2015 Term 4, Week 4 - 30 October 2015

Principal's Message

Information on: final examinations, the K-11 Visual Arts Exhibition and putting the safety of students first - Traffic and Parking.

Final Examinations

As examinations for many of our HSC students draw to a close, the IB Diploma girls will be pleased to be commencing their examinations next week. We are thinking of all students in the Class of 2015 and wish them well. At the same time students in Years 9 and 10 have been taking their final examinations this week and we have been pleased with the manner with which they have approached them.

K-11 Visual Arts Exhibition

The evident creativity and quality of the art works that our students produce in Visual Arts is just wonderful. Be ready to be amazed at the K-11 Visual Arts Exhibition that commences next Tuesday 3 November and runs through to Wednesday 11 November.

Putting the safety of students first - Traffic and Parking

The safety of all in the school, especially students, is the responsibility of everyone in our community.

Everyone driving in the vicinity of the school is reminded to observe these important actions:

- Please circulate around the school in an anti-clockwise direction so that students can be dropped off without having to cross the road and a smooth flow of traffic is maintained
- Do not queue in Cecil Street - this causes congestion and creates dangerous situations for all when vehicles travelling by overtake stationary cars blocking the carriageway; If there is no room to pull into the pickup zone for students in Henry Street, do not simply wait in the carriageway blocking all traffic behind you - proceed around the block
- Never double park
- Never execute a U turn - especially at the corner of Cecil and Henry Street
- Do not use driveways to change direction and reverse out into traffic
- Observe parking restrictions, no stopping and no parking signs
- Observe all directions by the crossing supervisor
- Encourage your daughter to use public transport where possible!
- Please be polite to staff who need to direct traffic in the interests of safety for all.

Please see the Ravenswood Traffic Management Plan with this week’s flyer in the Community section.

The school regularly observes and receives comments about the dangerous and discourteous behaviour of some drivers around the school. There really is no excuse for unsafe practices that put the safety of any child or adult at risk.

Ms Vicki Steer
Chaplain's Message

It is hard to escape hearing about the refugee crisis in Europe if you connect with any form of media. We see emotive images like in this Huffington Post article http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2015/10/02/where-the-children-sleep-n_8234168.html. However, more than just being emotive, the piece reminds us that people don’t leave their home on a whim and don’t do it easily and most who do, have a very valid reason for doing so.

Refugees and asylum seeking is a deeply complex issue but one that has a real human face to the consequences. Faith and our common humanity call us to be compassionate. We live separated from the people involved and are insulated and protected to a degree by our place in society and our geographical place in the world. However, even in Australia we are not immune from the issues of refugees. There are policies in place by our government. These affect the way that people are treated and dealt with. I will be open and honest, in that I personally align myself with the Uniting Church’s position on asylum seeker and refugee treatment and believe that as a nation, we could be doing more to assist more people. Our current manner of dealing with people who approach our country for refuge, especially by boat, needs to be reviewed and changed to be more compassionate.

For me, I am reminded as we approach Christmas, that the Christmas story tells of Jesus as a refugee and the heinous way that governments can treat people. As part of a lucky and wealthy nation, we can and should do more for the vulnerable and afflicted. It is a no-brainer for me as a follower of Jesus and his teachings, and I believe it is a no-brainer from a basic humanitarian perspective to treat people with more compassion and respect. So, I leave this with you to think and maybe pray about. God bless.

Rev Jon Humphries

Whole School

Ms Vicki Steer's Farewell Cocktail Party

On behalf of the Ravenswood School Council, Mr Mark Webb, Chair of Council, requests the pleasure of your company at a Cocktail Party to say farewell to Ms Vicki Steer, Ravenswood Principal on the rooftop terrace of the Mabel Fidler Building, Ravenswood, Henry Street, Gordon on Tuesday 17 November 2015 from 6.00pm-8.00pm.

Mark Webb and Vicki Steer will speak briefly at 7.00pm.

RSVP by Tuesday 3 November: http://www.trybooking.com/159433.

Year 12 Textiles and Design Major Works Exhibition

With the Year 12 Textiles and Design Major Projects having been returned to the school after being externally marked for the HSC, we would like to invite you to come and view the amazing garments, designed and made by the Year 12 Textiles and Designs Class of 2015.

The eleven pieces of work will be displayed in the LRC from noon on Monday 2 November until the end of recess on Friday 6 November.

Mrs Mary Hill
Travel Passes for 2016

New application forms must be completed if your daughter is:

- Commencing Kindergarten in 2016
- Progressing from Year 2 to Year 3 in 2016
- Progressing from Year 6 to Year 7 in 2016

Please note: If multiple modes of transport are used (i.e. bus and train) a form must be completed for each mode (one for the bus pass and one for the train pass).

A new form is also required for any students changing their name or address for 2016. Please do not destroy the old pass as it must be handed in when the updated pass is collected.

