2016 Term 1, Week 5 – 26 February 2016

Principal's Message

Our school year is now in full swing and our girls are shining in so many areas – from efforts and achievements in the classroom, to carnivals and concerts.

Our Year 12 students are rising to the challenge of assessments while making the most of their time as school leaders. I had the joy of meeting with the whole Year 12 cohort over lunch yesterday and was delighted by the girls’ willingness to offer their valuable perspectives and insights as well as their feedback and suggestions, as we look to optimise their learning experiences in their final year and also inform our planning for new initiatives for Ravenswood generally.

Our Cross Country Carnival held at St Ives Showground on Wednesday was an energetic and inspiring event as students from both our Junior and Secondary Schools showcased their grit and perseverance. I was so impressed watching students dig deep as they often even accelerated towards the finish line after an arduous run, cheered on by their peers and greeted with cups of water and hugs after they crossed the line. It was a great demonstration of the Ravenswood spirit. Further, I was so impressed by the cross-age mentoring demonstrated by the older students through interactions with younger students, as well as the work undertaken by students and staff alike to support Social Service initiatives; a newly-established Indigenous high school in Kariong on the Central Coast and the Sumi School in Kalimpong, by working on a Sausage Sizzle and stalls.

Year 6 students enjoyed a fabulous breakfast with their fathers on Tuesday and were proud to perform songs over breakfast for them. It was wonderful to meet with so many dads there, enjoying special time with their daughters.

It was also wonderful to have nearly 300 parents in attendance at our Parent Information Evening for families enrolling their daughters to commence in 2018. I, together with our staff, value the opportunity to speak with parents and hear about their aspirations for their daughters’ education. If you wish your daughter to commence in 2018 and have not yet made contact with the Enrolments Office (enrol@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au or 9498 9908), please do so at your earliest convenience. Future families will shortly be asked to attend an interview with a senior member of staff, and offers of places will be made early in Term 2.

I was so pleased by the number of parents in attendance at the RPA Annual General Meeting, and especially the many parents who are new to the school who are so willing to be involved. There are so many opportunities for parents to engage through the many events planned throughout the year. I am also so grateful for the support of our many Class Parent Coordinators who met this morning. They have been very busy organising the many wonderful social events for individual Year Groups and these are listed later in the Newsletter.

Ravenswood has had a long tradition of excellence in music. Last night I attended the Music Scholars’ Concert in the Joyce Trickett Rehearsal Room. As well as enjoying some sublime performances, I was able to meet parents and also past staff who came in support. Our Ravenswood Past Staff Association (RAPS), which was formally established last year, is yet another golden thread in the tapestry of our community.

Of course, the part of my role which I especially relish is the opportunity to engage with our girls. Our regular school Assemblies are a very important part of life at Ravenswood. It is a time for our entire student community to come together, reflect, learn and grow our Ravenswood spirit together. This week I was able to share some of the ideas around character strengths and think about how we can all use our strengths to promote greater levels of engagement and accomplishment, as well as navigate the challenges we will inevitably face in life. I am looking forward to sharing concepts such as these with you in our Positive Education Parent Information Session on
Monday 7 March. An invitation was emailed to families earlier this week: 

As we look towards next week, we wish all the very best to those girls competing in the NSW IPSHA Swimming and Diving Competition, our Years 3 and 4 students who will attend their camps at Collaroy and in the Blue Mountains respectively, NSW All Schools CIS Triathlon, our debaters who enter Round Three of the ISDA competition, entrants in the National Latin Examinations and our performers at the Ravenswood Mini Music Showcase. I urge you to come and enjoy the performances of some of our most talented performers from across the school at the Showcase, see the Performing Arts section for more information. It promises to be a most enjoyable evening.

