.00pm
Week 3: Monday 6 - Friday 10 July 10am-4.00pm

Ms Janelle Francis, LRC Coordinator

RPA Year Group News

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: Mums’ Dinner, Thursday 11 June at 7.30pm

Please join us for an evening of Thai food and a great opportunity to catch up with other Year 9 mums. Cost is $40 banquet with BYO wine (additional drinks at own expense). Bookings should be made at http://www.trybooking.com/HYNX by Monday 8 June. 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 Friday 5 June. Full details are available on the Parent Portal.

Performing Arts

Music

**Ravo Presents**

Tickets for the Final ($17 adult and $15 student) are on sale via [http://www.trybooking.com/HQCC](http://www.trybooking.com/HQCC) for the show on Thursday 18 June and are selling very quickly. Book soon to avoid disappointment.

**Band Performance**

There will be a Band performance on Thursday 11 June from 7.00-8.00pm in the Auditorium, to present repertoire from this semester. Admission is free, no ticket is required. Hope to see you there.

**The Beatnix**
This event takes place on Monday 13 July in the Auditorium. Tickets ($12) are 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.

Alice in Wonderland

Year 6 girls are auditioning for *Alice in Wonderland* next Tuesday and Thursday. Girls should check with their class teacher regarding their allocated time. All gymnasts should note that Gymnastics staff have confirmed alternative days for training to accommodate the rehearsals; Wednesday 4.30pm-6.45pm and Saturday 12.30-2.30pm.

Secondary School Musical 2016

The Performing Arts Department is very pleased to announce that the Secondary School Musical for 2016 will be *Grease*. We will organise audition packs and dates in Term 3 2015 and will meet with all interested students. Auditions are open to girls who will be in Years 7-12 in 2016, so current Year 6 girls may audition.

Mandolin Festival Gala Concert

A Year 9 French horn player has been selected to play with in the Gala Concert for the Australasian Festival of Mandolin Orchestras on Saturday 11 July at Pymble Ladies’ College. Mandolin players from across Australia, NZ and the USA will form an orchestra of 60 players over an eight day period. Wynona will be a part of a specially-formed symphony orchestra that will play with the Mandolin Orchestra at the Gala Concert. See the flyer in the Community section of this Newsletter.

Young and Even Younger Performers Broadcast

Towards the end of Term 1, we noted our congratulations to Anna Chung (Yr 7) and Ashleigh Chung (Yr 9) who were successful at audition for the Young and Even Younger Performers Broadcast 2015 in conjunction with Fine Music 102.5FM. We have just had confirmation that Anna and Ashleigh will be broadcast in the Young Artist Series on 10, 24 June and 1 July. Tune in!

*Mrs Heather Aird, Director Music and Performing Arts*
DanceLife Unite Eisteddfod

Congratulations to the Secondary School Dance Company on its performance at UNSW on Saturday 30 May. This was the company’s first public performance for the year, with many more to come. The company received Highly Commended with a mark of 92/100 for both its Jazz and Contemporary dances. Well done dancers.

Miss Ebony Keys, Dance Convenor

Sports

Postponed Junior School Athletics Carnival 2015

The Years 3-6 Junior School Athletics Carnival was postponed due to inclement weather, and will now be held on Friday 12 June at Sydney Academy of Sport, Narrabeen. The rescheduled Carnival will run as a twilight carnival, commencing at 2.45pm and finishing at approximately 6.30pm.

All students will travel by chartered buses with seatbelts, to Narrabeen. Parents will need to collect their daughter from Narrabeen at the conclusion of the carnival. Students are permitted to wear their sports uniform to school on the day of the Carnival.

In order to select the IPSHA team to represent Ravenswood, it is anticipated that every girl in Years 3-6 will attend. Girls in Year 2 turning 8 years of age by December 2015, are welcome to participate also. The official program is on the Portal for parents to view (click here). Copies of the final program will be available on the afternoon of the Carnival. Thank you for your understanding and assistance.

Mrs Kara Bryson, Head Coach Athletics and Fitness
Basketball

Senior Firsts with Angus Brandt, Sydney Kings

The Skill Development Session with Ravenswood students and Angus Brandt took place on Thursday 28 May. Students were given an insight into sport as a career, as Angus explained his journey from a player at school to his attaining his position in the Sydney Kings' team.