Application forms may be collected from next Monday from Main Reception or the Junior School Office. Completed forms are to be returned by the end of Term 4 2015, to ensure passes are ready for distribution in Term 1 2016.

Junior School

Head of Junior School

Information on: IPSHA Gymnastics, thank you to the Year 4 buddies, the End-of-Term 4 Chapel Service and Term 4 dates for your diary.

Congratulations to the gymnasts who ably represented Ravenswood at last week’s IPSHA Gymnastics Competition. The results were excellent. For more information, go to the Sports section of the Newsletter.

Thank you to the Year 4 buddies who worked so beautifully with the girls entering Kindergarten in 2016. It was a pleasure to see the joy you brought to the faces of the new girls entering school next year.

The staff and students of Junior School
Warmly invite all parents and friends to the
End-of-Term 4 Chapel Service
Tuesday 17 November 9.20am-10.00am
At the Ravenswood Chapel

Term 4 Events

Week 5 B
Monday 2 November
Tuesday 3 - Friday 6 November

RRR (Rest, Rejuvenate, Recharge) Week
RPA Christmas Lunch and Market Stalls at Miramare Gardens 11.00am-2.30pm
K-11 Visual Arts Exhibition
Tuesday 3 November  String Auditions 10.40am-11.40am
Band Auditions 11.40-12.40pm

Thursday 5 November  K-2 Swimming Gala at Ravenswood

Friday 6 November  IPSHA Debating Round 9

Week 6 A
Tuesday 10 November  Kindergarten 2016 Orientation 2, 9.00am start

Wednesday 11 November  Golden Girls’ Lunch and War Memorial Opening, Years 3-6 attending from 11.00am

Thursday 12 November  House Sport - cricket, basketball, tennis during Activities and Lunch

Friday 13 November  K-2 Nativity Musical Baubles, 10.40am Assembly Hall, free tickets must be reserved at http://www.trybooking.com/IYNP

Week 7 B
Monday 16 November  Ravenswood Parents’ Association AGM

Tuesday 17 November  Junior School End-of-Term Chapel

Wednesday 18 November  Year 6 Musical (Matinee) Alice in Wonderland Jr, 2.00pm Auditorium for Junior School girls

Thursday 19 November  Year 6 Musical Alice in Wonderland Jr, 7.00pm Auditorium, tickets are $10, purchased via http://www.trybooking.com/IYMU
Junior School RPA AGM

Friday 20 November  Year 6 Musical Alice in Wonderland Jr, 7.00pm Auditorium (see above for ticket booking link)

Sunday 22 November  Ravenswood Summer Carnival

Week 8 A
Wednesday 25 November  Years 1-6 2016 Orientation 9.00-10.45am
Year 6 Surf Education Excursion

Friday 27 November  Year 6 Graduation 5.30pm-9.30pm
End-of-term and Sport Assembly 2.00pm Auditorium

Sunday 29 November  Combined Carol Service - Junior, Middle and Senior Vocal Ensembles and Ravo Voices will be performing, 7.00pm Gordon Uniting Church

Week 9 B
Tuesday 1 December  Junior School Presentation Day 9.00am-11.00am Joan Goff Gymnasium - blazers are to be worn and parents are welcome
Term 4 Ends Junior School

Tuesday 2 December  Secondary School Presentation Morning 10.00am-1.00pm Sydney Town Hall - Junior School members of the Symphony Orchestra are required to attend (details to follow)

Mrs Cheryl Bailey, Head of Junior School
RPA Junior School Year Group News

Year 2 Parent Dinner to Celebrate the End of Year 2: Saturday 14 November from 7.00pm
Year 2 parents are invited to Vapiano restaurant, corner of King and York Streets, Sydney CBD, to share Italian food and mark the end of Year 2. RSVP to Lies Vanmechelen on 0458 794 970.

Year 3 End-of-Year Gathering for Parents: Friday 27 November from 7.30pm
All Year 3 parents are invited to the home of Megan Tranter, East Lindfield, to celebrate the end of another fabulous year at Ravenswood. RSVP by Monday 23 November. Full details are available on the Parent Portal.

Year 5 Parent Cocktail Party: Saturday 7 November from 7.00pm
Year 5 parents are invited to a Mix and Mingle parent cocktail party at Alison and Anthony Kingsley’s home in Lindfield. The cost will be $49 per person and bookings should be made via www.trybooking.com/JAGI by Friday 23 October. Full details are available on the Parent Portal.

2015 RPA Christmas Lunch, Monday 2 November 2015
The 2015 RPA Christmas Lunch and Market Stalls is being held at Miramare Gardens, 48 Myoora Road, Terrey Hills, on Monday 2 November from 11.00am-2.30pm. Full details are available on the Parent Portal.

Secondary School

Senior Years Uniform for Year 10 2016

After Monday’s Assembly, I spoke with the Year 9 students regarding their school uniform for Year 10 2016 and write today to convey the same information to parents.