Mrs Anne Johnstone

Chaplain's Message

Our thoughts and prayers are drawn this week to the people of Fiji. Cyclone Winston has wrought destruction and devastation. The Uniting Church is responding through its aid and development arm UnitingWorld, and we will be looking at how as a school, we might be able to offer support, especially as we have a strong connection through the IB CAS project Operation Bula. You can donate at 

Events like cyclones remind us of the seeming randomness of the workings of nature and the universe. As anyone who has been affected by such tragedy such as a natural disaster or life threatening or life-limiting disease, it quickly dispels the myth of control that we think we have in our lives. Sadly, this myth of control can sometimes be a symptom of fragile faith. Many religious people, in desiring a sense of certainty, transfer this need for control to their theology and put God in control of every aspect of life. It may upset or shock some people for me to say that God is not in direct control of every aspect of life. I firmly believe God to be at work in all of life to redeem and transform our suffering but God doesn't bring or cause suffering. We are not at the mercy of God as to whether we suffer tragedy or not but the love and compassion of God is there to bring hope and peace and resilience in the midst of adversity, and the mercy of God is there for us to bring hope, peace and redemptive transformation when we have been the perpetrators of suffering.

I love the Positive Psychology movement because it brings science back to faith. Theology was once the 'Queen of the Sciences,' but due to naive dogmatism, it has slipped or failed to engage with its roots. Positive Psychology has drawn wisdom from faith and religion, such as living a life focused on others brings a greater sense of meaning and purpose and leads to greater wellbeing. Our theology – that is ‘faith seeking understanding’ (the definition put forward by St Anselm) – should also resource our resilience. In this time of Lent, leading up to Easter, we focus on the fact that God is with us in the person of the Christ. This is not an all controlling distant God but God who submits to the randomness and human-inflicted suffering of the world, and leans into and through it to transform and redeem it. Jesus led a life centred on others and called, and calls, people to do the same. God is with us in this, for God was with us in Jesus. When we live in this way, we find meaning and purpose, and faith resources us not naïvely as a shield against adversity but becomes the stuff of grit and determination to survive, and even thrive, in the midst of it.

The peace of God which passes all understanding is found in this counter-intuitive truth. It is the stuff of life, death and resurrection because we find it in faith in the midst of suffering when we discover God is with us, not against us in the highs but especially the lows of real life. So whether you believe or not, I encourage you to do something to assist the people of Fiji, as doing so is not just a religious duty but is the way of scientifically
validated wellbeing. Then maybe you might also be encouraged to seek ways of making a positive difference to other areas of suffering in the world. It is the real stuff of faith that we can now validate with real data from such movements as Positive Psychology. So it is not only something to think about but something to experience. God bless.

Rev Jon Humphries

Whole School

NAPLAN

Parents of students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 please be advised that the National Assessment tests in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be held on 10-12 May 2016. An email has been sent including more detail regarding the tests. If you have any questions or concerns relating to NAPLAN, please do not hesitate to email me on sloughhead@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au.

Volunteer Readers and Writers

If you are able to volunteer as a reader or writer for students completing assessments and examinations, I would love to hear from you. It is a requirement that all volunteers supply a Working with Children (WWC) number. More information about how to apply can be obtained by visiting http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check. If you are able to assist, please send an email to sloughhead@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au.

Miss Suellen Loughhead, Coordinator Academic Studies

Ravenswood Maths Club

Ravenswood

Math Club

- Open to all students in Years 5-10
- Maths competitions & preparation
- Fun & games
- Enrichment opportunities

Every Tuesday lunchtime in Room J 3.22

Bring your lunch. First meeting Term 1, Week 6B.

Teacher in charge: Mrs Lisa Kim

‘Mathematics is like a love: a simple idea, but it can get complicated.’

~ George Polya ~
Languages

New: Languages Reading Corner in the LRC

K-12 students have access to a wonderful new library of readers and novels in our six languages (French, German, Japanese, Mandarin, Latin and Spanish) which are located in the LRC behind the main reception desk. Language classes have already been making use of these resources in lesson time and most of these can be borrowed by our Languages students on a fortnightly-basis, using the LRC’s regular borrowing system.

Some Latin books have also been donated by the late Mrs Denise Reading (former Ravenswood Languages Coordinator). These will be housed in the Secondary School Languages Centre and can also be borrowed. Mrs Heather Powell will oversee this process.

