2015 Term 2, Week 5

Principal's Message

Our Performing Arts Department provides many opportunities for girls to be involved in developing their skills and enjoying the rewards of participation in performance and production.

With so much going on right now, it is an exciting time for students involved in Performing Arts as they take part in events and performances centred around a professional industry environment. Students will work with industry greats, *The Beatnix* and *The Idea of North* and perform live with them after a workshop.

Girls are learning how to respond to a production schedule and prepare to perform music in a different context than they are normally used to. This applies to students from the Junior and Secondary School, because of the new Music Programs for 2015. These are based on ability level and therefore girls are working with like-minded peers.

*Ravo Presents* - girls are working with an Industry Coach, Vocal Coach and Musical Director. They have artistic input towards their final performance. The girls are loving it!

Details on how to book tickets for these events, can be found in the Performing Arts section.

The big events (*The Beatnix* and *The Idea of North*) involve all instrumentalists in the intermediate and top level bands and all girls who sing in the non-auditioned Ravenswood Voices, plus extra Years 5 and 6 girls from the Junior Vocal Ensemble. It is very important for all these girls to enjoy involvement despite prior experience and for some it will be the first time to be on a large stage with professional musicians. Production is particularly spectacular with new lighting and staging and the *Girls in Black* are integral to the running of this too.

The Year 6 Musical is an annual event, this year the girls will perform in *Alice in Wonderland*. The Secondary School Musical for 2016 will be *Grease*. Students will be working with staff who have professional experience in the industry and will be treated as a young adult throughout the process.

The Performing Arts and Music Department are preparing students for the future, should they wish to continue a career in the Arts or enjoy a lifelong love of performing arts and music. It is very exciting!

*Ms Vicki Steer*

Chaplain's Message

Caring for others carries a cost to the spirit. It is a cost that most of us are willing to pay, most of the time, especially as our spiritual reserves are usually regularly replenished by things that nurture the soul. I wonder, if God is as compassionate and caring as many of us believe, then what is the cost to God?

Given the suffering in the world that God cannot prevent or resolve - all the injustice and violence; all the violence and evil; all the disease and poverty - how does God replenish the ability to love? The answer is perhaps that God is love.

God is not just love as a concept but is the real practical outworking of what we name the Trinity. God is love by nature and loving community by being, and love in action by manifestation. God replenishes God's ability to love through being love, which is manifested in loving. This is all perhaps somewhat esoteric, and may seem just
philosophical and theological ramblings but the truth of it may be found when we love others, and let others love us. We then glimpse what it is to be made in the image of God. Love, although it bears a cost to the spirit, also nurtures it at the same time. When we can witness the fruit of our loving, the seeding of hope, working for healing and wholeness, then we can find meaning and purpose in loving those we share love with, or in those who share love with us. It is something to think about. God Bless.

Rev Jon Humphries

Whole School

Update on the search process for the next Principal of Ravenswood

Following Ms Vicki Steer's decision to step down from the role of Principal at the end of this year, the School Council has been actively engaged in the recruitment process with the assistance of consultants, Cordiner King.

There has been significant interest in the position with extremely strong candidates coming forward. We have identified our shortlist and have begun interviews.

We are making excellent progress to meet our objective of the new Principal starting in January 2016 and I will advise you as soon as an appointment is made.

Mr Mark Webb, Chair Ravenswood School Council

School Uniform - Term 3 2015

We are asking parents to support the school in its continued efforts to improve the standard of presentation of the students in their winter uniform.

The guidelines in the Student Diary clearly state that the skirts should be knee length. In addition to these guidelines, the students should wear their uniform with either pantyhose or long navy socks, which sit just below the knee.

From Term 3 2015, if the skirt length is questionable and it is not possible to take the hem down, we ask that you ensure your daughter is wearing pantyhose with her winter uniform.

If you have any queries, please contact me at hhumpreys@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au.

Mrs Hayley Humphreys, Director Student Wellbeing
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 Ziptop: $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

Tour de Nouméa 2016 (11-18 April)

A friendly reminder that the deposit for this immersion tour is due Friday 12 June. Participants must currently be in Years 8-11 and must be planning on studying French at Ravenswood in 2016. Please email any queries or requests for the booking information and tour itinerary to bcalcraft@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au

Vivent les langues!