The change to the Senior Years uniform is symbolic of your daughter’s journey towards being a leader within the school. It is important that her new uniform fits and is worn correctly. All Year 10 2016 students need to arrange a uniform fitting at the Ravenswood Uniform Centre.

The Uniform Centre is open on Monday and Thursday between 10.00am-4.30pm. Girls can visit the Uniform Centre during the lunchbreak or after school, no appointment is necessary.

Alternatively if you wish to accompany your daughter, please contact the Uniform Centre on 9498 9815 or email ruc@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au to make an appointment for your daughter’s fitting.

I also take this opportunity to remind you that each student in Years 10-12 must wear a skirt that extends to the knee. Students who shorten their skirt by taking up the hem will be asked to purchase another skirt.

Student Wellbeing Email Address

A new email address has been created for contacting our Student Wellbeing team directly. If you have any concerns about the wellbeing of your daughter, please send an email to wellbeing@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au.

Information about the ATAR

Parents of students in Years 11 and 12 studying the Higher School Certificate often seek information about the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (or ‘ATAR’ as it is more commonly known). The following link will take students and parents to a helpful Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) document: http://www.uac.edu.au/atar/.

Learner Driver Safety Course

Ku-ring-gai Council and the RMS (formerly RTA) are running a FREE practical workshop for learner driver parents and supervisors on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers.
The workshop will take place at the Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers on Thursday 12 November at 6.30pm.

Attendees receive a useful information kit including a 'Guide to the Driving Test' booklet. A light dinner, tea and coffee will be provided. Road User Handbooks will also be on sale.

Early bookings are essential. Contact Council on 9424 0798 now to reserve your place.

**Coming Secondary School Events**

**Week 5, Term 4**
- Tuesday 3 November: IB Diploma Examinations commence
- Tuesday 3 – Friday 6 November: Kindergarten to Year 11 Visual Arts Exhibition (Assembly Hall and Centenary Centre Foyer)
- Wednesday 4 November: HSC Examinations end

**Week 6, Term 4**
- Monday 9 – Friday 13 November: IB Diploma Examinations continue
- Monday 9 – Wed 11 November: Years 7-11 Visual Arts Exhibition (Centenary Centre Foyer)

**Week 7, Term 4**
- Monday 16 – Friday 20 November: IB Diploma Examinations continue
- Tuesday 17 November: Year 7 Vaccinations
- Sunday 22 November: Ravenswood Summer Carnival

*Mr David Garner, Deputy Principal – Head of Secondary School*

**Dress for Success**

A group of Secondary School girls is supporting the not-for-profit organisation *Dress for Success*, which assists women of all races, ages, and backgrounds find employment by providing them with appropriate attire, resumé writing skills, and many more services.

We have done many things with this organisation; a bake sale to raise funds, a clothes drive, as well as visiting the headquarters to help with one of their services called *Pack and Send*, in which clothes are sent out to disadvantaged women in rural areas.

We consider ourselves very fortunate to be part of the Ravenswood community and want to give back by supporting this great cause.

We will have a *Dress for Success* stall at Ravenswood's Summer Carnival on Sunday 22 November. Please visit our stall to learn more about the organisation. Donations of smart and casual work attire for all sizes and ages will be gratefully received.

*Genevieve, Year 11, on behalf of the Ravenswood DFS Team*
Maths Help

MATHS HELP 2015
WEEK A Monday and Tuesday
WEEK B Wednesday and Thursday
3.30pm-4.30pm
LRC Foyer Level 2

Ms Blair (Mon Wk A), Ms Hazlehurst (Tues Wk A),
Mrs Hurd (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.

English Support

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

RPA Secondary School Year Group News

2015 RPA Christmas Lunch, Monday 2 November 2015
The 2015 RPA Christmas Lunch and Market Stalls is being held at Miramare Gardens, 48 Myoora Road, Terrey Hills, on Monday 2 November from 11.00am-2.30pm. Full details are available on the Parent Portal.
Performing Arts

Music

Information on: auditions for 2016 instrumental ensembles, Years 6-11 Grease auditions, Alice in Wonderland, Jr and the K-2 Nativity Musical.

Auditions for 2016 Instrumental Ensembles

Placement auditions for bands, string groups and symphony orchestra will be held in Week 5. Sign-up sheets are on the Performing Arts noticeboard. For students in the Junior School, Mrs Clare Thornley will visit their classrooms to register interest.

Years 6-11 Grease Auditions

Grease auditions take place next week. Please make sure you sign up on the Performing Arts Noticeboard.

Alice in Wonderland, Jr

Tickets for the Year 6 Musical, Alice in Wonderland, Jr, are on sale. All tickets are $10 and can be purchased via http://www.trybooking.com/IYMU. Please see the poster in the Community section of this Newsletter.

K-2 Nativity Musical

Tickets for the K-2 Nativity are available. They are free but must be reserved via http://www.trybooking.com/IYNP.