National Latin Examinations 2016

This week, Years 5-10 Latin students have been voluntarily participating in the 2016 Latin Mythology Examinations. Forty-eight students have taken part in this prestigious competition. On Thursday 3 March, students in Years 9-12 Latin will all compete in the equally prestigious National Latin Competition. All enquiries can be directed to Mrs Heather Powell.

After School Language Conversation Classes

These classes, offered in the Junior School in Spanish and Mandarin and in the Secondary School in French, German, Chinese, Japanese and Spanish, have all commenced for Semester 1. Please direct all enquiries to Mrs Bronwen Calcraft, Languages Coordinator bcalcraft@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au. Registrations for Semester 2 will be opened towards the end of Term 2.

DELF French Extension Program 2016

This year, a large number of Years 8-12 students have registered for the DELF Junior French program. Participants work through a rigorous self-guided program which prepares them for a written and speaking examination, held at the Alliance Française later in the year. Drop-in sessions are Thursday B Lunchtime in the Secondary School Languages Centre. Please direct all enquiries to Mrs Bronwen Calcraft bcalcraft@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au

Vivent les langues!

Mrs Bronwen Calcraft, Languages Coordinator

Junior School

Head of Junior School

Congratulations to all of our swimmers who have been nominated to represent Ravenswood at the IPSHA Swimming Carnival next Wednesday. Participation rates at the Junior School Carnival were outstanding.

Congratulations to Jade and Maia, Year 6, who have been selected in the CIS Tennis team for the PSSA Championships in May.

This week, I met with the Student Representative Council (SRC) Junior School representatives. The students provided feedback about a number of items and have been solution-focused on presenting their ideas. It is wonderful to see the SRC taking an active interest and proactive approach.

On Tuesday morning, we held the first of our Father/Daughter Breakfasts, hosted by Year 6. It was great to see the Assembly Hall filled with dads and daughters enjoying this special time together.
Important Dates

Week 6B
Tuesday 1 March  
Chapel commences at 8.30am, all parents are welcome

Wednesday 2 March  
IPSHA Swimming and Diving – information sent home with our representative swimmers and divers

Thursday 3 March  
Mini K-12 Music Showcase 6.30pm Auditorium

A complete schedule of which ensembles are performing can be found at https://rayonet.ravenswood.nsw.edu.au/performingarts/music/Lists/Announcements/Attachments/1/Mini%20Music%20Showcases%202016%20Final%2029Jan16.pdf. Admission will be $5 (general admission, cash only). Tickets will be available from Performing Arts Reception two weeks prior to the concert and on the night at the door.

Thurs 3 - Fri 4 March  
Year 3 Camp  
Year 4 Camp

Week 7A
Tuesday 8 March  
Chapel commences at 8.30am, all parents are welcome  
Year 4 Easter Experience 10.10am Chapel

Wednesday 9 March  
Junior School Lunchtime Concert commencing at 1.00pm in Music Room B0.03 (previously Room 401)

Thursday 10 March  
House Football 12.25pm (Activities) on the oval

Friday 11 March  
ISDA Debating Round 4 versus Wenona at Ravenswood

Week 8B
Wednesday 16 March  
Open Day from 9.00am-12.00pm

Thursday 17 March  
House Modball 12.25pm (Activities) on the oval

Friday 18 March  
New Parents’ Dinner 6.00pm

Week 9A
Tuesday 22 March  
CIS Swimming and Diving Carnival

Wednesday 23 March  
Years 3-6 and Year 2 8 year olds Athletics Trials

Thursday 24 March  
K-12 Easter Service 12.10pm Gymnasium  
K-2 Easter Hat Parade, time to be confirmed

Friday 25 March  
GOOD FRIDAY

Mrs Cheryl Bailey, Head of Junior School
**Makerspace**

The Makerspace in the Junior School Library is up and running during Friday lunchtimes – it gives girls the opportunity to create, explore and investigate via all different pathways, in a relaxed session. Over the past two weeks we have been exploring Danish heart paper weaving. The girls have really enjoyed this – often finding it challenging but loving the final product.