He highlighted the importance of time management and the need to balance study and sport. Angus talked to the girls about his training program, including fitness, skill development, strength and conditioning, as well as Pilates sessions which help him to prevent injury on the court. He effectively managed around 60 students and led them through a variety of dribbling and shooting drills which the girls appeared to find beneficial and enjoy.

It was inspiring to hear Angus reinforce that the hard work doesn't stop at the end of his training session and that he contributes hours in his own time to perfect his shot. Our students can relate this to both their sport performance and academic performance, as they can only achieve excellence with high effort levels.

The following teams won their match in Round 5: Rav 1, 5, 6, 12, 13, 14 and 15. Congratulations girls.

All teams will be playing on Saturday 13 June and the draw will be posted on the Sports Noticeboard and Portal when it becomes available.

Mrs Deanna Paraska
Community

From the Development Office

Information on: Class Parents, Annual Giving, Even Younger and the Emerging Young Artist Series and the Annual Camellia Show

Class Parents

The role of Class Parent is as busy as it is rewarding. As you can see in this week's Newsletter, the Class Parents have organised events for parents and it would be wonderful to support them by attending where you can. I recently ran a survey to see what the Class Parents had to say about their roles. It’s important to me to acknowledge the time, effort and cost that goes into organising and attending these Year Group events, so I would like to see how we can best support them. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to share your own experiences. Thank you to all the parents who have taken on this role this year.

Annual Giving

Also, the Annual Giving letter should have reached your letterboxes by now. I hope that you have found it informative, as we progress to the final stages of the Science and Technology Centre. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you haven’t received it or wish to discuss.

Even Younger and the Emerging Young Artist Series

Fine Music FM will be broadcasting the Even Younger and the Emerging Young Artist series in June. During the broadcast on Wednesday 24 June from 1.00pm-2.00pm, there are nine program items. Jessie Wilson, Class of 2008, will be singing items 4-6: The Enchantress Gedanken, L’invito and Nocturne.

Annual Camellia Show

The NSW Camellia Research Society will be holding its 46th annual Camellia Show on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 July, at Ravenswood.

The Show will be open to the public from 1.30-4.30pm on Saturday, and 10.00am-4.00pm on Sunday. Admission is $7, afternoon tea and light refreshments are available, and camellia plants will be for sale.

Everyone is welcome to exhibit and there will be a photography competition. For details, please click here or go to http://www.camelliasnsw.org/.

Ms Liane Leslie, Development and Relationships Manager

Valedictory Online Auction

Year 12 is having a fundraiser on Friday 17 July for its Valedictory celebrations. There will be a silent auction online, in which you can participate.

You can bid on two nights' accommodation for two, in a Luxury Suite at Saffire Freycinet, the winner of the 'world's best boutique Hotel'.

If you are interested, please go to www.charityauctionorganizer.com/auction/val2015.
Careersearch: a networking night

Fast track your Career choice

Ravenswood hosts the Senior School Careersearch: a networking night for parents and students.

business — design — health — law — communication — science
sport — education — technology

How do you juggle work with study?
The job sounds glamorous, is it?
How hard is it to study this at university?
What do you wish someone had told you?

Tuesday 16 June 2015
Ravenswood School
Centenary Centre Foyer and Assembly Hall
Enter via Gate 3 Henry Street, Gordon.

Join us for this free expo: sit and chat, listen, learn or enquire.
Visit any time between 6.30pm—8.30pm.

No RSVP required.
For more information: Ms. Hall, School Careers Counsellor 9498 9927
Expressions of Interest to Participate in an Adults’ Evening Chinese Course in Term 3 2015

Dear Parents

In 2011, Ravenswood successfully introduced Chinese as our sixth elective language, beginning with Year 7 and a Mandarin Club in the Junior School. Four years after starting the Chinese program, it has already extended from Years 5 to 12, and the number of girls studying Chinese this year has grown to 180.

In addition to the students’ Chinese, the Languages Department is now offering an evening class in Chinese for the parents and staff of Ravenswood as part of the Parental Polyglots grant from the NSW government.

The aim of this class would be to introduce you to the Chinese language and culture, to equip you not only to assist your daughter’s study of Chinese but also to acquire some Chinese language skills yourself.

The program would combine listening, speaking and reading, and the emphasis would be on the development of communicative language. It would include an introduction to Chinese culture and customs. The anticipated time commitment would be one session of one and a half hours, one evening a week, at a time suitable for you and will run for ten weeks in Term 3 this year.

