2015 Term 3, Week 6 - 21 August 2015

Principal's Message

Information on the HSC Major Works and Performance Exhibition that took place on Wednesday evening and the Music Showcase Concert, taking place this Sunday.

HSC Major Works and Performance

The principles that guide our daily behaviours, attitude to studies and inform our school culture are: courage, respect, excellence and compassion. Excellence and courage in particular - were evident at the launch of the opening of the Ravenswood 2015 HSC Major Works Exhibition on Wednesday evening. The work displayed is the result of ten months' work by Year 12 students in Design and Technology, Drama, English, Music, Society and Culture, Textiles and Design and Visual Arts. Our HSC Music students presented a fine recital of the pieces they have prepared for assessment. Everyone present thoroughly enjoyed their performances. Drama students will perform their pieces in the Caroline Trotter Studio this evening. All students are congratulated on their dedication, creativity and perseverance. The students are skillfully guided by their dedicated teachers who have mentored them through the process.

Best wishes to all of our Year 12 students as they present their work for assessment.

Showcase Concert

The annual Ravenswood Music Showcase Concert will be held at The Concourse, Chatswood, this Sunday. This is a whole school event and the culmination of the year’s work to date. Music ensembles and vocal groups from both the Junior School and Secondary School are performing. The benefits of active engagement in music are supported by sound research. Susan Hallam (2010) identifies multiple benefits from early childhood where improvement in fine motor coordination associated with the learning of an instrument is evident. When the learning of an instrument is a positive experience, self-perception is enhanced and playing or performing in groups develops social skills and wellbeing. Ravenswood has an outstanding music program with many opportunities for girls to perform. I wish all performers well for Sunday’s concert and thank Mrs Heather Aird, Director of Music and Performing Arts and her wonderful staff for all the work that has gone into what promises to be a wonderful event.

Ms Vicki Steer
Chaplain's Message

‘You pray for the hungry when you feed them’ - Pope Francis. Prayer is an interesting thing. I don't think the Pope is in any way defining what prayer is but is simply suggesting that when we pray for others, we should get up off our knees and start working with God to help them. Pope Francis is drawing on such Biblical passages as James 2:14-17.

Prayer is more than asking for miraculous intervention. As I grow older, I am still happy to accept miracles but I accept that they are not common for many of us. Part of this journey is an understanding of prayer, which encourages our sharing of thoughts and feelings with God but which sees prayer more about our work as people in changing the world to be as God would have it, than the magical work of God, in changing the world to be as we would have it. It is something to think about, especially as we work as a community at the moment to support the Wesley Mission Food Drive and the girls who have just completed the World Vision 40 Hour Famine. God Bless.

Rev Jon Humphries

Whole School

From The School Counsellor

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ms Marion Delprado

Daffodil Day Friday 28 August

Year 11 Community Involvement will be selling yellow Daffodil pins and keyrings for $5 each on Friday 28 August - please support this worthwhile charity.
From the Health Care Unit

There has been a confirmed case of Scarlet Fever in the Secondary School.

Scarlet Fever is a bacterial infection that starts as a sore throat, headache, fever and nausea. It is contagious 1-3 days before the rash appears; which is a spotty, blotchy red itchy rash that occurs all over the body, starting on the neck and working its way down. The red rash looks like a severe case of sunburn and feels hot.

If your daughter develop these symptoms, please seek medical advice as she needs to take Penicillin and must stay at home until 24 hours after starting the antibiotics.

Remember to cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze and wash your hands with soap and water regularly.

If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Letitia Coker, Registered Nurse
healthcare@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au

Junior School

Head of Junior School

Information on the RPA Fathers’ Day Stall and dates for your diary.

RPA Fathers’ Day Stall

An email has been sent to parents to let you know about the wonderful RPA Fathers’ Day Stall next Thursday 27 August, which will run from 7.30am until after lunch. Gifts start from $5 and the catalogue has been put up in the Junior School Courtyard.