*Mrs Christine Rothfield, Teacher Librarian*

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**Secondary School**

**Positive Psychology – Information Evening for Parents**

Since the school year commenced, Mrs Anne Johnstone, Principal, has introduced the concepts of Positive Psychology to members of staff and students. Beginning in January when sixteen members of staff undertook five days of training with the Penn Positive Psychology Program for Educators, there has been a surge of interest from our community about Positive Psychology and the benefits it could bring to Ravenswood. Staff are currently researching ways to enable students to flourish and develop signature strengths that will allow them to have a greater sense of wellbeing. For example, at Assembly on Monday, Mrs Johnstone spoke to the students in the Secondary School about character strengths and in both Mentor and Ravo Connect meetings, the conversations have continued. It is exciting and refreshing to see such innovations unfolding as the school year begins.

To allow parents to learn more about Positive Psychology, Mrs Johnstone will be facilitating an information session for parents on the night of Monday 7 March. Please mark the date in your diary now so you can get a greater sense of Positive Psychology.

**Applications for exemption from school**

From time-to-time parents have to make a request for their daughter to be absent from school. In the same way legislation requires us to receive retrospectively an explanation in writing from a parent for a student's absence from school, if parents know in advance their daughter is going to be absent from school, they must seek permission from the Principal for their daughter to be exempt from attending school.

Legislation has changed recently and the application form parents were able to download from the Parent Portal to seek an application for exemption from attendance at school is no longer available. Instead, four updated forms are now available for parents to seek permission for their daughter to be absent from school for a specific reason.

Parents may apply for an exemption from attending school for their daughter for the following reasons, such as when a student is engaged in employment in approved entertainment industry activities; when a student is participating in an elite sport program or event or elite arts event; when a student is required to travel; and for exceptional circumstances.

To seek permission from the Principal for your daughter to be exempt from attending school for any of the above reasons, please download the appropriate Form (A, B, C or D) from the Parent Portal and forward your application to either the Junior School Office or Student Reception. Please ensure relevant documentation is
attached to your application to enable consideration to take place. If the application to be exempt from school is approved, parents will receive a Certificate of Exemption which they must retain.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact Student Absences student.absences@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au or telephone 9498 9805 (Secondary School) or 9498 9831 (Junior School).

**Coming Secondary School Events**

**Term 1 Week 5**
Saturday 27 February  ACER Scholarship Testing

**Term 1 Week 6**
Monday 29 February  Year 12 Parent/Teacher/Student Conference
Friday 4 March  Year 7 Vaccinations (see the flyer in the News section)

**Term 1 Week 7**
Monday 7 March  Positive Psychology Information Session
Mon 7 – Wed 9 March  Year 10 Camp
Menu 7 – Wed 9 March  Year 11 Camp
Thursday 10 March  IB Diploma Information Evening

**Term 1 Week 8**
Mon 14 – Fri 18 March  Year 7 Camp
Menu 14 – Fri 18 March  Year 8 Camp
Wednesday 16 March  Open Day

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

**Ravenswood History and Languages Tour 2017**

Applications for the Ravenswood History and Languages Tour in April 2017, are due by Friday 11 March 2016. Mrs Bronwen Calkraft, Languages Coordinator and Dr Catherine Arends, History Coordinator, have organised an exciting itinerary and will be taking History and Languages students to Paris, the Western Front, Berlin, Rome and Pompeii. Students who will be in Years 10-12 in 2017, have expressed their interest. **Places are now being offered to current Year 8 students who will be in Year 9 in 2017.**

An information package outlining costs, inclusions, payment schedule and Application Forms is available directly from Mrs Calkraft or Dr Arends, or from Student Reception. Payment of a $500 deposit to secure your daughter’s place should be made by Friday 11 March. Details regarding costs and preferred payment method are outlined in the information package.

Please see the flyer in the News section of this Newsletter.