Dr Yan Bai, Chinese Teacher

Please complete the expression of interest form below and return to Student Reception by Friday 5 June, clearly marked ‘For the attention of Dr Bai re Chinese Evening Classes’. Alternatively, email Dr Bai directly on ybai@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au.

Name: ..................................................................................................................

Email address: ..................................................................................................

Daughter’s name: _______________ Year/Class (2015) ______________

Yes, I am interested in the Evening Chinese Classes (Please tick) □

Day, in order of preference (1 = most preferred): Tuesday □ Wednesday □ Thursday □
Ravenswood Adults' Japanese Conversation Course

Expression of Interest to participate in an Adult’s Evening Japanese Conversation Course

Commencing in Term 3 2015

We are pleased to announce that the Languages Department is now offering an Adults’ Japanese Conversation Course for the parents and staff of Ravenswood, as part of the Parental Polyglot grant from the NSW government.

This course will provide you with an opportunity to learn not only the Japanese language but also get a taste of its fascinating culture. This experience would also help you to assist in your daughter’s learning of Japanese.

The main emphasis of this course would be to develop effective communicative skills in Japanese. You will learn some useful phrases to get around Japan, such as basic greetings, how to introduce yourself, how to shop and how to order food at a restaurant in Japanese.

Course Length: 10 weeks - 1.5 hours per lesson

Anticipated Lesson Time: 7.00pm-8.30pm each Thursday

Please complete the expression of interest form below and return to Student Reception by Friday 5 June, clearly marked ‘For the attention of Ms Fukunaga re Japanese Evening Classes’.

Alternatively, you could email Ms Fukunaga directly at sfukunaga@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au.

Ms Shoko Fukunaga (Japanese Teacher)

Name: __________________________________________

Email address: ______________________________________

Daughter’s name: __________________ Year/Class (2015) __________

Yes, I am interested in the Evening Japanese Class to be held each Thursday evening for
10 weeks in Term 3 (please tick) ☐
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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 that 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, Wahroonga > see map

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

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

Numbers are strictly limited so booking early is essential.

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The 'Drive to Survive' road safety forum hosted by Ian Luff is a fantastic community initiative.

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I urge you to take advantage of this NO cost life saving event.

John Weeks
Headmaster at Knox Grammar School

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Venue: Knox Grammar School - 'Great Hall'
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Date: Thursday 18th June 2015
Time: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Bookings are essential, positions are strictly limited and secured at time of calling.

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Free Road Safety Forum

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Mandolin Gala Festival Concert

Federation of Australasian Mandolin Ensembles presents
Mandolin Festival Gala Concert
Conductor – Werner Ruecker

Saturday 11 July at 7.30pm

Venue:
Gillian Moore Centre for Performing Arts
Pymble Ladies College
Avon Road, Pymble
Free Parking

For Ticket Information
Call 0414 896 757
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Ku-ring-gai Council's 'Fit-for-the-Future'

FIT FOR THE FUTURE

'Fit for the Future' is the name given to the review of local councils by the State Government. Fit for the Future proposes reducing the number of Sydney councils through mergers. On that basis, Ku-ring-gai Council would merge with Hornsby Shire Council.

The State Government requires all councils to submit either an improvement proposal or a merger proposal by 30 June 2015. An improvement proposal must demonstrate that a council is financially sustainable by meeting a set of performance benchmarks, drawn up inside the budget.

A merger proposal may be submitted if a council cannot meet the government's benchmarks and therefore intends to merge with one or more councils.

Ku-ring-gai Council has completed a comprehensive review of our services, finances and infrastructure which shows we meet all the government's benchmarks. As a result Ku-ring-gai Council unanimously voted in April 2015 to produce an improvement proposal.

This public input is the way you can have your say on Fit for the Future and how it affects Ku-ring-gai. Your feedback must be received by Friday 12 June 2015 so we can include it in our proposal to the government.