Dates for your diary

Sunday 23 August   K-12 Showcase Concert at The Concourse, Chatswood
See the Performing Arts section for tickets

Monday 24 August   Junior School Dance Festival Dress Rehearsal – details come from Performing Arts

Book Week begins – the flyer that was emailed to parents is also on the Parent Portal

Book Week competitions due to the Class Teacher

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

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

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

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

Wednesday 26 August  Book Week Author and Illustrator Deborah Abela – Auditorium
Years 3-6 Lunchtime Concert, 1.00pm Room 401 – Visitors welcome
Thursday 27 August  Fathers’ Day Stall, 7.30am-1.40pm Boarders Courtyard (outside Mabel’s Café), gifts from $5
Years 3-6 Public Speaking Finals during Activities and lunchtime

Monday 31 August  Book Week prizes awarded

Wednesday 2 September  Great Book Swap - Details sent from the Library
House Touch Football and Netball in Activities/Lunchtime

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 September  Start Smart program conducted by the Commonwealth Bank on Financial Literacy - 40 minute sessions during regular Mathematics classes
Year 6 attending an SEA surf safety course 9.00am-10.00am in the Middle School Learning Studio

Friday 18 September  Portfolio Day
K-2 Athletics Gala

Mrs Cheryl Bailey, Head of Junior School

Peer Support - Making Choices

In this week’s Peer Support session, the Junior School girls looked at Making Choices, and how we can be responsible, develop ways to behave responsibly and encourage others to behave responsibly.

The activities reminded students to show others that we are responsible by doing what we say we will do and to the best of our ability.

Perhaps at home, you could help develop with your daughter 2-3 things that she can do around the home to show she is responsible.

Mrs Karla Russo, Mr David Freeman and Ms Georgia Galati
RPA Junior School Year Group News

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

Year 5 Morning Tea: Friday 4 September at The Lappin's home
Please contact Sophie Lappin via lappinfamily@gmail.com to RSVP. Full details are on the Parent Portal.

Year 1 Play Day: Sunday 30 August 2.30pm-4.00pm
Year 1 is having a play day at Wahroonga Park, Coonabarra Road, Wahroonga. Please join us for an afternoon of fun in the newly upgraded play facilities. Bring a rug to sit on and a picnic if you would like.

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

Year 3 Coffee Catch-Up: Friday 4 September from 8.30am
Year 3 parents are invited to Pecorino in Gordon from morning drop-off. We would love to see you there.

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

Year 4 Dads' Night Out: Saturday 29 August from 7.00pm
Please join the Year 4 dads for a night out at the front bar of the Greengate Hotel. Please contact Lina or Eva if you have any queries: lina.lawrence@outlook.com or evachye@gmail.com.

Year 5 Dads' Catch-Up: Thursday 27 August from 7.00pm
Year 5 dads are meeting at the Highway Bar in the Greengate Hotel for a drink, meal and maybe a game of pool. Please email David Hodges at s.hodges@bigpond.net.au if you are considering attending in order to reserve sufficient tables. Full details are available on the Parent Portal.

Secondary School

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

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

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

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

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

Alternatively, the second in the series of these fact sheets; CYBER BULLYING, can be found in the Community section of this Newsletter. I will include the rest of the series between now and the end of the term.

Year 12 Father/Daughter Breakfast

A reminder to those fathers who have booked for the Year 12 Father/Daughter Breakfast, the function will commence at 7.00am on Friday 28 August. For many Dads, this will be their last Father/Daughter Breakfast at Ravenswood, so it will be a very special event. Please don’t forget to bring your business card and drop it in for the lucky door prize.