**Careers**

Years 11 and 12 students are invited to a lunchtime seminar on **Thursday 7 April** about cadetships. Students should express interest in attending in an email to me. Old Girl, Madeline Jones (2014), who is a cadet at Westpac, will explain her application and life as a cadet. Please note that cadetship applications for various companies take place from now until May: [www.businesscadetships.com.au](http://www.businesscadetships.com.au).
Years 11 and 12 students are welcome to attend a lunchtime presentation from ANU about their courses and university life on Wednesday 5 April in the LRC.

Ms Meg Hall, Careers Counsellor
mhall@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au

Year 12 Parent/Teacher/Student Conference

The Year 12 Parent/Teacher/Student Conference is being held on Monday 29 February from 4.00pm-7.00pm. All appointments will be made online and information regarding the process was emailed to parents on Tuesday 9 February.

Interviews can be booked via the Parent Portal, http://myravyo.ravenswood.nsw.edu.au, and then clicking onto the Parent Teacher Interview icon. Please be mindful that the bookings close this Sunday 28 February.

Ms Hayley Humphreys, Director Student Wellbeing

Maths Help

MATHS HELP 2016

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

Ms Hazlehurst (Mon Week A), Mrs Close (Tues Week A and Mon Week B) and Mrs Luong (Tues Week 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.

Boarding

There is never a dull moment in the Residential College. This week, Hannah (Yr 10) and Isolde (Yr 11) represented our community at the 2018 Parent Information Evening. The girls answered a number of questions from interested parents about what it is like living and studying on campus and being away from their families.

Also, all of our girls participated in the Years 3-12 Cross Country Carnival on Wednesday with Jemma (Yr 11) finishing in an amazing fourth place in her competitive age group.

This weekend, we begin our Sunday activity enrichment program which is carefully planned by our Year 11 Activity Captains and led by our wonderful Residential College supervisors. Our weekend activities provide engaging and stimulating experiences for our Boarders which keep those who are in residence over the weekend engaged, active and culturally immersed.
in Sydney city life. I look forward to sharing with you the ‘fun’ that is had during our weekend activities over the coming weeks.

There are numerous opportunities for our Boarders to take on leadership roles whilst living in the Residential College, however, the two most esteemed are the Boarding Captain and Boarding Vice-Captain, awarded to two girls in Year 12.

In 2016, the Boarding Captain is **Jemima** and Boarding Vice-Captain is **Genevieve**.

These two wonderful girls have been an amazing source of information and support to me over my first few weeks and I have been delighted to see their passion and dedication to all of our Boarders and our school. I look forward to working closely with our two Captains in 2016.

**Mrs Jackie Gilson, Director Boarding and International Students**

### Boarding Captains’ Report

My name is Jemima and I am the 2016 Boarding Captain of the Residential College. I am from Newcastle and started boarding in Year 10 and am currently in Year 12, studying the International baccalaureate Diploma. My name is Genevieve and I am the Boarding Vice-Captain for 2016. I am from Wingham, a small town on the NSW Mid North Coast. Like Jemima, I began boarding in Year 10. I am studying the HSC.

Already, four weeks of term have passed and the girls are settling into their new home comfortably or returning to their old home. Girls have travelled across seas, interstate and come from broader Sydney to be a part of the Ravenswood community. Further, we have had an awesome start to the year with the Boarders dominating the Boarders versus Day Girl race at the Swimming Carnival. Again, the girls backed these awesome efforts and results with excellent participation and incredible individual scores at the Cross Country Carnival. Also, we had an incredible closed weekend, where we explored Sydney, including our local area Gordon, and the city, specifically the Sydney Aquarium. The weekend also facilitated the opportunity to form new friendships with everyone in the Residential College and reconnect with the ‘old’ Boarders.

In addition to making friends and enjoying ourselves, an intrinsic part of Ravenswood boarding is pursuing academic excellence. On weeknights (Monday-Friday) the whole house has compulsory prep hours, from 6.45pm-9.15pm where girls in Years 10 and 11 study in the dining room with access to a tutor. Year 12 students are allowed to study in their own rooms but can also access the prep tutor. This compulsory time creates a firm foundation to ensure every Boarder has the opportunity to achieve her academic best.