Mrs Bronwen Calcraft, Languages Coordinator

Curriculum-Related Extra Activities Semester 2 Cancellation

Please note that the Head of Department must receive, in writing, that you wish your student to discontinue either their Speech tuition, Speak Up ‘n’ Out, Drama, Dance or any of the Visual Arts classes for Semester 2, otherwise your daughter will be expected to recommence classes in Semester 2 and your account will reflect the Semester 2 course cost.

There will be a four week charge for late cancellations as per the Terms and Conditions of enrolment in these classes.
The contacts for these classes are:

Visual Arts Coordinator: Ms Edwina Palmer epalmer@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au
Dance Coordinator: dance@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au
Drama Club Coordinator: drama@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au
Speech Tuition and Speak Up ‘n’ Out: Mrs Jillian Burgess jburgess@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au
Speech Tuition: Ms Elizabeth Walsh ewalsh@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au
Speech Trinity Tuition: Mrs Sandy Cooper speech@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au

Please note that if your daughter is currently enrolled in any of the above classes and wishes to continue, then you are not required to re-enrol.

**Maths Help 2015**

Maths Help 2015 will be available for individual help with homework, preparation for testing or review of problem topics.

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.

**Term 3 2015**

Term 3 commences on Tuesday 14 July.

**Junior School**

**From the Head of Junior School**

As next week is the last week of term, we have a number of end-of-term activities to which we would like to invite parents: End-of-Term Chapel Service, Sports Assembly and Explore 100.
Tuesday 16 June commencing at 9.20am, is our End-of-Term 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

Friday 19 June at 2.15pm in the Auditorium, is the last Assembly of the term, combined with the Term 2 Sports Assembly.

**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](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](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®**

Did you know that 100g of kiwi fruit contains about one and a half times as much vitamin C as 100g of an orange. Why not pack a kiwi fruit, cut in half for Crunch&Sip®, with a teaspoon for your daughter to scoop out the flesh.

*Mrs Melissa Mülle*

**RPA Junior School 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 152738, with the number of attendees. Full details are on the Parent Portal.
Year 2: Italian Evening, Saturday 13 June at 7.00pm
Year 2 parents are invited to celebrate the end of Term 2 at Terrazza Restaurant in Chatswood. 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. 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 secondarschool@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au. Please be mindful that the deadline for booking your appointment times is Sunday 14 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*

Year 8 Languages Day

![German Dancing 2014](image)

*German Dancing 2014*

On Thursday 18 June, Year 8 students will be participating in the Year 8 Languages Day. This is an extravaganza of cultural events, starting with some active Chinese Martial Arts and culminating in some exciting Japanese drumming.

During the day, the Year 8 girls will rotate through the activities. These will include Roman Costume Design, German Dancing, Italian cooking of desserts, Origami and paper cutting, and an experience in a real French café.

More information will be posted on the Year 8 noticeboard over the next few days.

*Mlle Karen Goodwin*

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 Secondary School 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. 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. Full details are available on the Parent Portal.

Year 12: Parents Dinner and Drinks, Friday 17 July at 7.00pm
Please join Year 12 parents for dinner and drinks to catch up and raise funds for a special gift and memorable Valedictory Dinner for our girls. The evening will be kindly hosted by Libby and John Farrell. Cost will be $45 per head and bookings can be made at [http://www.trybooking.com/138856](http://www.trybooking.com/138856) by Sunday 12 July. Full details are available on the Parent Portal.

Performing Arts

Music

Upcoming events and ticket details: Ravo Presents, The Beatnix, The Idea of North

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.
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 with more information.
Years 3-4 Drama Performance

The Years 3-4 Drama performance class is a group of 14 girls who met with me for an hour before school every Tuesday morning throughout this semester – similar to the Drama Clubs run on Thursday afternoons. We are holding a 30-45 minute presentation of games and exercises they have performed, in the Caroline Trotter Studio at 6.00pm next Wednesday for parents and friends.

Mr Chris Bird, Drama Coordinator

Sports

IGSSA Football

Jemma, Year 10, against Brigidine

This week, the Grand Finals and play-offs take place. Congratulations to the following teams that have progressed through to the Finals: Rav 1, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Rav 2, 3, 8 and 9 all finished in the 3rd versus 4th play-off. For times and venues, click here.

We encourage everyone to go to the games to support the girls playing in Finals. Your support will be invaluable and you can see the great standard Ravenswood displays. Girls are also reminded to return their jerseys by Tuesday. The replacement value will be charged for any unreturned jerseys.