For more information about Fit for the Future, visit kmc.nsw.gov.au/fitforthefuture

KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL'S CASE TO REMAIN STAND ALONE

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- Ku-ring-gai Council won the Best Award in 2014 - the highest award for excellence in NSW local government.
- The NSW Treasury Corporation rated Ku-ring-gai’s financial sustainability as being one of the 16 out of 112 in the state.
- A merger would increase rates in Ku-ring-gai by between 5% and 12% and place it in Hornsby Shire as land values are 30% higher in Ku-ring-gai.
- Hornsby Shire has a weaker financial position than Ku-ring-gai, according to the NSW Treasury Corporation, which would weaken Ku-ring-gai Council’s financial position.
- Ku-ring-gai residents would subsidise services in Hornsby Shire due to the higher rates.
- A merger would expose Ku-ring-gai to the financial risk of a $500 million project to make Hornsby Shire Council’s services safe and usable for residents.
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HU-ING-GAI COUNCIL'S CASE TO REMAIN STAND ALONE

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THE CASE FOR COUNCIL MERGERS

- There are 102 councils in NSW, with 41 Sydney council areas. The State Government is proposing to reduce 41 metropolitan councils into 16 super councils.
- The State Government suggests that larger councils will have better scale and capacity to deliver services, infrastructure and strategic planning outcomes.
- The State Government believes larger councils would be more sustainable, with added capacity to meet the needs of local communities and be a valued partner of State and Federal Governments.
- The State Government believes larger councils would be able to employ a wider range of staff with advanced skills, have improved policy development and be better advocates for their communities.
- The State Government believes larger councils would have a more robust revenue base and will provide an evergreen process for marginal councils to increase rates.
- The State Government suggests that it is easier to deal with fewer councils and it is recommended that Ku-ring-gai merge with Hornsby Shire Council.

HOW TO HAVE YOUR SAY

Your feedback is very important and will help frame our proposal to the NSW Government.

- An independent research company will be phone calling randomly selected residents over the next two weeks. If you are called we encourage you to take part.
- Complete a 10-minute online survey at kmc.nsw.gov.au/fitforthefuture

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY 12 JUNE 2015

MAY TO JUNE 2015
Council seeks community feedback

BY JUNE 2015
Council prepares submission to NSW Government

OCTOBER 2015
The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) analyses submissions on behalf of the NSW Government

SEPTEMBER 2016
Government announces decision on Fit for the Future reforms

Local council elections in NSW

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Ku-ring-gai Council Seminar - Parent Survival Strategies for Teaching Young Drivers

THE KURING GAI POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL
Communicating and Caring

“PARENT SURVIVAL STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING YOUNG DRIVERS”

FREE In-Depth Seminar for PARENTS/SUPERVISING DRIVERS
together with YOUNG DRIVERS

on
MONDAY - 22 JUNE 2015
6.00 PM for 6.30 PM - 8.30PM

AT
KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LEVEL 3,
818 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, GORDON - ACCESS VIA REAR ENTRANCE
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

LACK OF VISION

DON'T BE DISTRACTED
STAY FOCUSED ON DRIVING TASK !!

Presenter: Jeff McDougall
Immediate President, Australian Driver Trainers Assoc NSW Ltd
Member National Executive Committee of the Australasian College of Road Safety
Member of K'gai Police & Community Safety Committee, Former MD/Trant Driving School
will discuss the

Vital Aspects of WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW when teaching a young driver:
  o A Comprehensive and Organised Approach to the Driving Task
  o The Five Crash Risks for Young Drivers : Preparation for the Driving Test
    o Keeping the Log Book Honest : Teaching Practical Skills Safely
    o The Components of Driving : Strategies for Safe Driving
    o Effective Partnerships : Making it a Positive Experience

Vital information about the current driving test!

Presenter: Snr Cons Lynda Hart - Hornsby K'gai PCYC
Will Share her “Passion for Keeping People Safe”

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President Australian Dyslexia Association

Get out of my face, it’s not my fault and it’s not fair:
Teaching and Managing children with Oppositional Defiance
Disorder and Dyslexia

Reading: CAN’T READ? WON’T READ?
What You Can Do To Help

Helping Children with Co-ordination difficulties to be the
best they can be at school.

Practical Strategies for Supporting Students
with Maths Learning Difficulties

Girls and Boys and Dyslexia:
Emotional Resilience

Thinking and Learning skills
to Bolster Achievement

www.learningdifferenceconvention.com
NSW Government Health - Parent Workshops on Teens

Parenting Programs
Child & Adolescent Parenting

WHAT’S ON IN TERM 3 - COURSES/WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Tuning in to Teens Course
Skills to communicate with your teenagers so that you understand each other better & are able to build positive relationships.
* Understanding teenagers today & communication skills
* Emotional intelligence skills
* How to prevent behaviour problems & conflict resolution
Chatswood 5 wks/2.5hrs  (30/7 - 27/8, 7.00-9.30pm)