Year 12 University Open Days and University Applications

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

Year 10 Australian Business Week (ABW)

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

Coming Secondary School Events

Sunday 23 August  
K-12 Showcase Concert – 2.00pm The Concourse, Chatswood, see the Performing Arts section to book tickets

Monday 24 August  
House Gymnastics competition – 12noon
Year 7 2016 Parent Information Evening – 7.00pm Lorraine Smith Auditorium, RSVP http://www.trybooking.com/IGJO

Wednesday 26 August  
Paul Dillon presenting to Years 10-12
Paul Dillon presenting to parents – 7.00pm Lorraine Smith Auditorium – see the flyer in the Community section

Friday 28 August  
Year 12 Father/Daughter Breakfast – 7.00am Centenary Centre

Mr David Garner, Deputy Principal – Head of Secondary School

China Trip, April 2016

Final expressions of interest are being called for the 2016 China Trip, which will take place in the holidays at the end of Term 1, and which is open to students in Years 8-10 in 2016. Chinese is not a prerequisite for this tour. Please read the flyer in the Community section and contact Dr Yan Bai ybai@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au by no later than this coming Monday 24 August, should you wish your daughter to participate in what will be a most worthwhile cultural experience.

Mrs Bronwen Calcraft, Languages Coordinator
English Support

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

Miss Bowers will be available Monday weeks A & B
Mrs Sullivan will be available Wednesday Week A & Tuesday Week B
Mrs Paulsen will be offering ESL support Thursday Week A & Wednesday Week B

Science Support

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

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

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Mr Toby Duncan, Science Coordinator

Maths Help 2015

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**MATHS HELP 2015**

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

Ms Blair (Mon Wk A), Ms Hazlehurst (Tues Wk A), Mrs Hurd (Thurs Wk A) and Mrs Allan (Thurs Wk B) will be available for individual help with homework, preparation for testing or review of problem topics.

All Years 7-12 Mathematics students are welcome.

Please encourage your daughter to take advantage of this opportunity to consolidate her mathematical understanding in a relaxed and supportive environment.
RPA Secondary School Year Group News

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Year 7 Morning Tea: Wednesday 26 August from 9.00am
The Term 3 morning tea will be held at Runaway Spoon Café in Lindfield. Please RSVP to Gab at gabriellestevens@bigpond.com by end of today - Friday 21 August.

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

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

Year 10 Coffee Morning: Tuesday 1 September 9.30am
Year 10 parents are invited to join us for coffee and a chat at The Runaway Spoon, Lindfield. We hope you can join us.

Performing Arts

Music
Information on: the K-12 Music Showcase, band rehearsals next week, the Years 3-6 Lunchtime Concert, a Spring Band Concert and the K-2 Nativity Musical.

K-12 Music Showcase
The showcase is this Sunday 23 August, starting at 2.00pm and finishing at approximately 4.30pm. Limited tickets were released earlier this week – book now to avoid disappointment. The tickets are available through Ticketek or The Concourse: http://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=RAVENSWO15.

Band Rehearsals Next Week
There will be no rehearsal for Burrows Band, Morrison Band and SWE on Monday 24 August and no rehearsal for the Middle Vocal or Senior Vocal Ensembles on Tuesday 25 August.

Years 3-6 Lunchtime Concert
We still have spots available in the Years 3-6 Lunchtime Concert on Wednesday 26 August. Contact Mrs Clare Thornley at music@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au or stop in at Performing Arts Reception for a form to sign-up.
**Spring Band Concert**

We are happy to announce a Spring Concert for our bands on Monday 14 September. The concert will include performances by the Junior School and Secondary School Rock Bands, Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Morrison Band and Burrows Band. This will be the farewell concert for our Year 12 students. Girls should wear full winter uniform. The call time for this event is 6.00pm. We are excited about this additional performance opportunity for our band students and look forward to seeing you at the concert.

**K-2 Nativity Musical**

Please note the date of the K-2 Nativity Musical is Friday 13 November. Tickets are free and can be ordered via Trybooking. As soon as tickets are ready to purchase, we will email all K-2 parents directly.