Mrs Heather Aird, Director Music and Performing Arts
2016 Years 9-12 Drama Production

AUDITION NOTICE
The Lark
By Jean Anouilh
‘Without question it was Joan; singing like a lark in the sky over the heads of your French armies’

Years 9-12
Drama Production
Term 1 2016

This all-female production tells the legendary tale of Joan of Arc; her accusers, her believers, her life – and her death. Every role is meaty and important in this ensemble piece. The Lark needs a brave cast of 20 exceptional actors, ready for a challenge. Rehearsals will be held twice a week, on Wednesdays and Sundays. Performances take place in Weeks of Term 1 2016, in the CT Studio. There will be a beautiful set, costumes and live music. Auditions are in Week 6 this term, commencing Monday 9 November. Sign up now at the Performing Arts Reception and pick up your audition pack, and see Mr Bird (Drama Department) with any questions.

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2015 Years 7-8 Play
Law & Order: Fairy Tale Unit by Jonathon Rand

In the fairytale criminal justice system, the characters from fairytales and nursery rhymes are represented by two separate yet equally ridiculous groups: the fairytale police who investigate fairytale crime, and the fairytale district attorneys who prosecute the fairytale offenders. These are their stories.

Wednesday 11 November and Thursday 12 November at 7.00pm, Caroline Trotter Studio.

Tickets will be available through trybooking from Friday 6 November.

Mr Chris Bird, Drama Coordinator

2016 Secondary School Dance Company Audition

The Secondary School Dance Company is an audition-only group that performs at internal and external events such as eisteddfods and showcases. Successful students represent the best Secondary School dancers at Ravenswood, presenting a high level of skill, technique and flexibility. The Secondary School Company rehearsal takes place every Wednesday from 7.00am-8.00am and it is an expectation that those students involved attend all rehearsals and performances.

Auditions for the 2016 Secondary School Dance Company will be held across two Saturdays to accommodate dancers’ busy afterschool timetables. Years 7-12 dancers can attend one of two auditions on Saturday 21 November OR Saturday 28 November (2.00pm-6.00pm). In the audition, dancers will participate in an open kicks, turns and jumps style class before being taught two short dances. There is no need to prepare anything for either of these auditions, however, dancers are expected to wear appropriate dance clothing.
If you are interested in auditioning, please contact dance@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au with your name, Year Group and preferred audition day, before Monday 16 November.

*Miss Ebony Keys, Dance Convenor*

## Sports

### Elite Athletes

From time-to-time I am asked how Ravenswood supports elite sporting students or developing elite athletes. This is a complex question as we do not have a scholarship program that financially supports athletes with bursaries, however, there are a number of excellent support programs and new initiatives in place that I would like to share, in addition to our existing sports programs.

This year, we have been developing a pilot program whereby parents of elite athletes can formally apply for academic assistance for their daughter. The application requires information on the student's sport representative history, current training regime and competition schedule and the potential impact on attendance at school. In a number of instances we have then been able to approve and facilitate a flexible solution to ensure the student is keeping up with her school work while on tour or in camp, discuss subject choices that best suit the student's sport commitments and goals, or some flexible solutions to examination and competition clashes, or flexibility around training arrangements and classes, while meeting the BOSTES requirements. Application forms are available from my office and once returned, will be reviewed by myself and the Deputy Principal - Head of Learning and Innovation.

Recent staff appointments will also provide excellent opportunities for our athletes. Miss Annabel Davies, Head Coach Athletics and Fitness, is available to all students for advice on their fitness, rehabilitation or strength goals. All girls are encouraged to make an appointment for a fitness assessment and development of a program to meet their personal goals. Miss Davies is also a qualified nutritionist and will have the opportunity to work with individuals and groups to educate the girls on healthy eating habits for sport. Miss Davies comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience in these fields, as well as the perspective of an elite athlete and now coach of international athletes.

Ms Peiling Kong joined the Wellbeing team as a Psychologist and has an elite athlete background as a gymnast in international competition. I am very excited about developing a lunchtime seminar series with Ms Kong in 2016, specifically tailored for our teams and athletes to develop resilience and improve performance. The series will cover topics such as time management and balancing schoolwork with family life and sport commitments, body image - learning to love your body, perfectionism and the fear of failure, getting in the zone, thinking and training like a champion.

For further information on how we can best support your daughter's sporting dreams, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

*Dr Michelle Nancarrow, Director Sport*
Touch Football

It was a tough weekend for many teams with only a handful of wins, however, it was fantastic to see a number of teams improving and implementing tactics and skills that they are developing in training.

Photo: Rav 5

Well done to Rav 3 on beating MLC 6-0 in a match dominated by strong defence and creative plays. The girls have demonstrated vast improvement over the past three weeks. Rav 5 played in a close match against Abbotsleigh. The score was 2-2 at the end of the first-half. In the second-half, Abbotsleigh scored a try and Ravenswood came close several times. The girls rebounded well from a tough loss last week to show a much improved defensive structure and aggressive attacking style. Congratulations to the Junior Seconds who had another great win this week, 4-1 against Pymble. The girls put on a display of skill, finesse and speed.