So, continue to ‘keep up with Boarders’ as over the course of the year, we will continue to provide personal reflections of the Boarders’ experiences within the Residential College.

*Jemima and Genevieve*

### Community

**From the Development Office**

I greatly appreciate all the feedback from our parents (both existing and new) regarding requests for information on the groups that the Development Office manages. In light of this, and in the spirit of supporting community cohesiveness, please find the first of a weekly series detailing information about the RPA, ROGU, Foundation, Fidler Fellows and RAPS. As the RPA Class Parent Coordinators and Committees are busily planning the year ahead, I thought it most appropriate to start with the Ravenswood Parents’ Association.
The Ravenswood Parents’ Association was formed in 1991 as an amalgamation of the Fathers and Friends Association, the Ladies Auxiliary and the Preparatory Mothers’ Club. **The RPA’s main objective is to build a strong sense of community through a variety of social and fundraising activities.**

The RPA Executive is led by the President, Mr Colin Frost and supported by the Executive Committee of Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

There are two sub-committees, each with their own leadership team led by:

RPA Junior School President, Mrs Edith Steinert  
RPA Secondary School President, Mrs Louise Hayman

The Class Parent Coordinators meet once a term with the Subcommittee Executive to discuss social events as well as updates from the RPA Executive Committee. These are communicated to parents via the Class Parent Coordinator newsletters each term.

Under the RPA there are a number of smaller groups including:

**RPA Prayer Team** (meet once a term to pray for the school, staff and students. All are welcome to attend or make prayer requests)

**RPA Connect Group** (opportunities to meet throughout the year for families new to the area or country)

**RPA Meals Made With Love** (volunteers who provide meals anonymously to families in times of need)

**RPA Lost Property** (volunteers who go through all the lost property and offer their time during the school day)

**RPA Carnival Committee** (currently looking for volunteers)

**RPA Sports Lunch Committee** (currently looking for volunteers)

**RPA Christmas Lunch Committee** (currently looking for volunteers)

Every parent is automatically a member of the RPA and has voting rights and/or can nominate themselves or another member for a position on the Executive at the Annual General Meeting.

For further information on volunteering opportunities, please contact Anne Reilly (Community Relations Coordinator) via areilly@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au or call 9498 9825.

***Ms Liane Leslie, Development and Relationships Manager***

**All Ravenswood Parents**

**Class Parent Events**

*Please contact your Class Parent Coordinator via the Portal to RSVP for these events or for more details and a reminder to please update your contact details on the Portal if you have not yet done so.*
**Kindy** parents are holding a play-date in the park from 10.00am-11.30am this Sunday 28 February at Turramurra Memorial Park. A parents-only dinner is planned for 7.00pm on Friday 11 March at Urban Tadka Indian restaurant, Terrey Hills. To RSVP and for more details, please go to the Portal.

**Year 5** parents are invited to an evening get-together at the McLean home on Saturday 19 March. For more details, please go to the Portal.

**Year 6** is holding a family dinner at the Avondale Golf Club on Sunday 13 March. Please arrive from 5.30pm for a 6.00pm start. To RSVP and for more details, please go to the Portal.

**Year 8** parents are invited to morning tea at the home of Danielle Corcoran in Gordon on Friday 4 March from 9.30am-11.30am. Please consider making a gold coin donation for your attendance. To RSVP and for more details, please go to the Portal.

**Year 9** parents are invited to coffee at Deli in the Park, East Lindfield at 9.00am on Thursday 3 March. On Friday 18 March, Linleigh White is hosting drinks from 7.30pm-10.30pm. To RSVP and for more details, please go to the Portal.

**Year 10** parents are invited to coffee at Runaway Spoon, Lindfield, on Monday 29 February. For more details, please go to the Portal.

**Year 11** parents are invited to meet for morning tea at the home of Sue Izaks in West Pymble on Thursday 3 March from 10.00am. To RSVP and for more details, please go to the Portal.