Dealing with Teen’s Backchat Workshop
* Learn how to restore a respectful & positive relationship with your teenager
* Understand what it is like being a teenager today
* Learn how to talk so that they listen & how to listen so that they talk to you
Chatswood (23/7, 7.00-9.30pm)

Tuning in to Kids Course - Chatswood (27/7 - 24/8)
Triple P Seminars - Chatswood (5/8, 12/8 & 19/8)
Communicating with Kids Workshop (based on PET)-Chatswood (31/8)

WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF TEENS - 9887 5830
* Dealing with Teen’s Back Chat
* Transition to High School
* Triple P Seminar Series (Teens)
* Resilient Kids
* Bully Busting Workshop

OTHER WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST (2-2.5 hours)
* Understanding Your Toddler/Discipline & Tantrums
* Tucker without Tantrums/Toilet Training
* Speech & Language Development/Sleep
* Triple P (PPP) Seminar Series (1-12 years)
* Older Sibling - New Baby
* Transition to School
* Grand Parenting
* Communicating with Kids

Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting 9887 5830
News

da Vinci Decathlon

Year 8 Team

In May, teams from Years 5-11 participated in the da Vinci Decathlon at Knox Grammar School. This year, 2500 students worked collaboratively in teams of eight, in this prestigious competition.

This year’s theme of *Place* was interwoven in tasks that incorporated engineering, mathematics, code breaking, games of strategy, art and poetry, science, English and cartography. In preparation, the students were involved in a variety of activities led by Learning Enrichment staff, as well as other staff members from the different disciplines.

Congratulations to all the girls for representing Ravenswood and for their achievements:

- the Year 7 team came 3rd in General Knowledge
- the Year 8 team came 3rd overall and 1st in Engineering
- the Year 9 team 2nd in Code Breaking
- the Year 11 team 2nd in Code Breaking and 2nd in Philosophy.

*Mrs Robyn Renkert, Learning Enrichment Support*
Language Perfect World and G6 Championships 2015 – Final results

This year's championships were held from 18-28 May and were just as exciting and successful as last year.

Overall, we answered 922,081 questions, earning 325,351 points over a combined 4047 hours of language learning. Ravenswood ranked 36th globally out of 1077 schools, 24th in Australia out of 737 schools and 2nd in NSW out of 13. Congratulations to the 3 Elite, 17 Gold, 14 Silver and 47 Bronze award winners.

Our G6 results mean that we will have to relinquish the trophy and hand it over to first-time winners: Barker College. The final placings and scores are as follows:

1 Barker College 697
2 Abbotsleigh 548
3 Ravenswood 483
4 Roseville College 445
5 Pymble Ladies’ College 327
6 Knox Grammar School 114

Mrs Bronwen Calcraft, Languages Coordinator

Junior School REPA Chapel Service

Years 1-5 REPA representatives and Year 6 Captains
On Tuesday, the Junior School Chapel service was hosted by the Year 6 Sustainability Captains and the Years 1-5 REPA representatives. The service was closely linked to World Environment Day and the theme Seven Billion Dreams. One Planet. Consume with Care.

The Junior School leaders thought this theme was challenging, so we broke down this environmental message using the key words throughout the Chapel service. A particular highlight was when each of the REPA leaders presented ‘An Environmental Tip’ to all the students and staff, to take away with them and discuss at home with their family. It was lovely seeing so many K-6 students wearing ‘a touch of green’ in support of our environment.

Photo: Sustainability Captains from Year 6

The Ravenswood Environmental Protection Agency encourages all our families and the wider community to continue having conversations about our environment, and how we can make positive choices and changes for the future of our fragile Earth. This year, World Environment Day is celebrated around the world today.

Mr David Freeman

Boarders’ Social

A very successful Boarders’ Social was held last Friday night with over 200 Boarders from Knox Grammar School, Trinity, Pymble Ladies’ College, PLC Croydon, Loreto Normanhurst and Wenona attending.

They all bopped the night away to music provided by DJ Solutions. Thank you to staff from these schools and our wonderful Ravenswood staff, Mrs Jane Pines, Miss Sophie Madqwick, Ms Naaz Hanson-Kerr, Miss Cass Aitken, Mrs Julianna Whiteman and Ms Sasha Jessop for providing security and support for the event. A special thank you to David Williams from the RPA for his help on the night. Our Activities Captains, Jemima Ruming and Genevieve Blenkin, Year 11, did a wonderful job of forward planning and organisation for this very successful dance and we thank them for this.

Mrs Elizabeth Jessop, Director Boarding and International Students