A reminder to all parents that dogs are only permitted at some of the grounds. Please check the Portal carefully for venue information.

Ms Ashleigh Nottage

Snowsports

Dates have been set for the 2016 Sydney Region, NSW State and National Championships. The schedule is available on the Sports noticeboard and the Sports section of the Portal, for those parents considering their 2016 holidays bookings. Anyone who is interested, please register your interest to join the Snowsports team in 2016 by contacting me on 9498 9919 or dberg@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au.

Dogs at Sport

Please note that each IGSSA sport venue has listed whether dogs are allowed. If you are planning on bringing your pet to a weekend match, please ensure you check the Portal first. Be aware that the Department of Education has a strict No Dog Policy for all of their sites.

Mr Dale Berg

K-2 Swimming Gala

On Thursday 5 November, the Junior School will be holding a K-2 Swimming Gala. The aim of the event is to encourage students to participate in a variety of swimming races and to showcase their newly acquired learn-to-swim skills. The swimming gala will run from 10.45am-12.15pm at the Ravenswood Swimming Pool. I encourage parents to come along and support their daughters if possible. It will be a wonderful occasion and the girls will really enjoy displaying their swimming skills.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Amanda Mischkonigg
IPSHA Basketball

Well done to all the IPSHA Basketball players who played round three games on the weekend. It is fantastic to see the improvement week-to-week that has stemmed from commitment to training and hard work. A skill that improves with practice is dribbling. Help your daughter practise by using these helpful tips:

- **Try to dribble the ball HARD**: The more time the ball spends in your hand, the more control you have of the ball. The harder you dribble, the quicker it returns to your hand.
- **Keep your head up at all times**: Look at the rim or a spot on the wall whilst dribbling.
- **Use your finger tips to control the ball**, not your palm.
- **Encourage the use of imagination**: Picture when and how you would dribble.
- **Teach mentality**: Remember that the primary purpose for dribbling along the court is to get a lay-up. If there isn’t an opportunity, don't dribble.
- **Basketball is also a game of angles**: Try to move in a straight line.
- **Practise outside your comfort zone**: Experiment; try to go faster than you are used to, use your imagination.

When you are working on new skills, don't be concerned with losing the ball. Just pick it up and do it again. If we only practise the things we can do comfortably, then we will never improve.

*Mr Thomas Pyle*

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Community

From the Development Office

The Ravenswood Remembrance Camellias have arrived at school and they are in flower. A number of people who have bought one (myself included) have mentioned what a great Christmas present it will make for grandparents. To purchase, please visit [http://www.trybooking.com/JGEX](http://www.trybooking.com/JGEX). They can be collected from Property Services, Gate 10, Pacific Highway.

The Inaugural Art Market

I am really excited about all the amazing artworks that will be exhibited and for sale at the Summer Carnival.

*Artworks by (clockwise from top left): Karen Sertonaris, Julie Hickson, Kobie Bosch, Janet Jones, Tricia Trinder, Lara Scolari, Macarena Smartt, Daria Hahn.*
All Ravenswood parents: 2015 RPA Christmas Lunch

Thank you to everyone who made last minute bookings to the lunch. I am looking forward to meeting you.

The 2015 RPA Christmas Lunch and Market Stalls is being held at Miramare Gardens, 48 Myoora Road, Terrey Hills, on Monday 2 November from 11.00am-2.30pm. Full details are available on the Parent Portal.

Tuition Raffle

The Ravenswood Foundation and Ravenswood Parents' Association are holding the inaugural Ravenswood Tuition Raffle. Tickets are on sale offering free tuition fees for one student for the 2016 school year. Limited to only 500 tickets, this is a 1 in 500 chance of having your daughter’s 2016 school fees covered. Terms and conditions and details are at http://www.trybooking.com/JGFQ.

Gingerbread Houses

Due to popular demand, Gingerbread Houses are on sale for 2015. To order yours, go to http://www.trybooking.com/JGFQ.

Ms Liane Leslie, Development and Relationships Manager
RPA Summer Carnival - Sunday 22 November

Call for Volunteers

Reap the rewards of volunteering! If you have yet to sign-up and your daughter’s Year Group stall is fully staffed, please look for other stalls. The Drinks, BBQ, Waffle and Pizza stalls are all looking for more assistance. We need general helpers too: for set-up (including on Saturday 21 November), general help throughout the Carnival, and for pack-up on Sunday afternoon. Click on the link and follow the prompts: [http://volg.pt/2YWB42](http://volg.pt/2YWB42).