**Year 12** is holding parent drinks at Q-Station, Manly, from 3.00pm-5.00pm on Sunday 13 March. Note that this is also a fundraiser for the Valedictory Dinner. To RSVP and for more details, please go to the Portal.

**Lost Property**

A document with photos plus a document listing items currently held in Lost Property have been posted in the RPA section of the Parent Portal. Students can collect their lost property on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 1.10pm-1.40pm. Alternatively, make an appointment with Anne Reilly in the Development Office by emailing developmentoffice@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au.

**Rebel Sports Rebate Program**

Help Ravenswood purchase sports equipment by participating in the Season Pass loyalty program and nominating Ravenswood as the beneficiary. Show your Rebel Sport pass at the checkout when you pay. These are the benefits:

- **You** will receive loyalty points on your Season Pass account at Rebel Sport on your purchases.
- **Ravenswood** will receive a rebate to the value of 5% on the purchases made by Ravenswood families. Ravenswood can then redeem this rebate at Rebel Sport to buy sporting equipment for the school.

Obtain a Rebel Season Pass the next time you shop at Rebel Sport and nominate Ravenswood as the school you wish to receive the rebate from your purchases. If you already have a Season Pass account, you can update your details and nominate Ravenswood the next time you shop in-store at Rebel Sport.
Performing Arts

Music

The first Mini Music Showcase Concert is Thursday 3 March at 6.30pm in the Lorraine Smith Auditorium. General Admission tickets ($5 – cash only) can be purchased at Performing Arts Reception and will be available at the door on the night. Doors open at 6.00pm.

Save the date for Mini Music Showcase II – Thursday 31 March. This concert will feature performances by: the Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Middle Vocal Ensemble, Ravo Voices, Year 5 Class Choir and the Secondary Rock Band.

Students in Year 11 interested in self-nominating for Dance, Drama and/or Music Captains, should speak with the relevant teacher (Dance: Miss Keys, Drama: Mr Bird, Music: Mrs Aird) next week. Elections are held at the end of Term 1.

Sophia (Yr 6) competed at Walt Disney’s Disney Under the Stars singing competition last week and was selected as one of the two winners for NSW. As the winner, she will be singing a duet to Do You Want To Build A Snowman from Frozen with Lucy Durack (from Wicked) on stage at the Disney Under the Stars Concert at the Opera House on Sunday 28 February. She was also interviewed and will appear on the Disney Channel as part of the promotion. (The photo shows Sophia (right) with the other NSW winner and Adam Roberts from Hanging With Adam & Ash on Disney.)

Mrs Heather Aird, Director Music and Performing Arts
The Lark by Jean Anouilh

‘Without question it was Joan: singing like a lark in the sky over the heads of your French armies’

Rehearsals are well underway for the Term 1 Secondary School Drama Production, The Lark. The play is directed by the wonderfully talented Saskia Smith and features an exceptional all-female cast from Years 9-11. The Lark tells the legendary tale of Joan of Arc; her accusers, her believers, her life – and her death. The production features a seating design with the audience on stage, and in direct contact with the actors and the dramatic action of the play.

Performances are Thursday 17, Friday 18, Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 March in the Caroline Trotter Studio and begin at 7.00pm, with the exception of the Sunday performance, which commences at 5.00pm. Tickets are Adult $22.00, Student/Concession $15.00 and will be on sale through Trybooking from Monday 7 March.

Mr Chris Bird, Drama Coordinator

Sports

NSWCIS Tennis Trial Results

Earlier this week, Jade (Yr 6) and Maia (Yr 6) attended the NSWCIS Tennis trials which were held at The King’s School. Well done to Maia and Jade who were two of the four girls selected to attend the NSWPSSA Tennis championships. Congratulations girls on such an outstanding achievement. The NSWPSSA Tennis Championships will be held in Tweed Heads at the beginning of May.