*Mrs Heather Aird, Director Music and Performing Arts*

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

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

*Miss Ebony Keys*
Ravo Can Dance

2015 Junior Dance Festival
September 13 @ 2pm

RAVO CAN DANCE

Tickets sales open Monday 24 August through Try Booking

Sports

IPSHA Athletics

Wishing the IPSHA Athletics team all the very best at the IPSHA Athletics Championship on Tuesday 25 August at Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre. The bus will be departing at 6.30am and parents have all emailed confirmation that they will collect their daughter at the completion of the Carnival. The girls have all worked extremely hard during training on Tuesday afternoons and Friday mornings and I wish them a successful championship. Good Luck girls.

*Mrs Kara Bryson, Head Coach Athletics and Fitness*

Water Polo

Both RAV 2 and 3 had high injury tolls before their respective matches on Friday Night. Without their full complement of players, the girls put in a brave performance, losing to Santa Sabina and St Scholastica’s. The Senior Firsts powered to a 12-6 victory over Sydney Girls High to continue their unbeaten start to the season. Training attendance was down this week for some teams, so a reminder to parents to please notify me if your daughter will be absent from training.
**Touch Football**

Photo: The Year 5 Sharks

Both Year 6 teams faced off against each other. They played with great spirit and the match was of a high skill level. The Year 5 Sharks played a terrific second-half against Abbotsleigh and continue to improve each week. The Year 4 girls only lost narrowly by one try and will be full of energy again this Saturday, hoping to bounce back with a big win.

**Artistic Gymnastics**

Congratulations to all our Levels 1-2 gymnasts who competed at the Sydney Academy of Gymnastics on Sunday 16 August. All of the girls competed on four pieces of apparatus and gained some excellent results. It was so good to see improvement in all areas of the girls’ routines and they really enjoyed their first competition of the season.

*Mr Adam Raw*

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**Community**

**From the Development Office**

As part of my role, I greatly enjoy meeting all the volunteers who come in with food for our *Meals Made With Love* program. This year, our amazing parents have been anonymously cooking and delivering meals to our office for distribution to people in our community who are in need of a hand, due to illness or loss of a loved one. I would like all our families to know that this is a much appreciated service by those who receive your meals, and a great way of supporting others in our community. We are well supported this year but will be calling for 2016 volunteers early next term.

**Save the dates**

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

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

Information about the event will be emailed shortly.

**RPA Christmas Lunch – Monday 2 November 2015**

Information about this annual event will be available soon.

*Ms Liane Leslie, Development and Relationships Manager*
From the RPA

Fathers’ Day Stall – call for volunteers!

We need volunteers to man the stall on Thursday 27 August. There are two timeslots to fill, each timeslot requiring four additional helpers:

- 8.30am-10.45am selling and wrapping
- 12.30pm-2.00pm selling, wrapping and pack-up

If you are able to volunteer your time, please click on this link: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DADAE2AA4FC1-volunteers.

*Edith Steinert, RPA Junior School President*

Summer Carnival Update - Sponsorship Opportunities

The team is working hard and all the moving pieces are coming together well. In this update I wanted to let parents know there are a few key Carnival Sponsorship opportunities available should your organisation, or the organisation you work for, wish to support the school. We will be taking these to the local community in the coming days, so if you are keen to lend support (it would be great to keep it in-house) please contact Don Tritton on ravocarnivalsponsorships@gmail.com as soon as possible.

The three big ticket items (Platinum Sponsors) are:

1. **Stage (Main attraction) - $3000**
   - This is where all the activity will be happening and will be in the line of sight for most patrons. Activities will include Ravo Presents winner performances, and the Battle of the Bands, and the Chocolate Wheel half-hourly draws.

2. **Circus Workshops and Performers - $2750**
   - This year, the Carnival will be abuzz with fun circus performers, maybe unicyclists, balloon makers, jugglers or similar (TBD). Also, the team will be running workshops for kids teaching them various fun skills and tricks. Having this supported financially would be a huge win.

3. **Courtesy Tent - $2000**
   - Feedback has been that patrons would love a larger shady place to sit and enjoy the cuisine and watch the performances on stage. So, we are increasing the footprint of the 'courtesy tent' at this Carnival.