ROGU Homebake Stall

**Are you a BAKER and an ARTIST?** If so, this is the competition for you!

As part of the **Old Girls Homebake** stall at the Summer Carnival, we are running a **cakebox decorating competition** which will be divided into appropriate age groups from Kindergarten through to grandmas, teachers and Old Girls. You could win a prize. Look for posters around the school.

Cakeboxes arrive at school on **Tuesday 3 November**.

We would love every family to bake a cake or other goods to sell, even if you don’t want to enter the competition.

For more information, contact Jenny Wells [jwells_1964@hotmail.com](mailto:jwells_1964@hotmail.com) from the Ravenswood Old Girls’ Union (ROGU).

Full details are available on the Parent Portal.

Trading Post

Two cellos for sale

- a Gliga III 7/8 size in great condition (strung with bow and soft case $1800 ono)
- a St Antonia 1/2 size (strung with bow and soft case - great kids beginner cello, has a few dings, $200 ono)

Please contact Jayson Bricknell on 0404 850 532 or [jayson.bricknell@gmail.com](mailto:jayson.bricknell@gmail.com).

Stepping Stones Triple P Seminar Series

Seminars are being held in Thornleigh on Tuesday 24 November, 1 and 8 December, from 9.30am-11.00am.

Where: Normanhurst West Public School, Dartford Rd, Thornleigh NSW 2120

RSVP: Elizabeth McDonald, 9114 4060 or [fhs.steppingstones@sydney.edu.au](mailto:fhs.steppingstones@sydney.edu.au)

Seminars are available free of charge to parents and caregivers of children with a disability aged 2-12 years old.

*Stepping Stones Triple P*, which is part of the world-acclaimed Triple P - Positive Parenting Program, gives parents skills and proven strategies to address parenting concerns and make parenting easier and more enjoyable.

Stepping Stones has been shown to reduce children's problem behaviour and emotional problems. It also helps parents feel more confident, less frustrated and less stressed.
The free support is being offered as part of the Stepping Stones Triple P Project, which is a joint research project between The University of Queensland, Monash University and the University of Sydney. It aims to improve the health and wellbeing of children with disabilities and their families by increasing access to evidence-based parenting support in the community.

For more information, go to http://www.triplep-steppingstones.net/.

Ravenswood Summer Carnival Battle of the Bands

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

FEATURING BANDS FROM

Ravenswood  |  Knox  |  NBCS
St Aloysius  |  Roseville College
MC Big Music Studios

STARTING FROM 12:00PM
SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER
RAVENSWOOD SCHOOL OVAL (HENRY ST, GORDON) AS PART OF THE RAVENSWOOD SUMMER CARNIVAL
INCLUDING CARNIVAL RIDES, GAMES, FOOD AND MARKET STALLS FOR ALL TO ENJOY

Ravenswood Summer Carnival Photography Competition

THE ART MARKET

K-12 PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

“Beautiful Creatures”

Inspiration is all around you. Your pets, insects, bugs, birds, there is probably some in your own backyard right now. Take your best photograph of a beautiful creature and submit it to win some great prizes.

See your photograph on exhibition at The Art Market, 22 November in the Assembly Hall. Winners will be announced at 2pm.

First prize – Win an exclusive photography lesson and professional family portrait session valued at over $250 with Nicholas Fiennes
www.fine-photography.com.au
Many other great prizes available to win!

Entries close midnight 10th November 2015
Maximum 2 entries per student

No photographs of people will be accepted. Even though you are a beautiful creature … we are not permitted to exhibit photos of people.

Go to https://theravoartmarket.wufoo.com/forms/beautiful-creatures/ to apply online

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Ravenswood Traffic Management Plan

(Updated 28 August 2015)

**Legend**
- Traffic flow
  - Please follow directional arrows for pick-up and drop-off.
  - This enables girls to be set down or picked up safely at the kerbside adjacent to the school.
- Set down and pick up only during 7.30am to 9.00am and 11.00am to 1.30pm.
- Bus Zone: No pick up or set down within the bus zone.
- Parking permitted
  - Four hour parking permitted during the hours 8.00am to 10.00am.
  - Clearance 0.80m to 1.80m.
- Staff and student parking only
  - 7.00am to 9.00am and 1.00pm to 4.00pm school days.

**General Comments**
- U-turns and turns into driveways are associated with increased safety risks.
- Please continue to drive around the school site in the direction indicated by the traffic flow arrows.