Junior School Term 2 IPSHA Sport Registrations

A reminder that registrations are now open on the Junior School Sports Portal page for Term 2 IPSHA Minkey/Hockey. Registration is available on the Junior Sports page and will remain open until Friday 26 February (TODAY). No late registrations will be accepted. Please check the trial dates when you register to ensure you can attend the allocated times. Please email me at amischkonigg@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au should you have any questions.

Mrs Amanda Mischkonigg

News

Kindergarten’s First Library Visit

Kindergarten girls thoroughly enjoyed their first visit to the Library – borrowing books, enjoying Storytime and creating some fantastic bears that related back to their picture book.

Mrs Christine Rothfield, Teacher Librarian
Ravenswood History and Languages Tour

RAVENSWOOD HISTORY AND LANGUAGES TOUR
France, Belgium, Germany and Italy - 8-24 April 2017.
Open to History, French, German and Latin students in Years 9-12, 2017

♦ Visit Paris, Rome, Berlin, WWI Battlefields, Pompeii, Mt Vesuvius
♦ Guided tour of Paris, including the Eiffel Tower, Arc di Triomphe, dinner on the Champs Elysees
♦ Visit the Louvre, Palace of Versailles, Montmartre, Sacre Coeur
  ♦ Somme Valley and WWI battlefields with guide.
  ♦ Visit Passchendaele Memorial Museum
  ♦ Wreath Laying Ceremony at Menin Gate.
♦ Guided tour of Villers Bretonneux
♦ Guided tour of Berlin, Reichstag, Brandenburg Gate, Checkpoint Charlie
  ♦ Guided tours of Pompeii and Herculaneum
♦ Guided tour of Rome, Roman Forum, Vatican Museum and the Basilica
  ♦ All accommodation in 2/3/4 star hotels throughout and all meals
  ♦ Local guides at all major sites and a Tour manager for entire trip

♦ Mrs Calcraft and Dr Arends will be leading the Tour.

♦ An information package outlining costs, inclusions, payment schedule and Application Forms is available directly from Mrs Calcraft or Dr Arends, or from Student Reception.
♦ Payment of a $500 deposit to secure your daughter’s place due by Friday 11 March.
  ♦ Details regarding costs are outlined in the information package.
Ravenswood Vaccination Schedule

Northern Sydney Public Health Unit
School Vaccination Program
Ph: 1300 066 055

Ravenswood School for Girls

Vaccination Clinic Visits Schedule

4 March 2016
Year 7 Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (Dose 1)
Year 8 (catch-up) Human Papillomavirus Vaccine

17 Jun 2016
Year 7 Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (Dose 2)
Year 8 (catch-up) Human Papillomavirus Vaccine
Year 7 Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis

24 November 2016
Year 7 Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (Dose 3)
Year 8 (catch-up) Human Papillomavirus Vaccine
Year 7 Chicken Pox
Sports Coaches Required

Ravenswood is a Uniting Church K-12 School for girls located in Gordon on Sydney’s North Shore. The school has a record of high academic achievement and offers a choice of Higher School Certificate or the International Baccalaureate Diploma programme. We are committed to expanding student’s horizons by providing academic challenge, an extensive co-curricular programme and community experiences at home and internationally.

SPORTS COACHES REQUIRED

We are seeking enthusiastic, reliable and knowledgeable sports coaches for the following Term 2 sports:

- SEHA Hockey
- IPSHA Minkey Hockey
- IGSSA Basketball
- IGSSA Football

Coaches will be required to attend 1 training session during the week of 2 hours duration including warm-up and warm-down plus a Saturday morning commitment for 2 hours that will include a warm up, one hour game and warm down.

Preference will be given to coaches with a current coaching accreditation, Senior First Aid and relevant coaching experience.

For further information please contact Michelle Nancarrow, Director Sport, on 9498 9919. Applications should be sent by email with a current CV to mnancarrow@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au or mailed to Director Sport, Ravenswood School for Girls, Henry Street, Gordon NSW 2072.

Applications close Friday 11 March.

Applicants offered a coaching appointment are subject to all statutory checks and inquiries.
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