There are a range of other sponsorship opportunities from Carnival Friend at $100-$200 to Gold Sponsor at $1000. If you want to know more, please contact Don Tritton directly.

Thanks in advance for your support.

*Colin Frost, Carnival Convenor*
Staying Informed - Paul Dillon

"Teenagers, Alcohol and Drugs"

What parents really want and need to know

Many parents, like their children, access information on drugs from inappropriate sources such as the media and as a result there is a great deal of mythology around drugs and their use. This presentation will attempt to give accurate, up-to-date information on what we know about young people, alcohol and drugs in Australia. It aims to empower parents with some basic information about current trends in alcohol and other drugs by examining the questions young people really want and need answers to. This will assist parents to have meaningful conversations with their child when responding to queries that may be raised. Paul will look at the positive influence parents can have on their child’s behaviour, as well as the barriers they may face.

Specialist speaker for this session:

Paul Dillon has been working in the area of drug education for the past 25 years. Paul is best known for his media work and continues to be regarded as a key social commentator in Australia. Appearing on a wide range of television programs including Sunrise, TODAY and A Current Affair, he is regularly asked to discuss topical issues, particularly in relation to young people and drugs. Paul also had a regular spot on a national radio program on Triple J for seven years where he dealt with current youth drug issues.

Staying informed

7.00pm-8.30pm

Wednesday 26 August 2015

Lorraine Smith Auditorium, Ravenswood, Henry Street, Gordon

RSVP - please reply by sending the names of those attending and associated school to stayinginformed@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au
China Trip 2016

RAVENSWOOD CHINA TRIP 2016  (9-21 APRIL)
Open to students in Years 8-10 in 2016

Approximately $3995 per student, this includes:

- Return economy airfare with Chinese Easter Airline.
- Twin share 4* hotels at Shanghai Sunrise on the Bund, Chengdu Tianfu Sunshine Hotel, Xi’an Grand Noble Hotel, Beijing Ritan Hotel 4* or similar.
- Fully inclusive tour with an English speaking guide, entrance fees, meals as per itinerary.
- Two half days sightseeing in Nanjing with an English speaking tour guide.
- Travel by air-conditioned coaches whilst in China.
- International and China domestic flights (Sydney/Shanghai, Nanjing/Chengdu/Xi’an/Beijing/Sydney).
- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges, total $465 as at July 2015, which will be reviewed at the time of issuing tickets.
- Second class train tickets to Shanghai/Nanjing.
- Chinese tea and one glass of soft drink included in all lunches and dinners.
- China visa fee of A$109.50 per person
- All tipping.
- CBT Holidays travel wallet and travel bag.

If your daughter is in Years 8-10 in 2016 and keen to improve her cultural knowledge of China, then she is invited to participate in this fabulous tour.

Please email your expression of interest plus your daughter’s name and Mentor Group to receive more information regarding payment of the deposit, to Dr Yan Bai ybai@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au by no later than this coming Monday 24 August.
ThinkUKnow Cyberbullying Fact Sheet

Cyberbullying is the repeated use of the internet, mobile phones and other technologies to bully, intimidate and humiliate others. It differs from other bullying because it often continues outside of school and school hours. It can be 24/7 and sometimes you may not know who is behind it.

What does cyberbullying look like?
Cyberbullying might occur over the internet, in instant messaging (IM), social networking sites, blogs or through online gaming. It can also occur over the phone, by SMS or MMS, or voice and video calls.

Why do people cyberbully?
There are a number of reasons why people might cyberbully others, including:
- think it's amusing
- don't like the person
- don't consider it to be a big deal, "it's just words"
- don't believe there are any consequences
- think they can be anonymous

None of these reasons, or any others, can justify cyberbullying.

What are the effects of cyberbullying?
Things that happen on the internet or mobile phones can have offline consequences. Some of the effects of cyberbullying may be:
- anger
- embarrassment
- fear
- poor performance at school
- loss of confidence and self-esteem
- revenge cyberbullying or retaliation
- self-harm, even suicide

Cyberbullying hurts people. It can ruin lives. There could even be legal consequences for harassing or threatening someone online.