**Ravenswood TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN**

- Pick-up / set-down of students
  - As with most schools, there is intense traffic activity, particularly in the afternoons, around Ravenswood. We already have four staggered finishing times.
  - K-2: Mon–Thurs: Pick up on Cecil St, Gate 8 at 3.00pm; Friday: Pick up on Cecil St, Gate 8 at 3.05pm
  - Years 3–6: Mon–Thurs: Pick up on Henry St, Gate 4 at 3.15pm; Friday: Pick up on Henry St, Gate 4 at 3.05pm
  - Years 7–12: at 3.25pm.
  - Dismissal on Fridays is at 2.30pm for Years 7–12.
  - No Parking means you can pick-up or set down passengers for a two minute period but the driver must not move more than three metres from the vehicle.
  - The corner of Cecil Street and Henry Street on the school side is designated NO STOPPING up to the first driveway in Henry Street to reduce the bottleneck at this point where Henry Street narrows.
  - There is a BUS ZONE near the Henry Street gate entrance to the Centenary Centre. Bus Zone indicates no pick-up or set-down at all for vehicles other than a bus.
  - Parents/carers are encouraged to collect girls at pick-up points on the streets that border Ravenswood (excluding Pacific Highway – Cecil Street, Henry Street and Ravenswood Avenue). Frequently, the Cecil Street No Parking zone is free for easy pick-up of students after 3.30pm when Henry Street can be congested.
  - Parents must not park in No Parking zones. This practice is not only illegal but restricts vehicle access to the kerbside, creating a safety issue for girls being dropped off.

- Please discuss the various pick-up point options with your daughter(s), especially in relation to their locker location and proximity to a pick-up area in one of the above streets. Similarly, morning set-down can occur at various points around the school block at a point closest to a student’s locker area, that may be less congested than say, Henry Street.

**Traffic Flow**
- To reduce traffic congestion and hence, reduce the risk of accidents, parents are asked to drive vehicles around the school block in an anti-clockwise direction, keeping the school to the passenger side of the vehicle. This will enable girls to be set-down or picked up at the kerbside adjacent to the school rather than crossing roads.
- Traffic consultants have identified congestion caused by vehicles doing U-turns and turns into driveways as being a major problem, with associated safety risks. No Parking zones must be used for pick-up and set-down only. If parents intend to work for or accompany students into the school, vehicles must be parked well clear of designated pick-up/set-down areas. Often parents double-park or park illegally when there is a legal parking space less than 50 metres away.

**Staff and Student Parking Areas**
- Parking spaces within the school grounds are strictly for staff and service/delivery vehicles only.
- Nine visitor/patient parking spaces are provided in Henry Street, diagonally opposite Gate 1. To use these spaces, please place a dashboard sign in your vehicle, available on the day from Main Reception or the Junior School Office.
- The remainder of the parking spaces across Henry Street are located by Ravenswood, to provide the mandatory quota of staff and student parking.
K-11 Visual Arts Exhibition

Visual Arts Exhibition 2015
Kindergarten to Year 11

Official Opening Wednesday 4 November 6.00pm-8.00pm

K-6
4-5 November 8.30am-4.00pm
6 November 8.30am-2.00pm

Years 7-11
4-9 November 8.30am-4.00pm
10 November 8.30am-2.00pm
Saturday 7 November 10.00am-2.00pm please enter via Gate 3 on Henry St.

Ravenswood Centenary Centre Foyer and Auditorium, Henry Street, Gordon
Visitors to the school should arrive via Main Reception
Front images: Jessica Williams, Genevieve Smith, Lynette Yang, Year 11 IB Diploma
Back images: Chloe Smith Year 8, Renee Nguyen Year 4, Remy Hayman Year 9
Alice in Wonderland, Jr

Ravenswood’s Production of

Disney’s

Alice in Wonderland

J R.

Musical and Lyrics by Sammy Fain and Bob Hilliard. Oliver Wallace and Cy Coban, Aille Wrubel and Ray Gilbert, Mack David, Al Hoffman and Jerry Livingston

Music Adapting and Arranged and Additional Music and Lyrics by

Bryan Lussette

Book Adapted and Additional Lyrics by

David Simpatico

Based on the 1951 Disney film “Alice in Wonderland” and the novels “The Adventures of Alice in Wonderland” and “Through the Looking Glass” by Lewis Carroll

By arrangement with Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd, exclusive agent for Music Theatre International, NY

19 + 20 November 2015
7.00pm
Lorraine Smith Auditorium

General Admission Tickets: $10
(on sale 12 October 2015)

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CYMHS Parenting Anxious Children Seminar for Parents

Hornsby Child and Youth Mental Health Service (CYMHS)

Parenting Anxious Children
SEMINAR FOR PARENTS - TERM 4, 2015

A seminar for parents of children aged 4-10 yrs discussing:
The nature of anxiety and the different ways it may present in children, risk factors and potential implications for parents and children, as well as identification of practical strategies & resources to assist.