Mr Dale Berg

Curriculum-Related Sports

Curriculum-Related Sports registrations are open for Semester 2 classes. Registration forms can be downloaded from the front page of the Sports Portal: https://ravonet.ravenswood.nsw.edu.au/sports/secondary/Pages/Home.aspx. All booking forms are due back by Friday 19 June.

Mr Adam Raw
Community

From the Development Office

This is another reminder to SAVE THE DATE for the two whole school social events next term, Science is the New Black Foundation Dinner and the RPA Trivia Night.

Saturday 1 August Science is the New Black Foundation Dinner at Q Station: Take a ferry from Milsons Point to Q station for an elegant dinner and the fascinating (and a little bit scary) history of Sydney’s Quarantine station, with a special guest and optional ghost tours at the end. Invitations will be sent this term, so please start thinking about table groups (10 people per table). There has been a bit of a buzz with people pressing me for more details and all I can say is that we do need to limit to 160 people. You can bring a partner, friend or attend by yourself. Everyone is welcome although, given there is a limited number of seats available, please look out for the invitations next week.

Calling for Table Captains for the Science is the New Black Foundation Dinner. Please contact me at llesele@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au if you would like to head up a table. We will also have Year Group tables, if you would like to be the Table Captain for your Year Group.

Saturday 22 August RPA Trivia Night: Details will be sent in the first week of Term 3.

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 Liane Leslie, Development and Relationships Manager

Connect Group

The Connect Group will meet for coffee next week on Wednesday 17 June after drop-off, at Pecorino Café, which is opposite Gordon railway station. This is a good way for people who are new to the area or Ravenswood, to meet people. Please RSVP to Marissa Nerwich on 0425 710 944 if you would like to attend.
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 exposi, chat, listen, learn or enquire.
Visit any time between 6.30pm—8.30pm.

No RSVP required.
For more information: Meg Hall, School Careers Counsellor 9498 9927

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'Drive to Survive' Road Safety Forum

A GOOD EDUCATION IS SO IMPORTANT

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

Educating learner drivers and their parents about smarter driving practices is a positive step making our roads a safer place.

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

John Wicks
Headmaster at Knox Grammar School

THIS ROAD SAFETY FORUM IS ABOUT SAVING OUR MOST PRECIOUS RESOURCE, HUMAN LIFE!

Respected motoring expert, driver training pioneer, media personality and founder of ‘Drive to Survive’ - Ian Luff is hosting an exclusive ‘Drive to Survive’ forum for parents and their learner driving children.

“For one hour, it's Buckingham, you and your family will learn invaluable driving skills and tactics.”

Ian Luff's 45 years of experience will create a positive environment guaranteed to stimulate positive thinking, actions and behaviour.

Our exclusive ‘Drive to Survive’ forum will only cost you your time. ‘Buckingham is free, making the necessary investment in your learner driver and parents can’t afford to miss out on it’.

“I look forward to meeting you and your family who is being home to your local Hyundai dealership.”

BECOME A SMARTER LEARNER DRIVER!

NO PARENT CAN IGNORE THESE ROAD SIGNS

Venue: Knox Grammar School - Great Hall
7 Woodville Avenue
 Wahroonga NSW 2076
Date: Thursday 18th June 2015
Time: 7.00pm – 8.00pm

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

Phone (02) 9622 5424 - Ask for Suzy
Ku-ring-gai Council - Active Kids school holiday program

Winter School Holiday Program

- Kids get fit and active
- Sports include soccer, netball, frisbee, tennis, touch football and more!
- Children aged 5-12 years
- Golf program

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO
Mary Poppins - Riverside Theatres in Parramatta
Navigating Teenage Depression by The Black Dog Institute

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 aims 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/BeachesADHDSupport
Facebook Forum: https://www.facebook.com/groups/BeachesADHDSupportGroup/
Email: nbahdssupportgroup@hotmail.com
Website: www.northernbeachesadhdsupportgroup.com.au
We sell the Entertainment Book online via our website

Venue kindly sponsored by
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French Shadow Puppet Performance

On Friday 29 May, all Junior School students were treated to a fascinating performance of shadow puppets.

The experienced puppeteer, Richard Bradshaw, captivated the audience with his magical and entertaining performance, delivered in French and English. The girls were also shown, not only how his puppets were made, but also the different types of shadow puppets found in various countries in Europe and Asia. It was an educational and linguistic show enjoyed by all.

*Mrs Diana Doubé*