Most importantly, know where you can go for help! Speak to an adult you trust if something makes you feel uncomfortable. You can also contact:
- Reach Out: www.reachout.com.au
- Bullying. No Way!: www.bullyingnoway.com.au
- Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800
- Youth Beyond Blue: www.youthbeyondblue.com
- The website, application or phone carrier that you were using at the time

For more information visit www.thinkuknow.org.au
RPA Fathers' Day Stall

2015 RPA K-12

FATHER’S DAY STALL

PLEASE COME ALONG & BUY A GIFT FOR THE SPECIAL DAD IN YOUR LIFE!

Date: Thursday 27 August 2015
When: From 7.30am till after lunch
Where: Boarders Courtyard
Cost: gifts will be available from $5

Any queries may be directed to
Edith Steinert on 0458 414 800
K-6 RPA Committee
Dress for Success

We Need You!

Have you cleaned out your closet recently?

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

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

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

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

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

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

A collection box is in the Foyer of the LRC.

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

Year 11 Dress for Success Team
WEP Student Exchange and Student Hosting

WEP Australia

Interested in becoming a WEP Australia exchange student? Read on to find out how!

WEP Student Exchange

A WEP student exchange allows teenagers to exchange their school, culture, family and possibly language for a selected time period in another country. It is far more rewarding than simply being a tourist, as students live like locals and acquire knowledge not available to the general traveller. It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to travel and study at an overseas school with the support of a volunteer host family.

Hear from one of our returned students:

"Honestly, choosing to go on exchange is one of the best decisions I have ever made. You experience so many different aspects that is a different culture for a couple of months that you would never experience any other way. I have made so many memories with my host family, learned and improved my French so much that I wouldn’t change that experience for anything. I will always miss everyone I have met." - Sozette, France.

Find out more on WEP’s social media pages!

If overseas travel isn’t right for you, why not host?

WEP Student Hosting

We are now looking for volunteer host families for our exchange students arriving in February. Open your hearts and home to an overseas student and benefit from the following:

- Gain English-speaking friendships
- Rediscover your backyard
- Experience another culture
- Most importantly, have fun!

“Our hosting experience exceeded expectations. Seb was an absolute delight to have in our home for three short months.” - Kaye, Malbourne

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Cultures of Thinking Conference

Bialik College in Melbourne recently held the 5th Cultures of Thinking Conference, where more than 400 teachers from all over Australia attended and presented cutting-edge sessions on current and progressive ways of getting your children, our students, to be more inspired and empowered in their learning. The primary message is to build on cultivating a deeper, richer thinking environment in the classroom. Developing a culture of questions rather than answers was advocated by David Perkins, a key presenter and Research Professor of Teaching and Learning at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

A question-centred culture needs to be fostered, incorporating the framework of eight Cultures of Thinking: Expectations, Time, Opportunities, Interactions, Language, Modelling, Routines and Environment.

At Ravenswood, our teachers have completed professional development training at Harvard and are already embedding these philosophies.

Mr David Freeman and I were selected to present a segment on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and our Robotics program, where we also showcased our future engineers in the making: our Year 6 girls at work. Last term, we collected evidence both written and live (on video) coupled with students’ visible thinking documentation of their coded robots and revealed it to our teaching communities.


Ms Georgia Galati

Year 9 Father/Daughter Breakfast
On Wednesday 12 August, Ravenswood hosted a breakfast for Year 9 students to have a special morning with their father, grandfather or other person in their family. It was an opportunity to develop relationships and engage with each other. Year 9 is a time when adolescent girls are hungry for comfort and reassurance and having fathers interact with their daughters helps them to shape their view of how they think they should be treated. It enabled the girls to reflect on themselves as a student in the Middle Years and express their gratitude to their special someone.

Thank you to all the guests who attended the Breakfast and cleared their schedule to be a part of the event.

*Mrs Deanna Paraska, Year 9 Coordinator*