Thursday
19 November
Time:
10am-12pm

- The seminar will be facilitated by CYMHS staff (which includes Psychologists, Social Workers & family therapists).
- The seminar will be run at Hillview Community Health Centre 1394 Pacific Highway Turramurra. Entry via Boyd Ave. Please allow enough time for parking and arrive 10 minutes before the registered start time. Unfortunately, we cannot provide childcare facilities and are unable to have infants attend with their parents.
- The seminar is available to families who live in the Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai local government area.
- The cost of the seminar is $10 but there will be no charge for concession card holders.
- Registration is essential as groups fill quickly.
- To confirm your place please call CYMHS on 9485 6155.
- Participants will be asked to complete feedback forms.
- The service reserves the right to postpone or cancel seminars in the case of insufficient registrations.
Health Promoting Schools Newsletter Spring 2015 Families That Work Well

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Child and Family Health Service

The days are getting longer & the weather is getting warmer as we head through Spring into Summer

Families That Work Well

Families have changed a lot in recent years. There are so many different types of family and parenting styles these days. The family you have grown up in influences how they will cope with life. Just as a loving, caring family can create good self-esteem in a child, an unhappy, tearful family can lead to low self-esteem and problems for a child.

Show affection, encouragement and appreciation
Let your child know what you love about them
Give hugs, be thoughtful and kind
Don’t use put-downs, threaten or blame your child – it makes them feel hopeless

Share the choice and the power
Encourage children to take on more responsibility as they get older
Allow them to have a say in their own lives
Use encouragement and humour to keep control, not punishment or threats
When a child has a say in what happens and their views are heard, trust and intimacy develops

Family rituals and traditions
The daily rituals and things you do on special occasions build a sense of belonging, security and contentment. Daily rituals can include what you do at mealtime and bedtime and how you say goodbye.

It is good for families to celebrate special occasions and have traditions for what happens at these times

Accept the differences in each person
No one should be left out or made to feel like the odd one out in a family
Allow each person to be excited about their personal interests, show respect and be patient

Keep in touch with friends and relatives

The more a family is isolated from others, the more chances there will be problems
Knowing there are people to turn to when things get tough will make a difference to your child’s ability to make friends and happiness

Make family time
Take time to listen to your children – try and work out the feelings behind their words and actions and don’t jump in with answers or criticisms
Do fun things together – play games, go on outings, play sport, go for a walk, share hobbies
Share mealtimes together and turn off the TV – talk to each other about what’s been happening

Find time to talk to your children – sometimes this can be one-on-one or as a whole family or even when you are doing chores together or driving them to school

Share your feelings appropriately so your children learn that it’s OK for them to share their feelings


Useful Support and counselling services

Childcare Access Hotline: 1800 670 305

NSW Family Services: 02 9992 5999

Can help you find a service in your local area.

Counselling: 02 9794 1652 or 1800 677 96

24 hour parenting information and counselling

Parent Line NSW: 1300 1302 52

24/7 telephone information, counselling and referral service for parents of children aged 0 – 18 years

Tresillian: 02 9787 0855 or 1800 637 357

24 hour information and counselling for parents or carers of children under five years

http://youthsource.com.au
Sir Eric Woodward School Charity Ball Donations

Donation Request
Supporting the students of Sir Eric Woodward School

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Challenge Fund Annual Charity Ball
Proudly Supporting SEWS

Auction Items Donation Requests

The Charity Challenge is holding their annual charity ball on Saturday 21st November 2015 at The Hilton Hotel Sydney.

Generous funds raised at this event support a variety of charities including Sir Eric Woodward School.

Having every Charity Challenge supporter together in a big function room helps generate funds to donate back to each of the charities. The more support in terms of prizes/auction items from each charity, the better the return for each charity.

As in previous years, items are requested for the Major Auction, Silent Auction and a Raffle. Event organisers are looking for a mix of items from vouchers (small and large), to big ticket items, items that are popular, as well as those that are unique – electronic goods, hampers, wines, experiences, giftware, jewellery, holidays etc. If vouchers a fair expiry date is requested.

We look forward to any donation that could be auctioned or raffled at this event to support our students. If you are able to donate items to be auctioned or raffled please contact the school on (02) 94496003 or deliver items to 75 Ayres Road, St Ives by Friday 30th October 2015.

Don’t forget to go and visit http://winaleys.com.au/39 Sir Eric Woodward School Art Union page and purchase raffle ticket to win some amazing prizes! Again all funds raised support all students at SEWS.

Sir Eric Woodward students and staff thank their community for their support.

Kind regards

J Gardiner
Principal
06.10.15
News

BridgeClimb

On Monday 26 October, Mr Paul Cave, Founder of BridgeClimb, came and talked to Year 6 about the Sydney Harbour Bridge in relation to our Science topic Built Environments. Mr Cave shared his extensive knowledge of the bridge and how he started BridgeClimb. He also brought in the sword that was used by Francis de Groot to slash the ribbon to 'unofficially' open the Sydney Harbour Bridge. The sword was in a large wooden box which was brought in by a security man. He wore white gloves when showing off the sword. Mr Cave was also lucky to own (and show us) the very first train ticket for the crossing of the Harbour Bridge.

We learned some amazing facts too – it took six years to build the bridge and six million rivets were used.

The talk was impressive and Year 6 learned an amazing amount of information about our very famous Sydney Coathanger.

Breeana, Year 6