



Newsletter

RAVENSHOE STATE SCHOOL

VISION: Ravenshoe State School is committed to providing all students with opportunities to achieve to their capacity. We envisage students enjoying learning and teachers enjoying teaching in a safe, respectful environment.



Important Dates

Term 4, Week 6 Newsletter

EVENTS	DATES	VENUE
Whole School Secondary Parade	Every Monday 9:00am	Secondary Dining Hall
Whole School Primary Parade	Every Second Friday 9:10am	Primary Campus Hall
Possi Possum's Playgroup	Every Wed 9:00am—10.30am	Primary Campus Hall or Primary Playground
Presentation Day Ceremony	Thursday, 20th November 9:30am—11:30am	Whole School Primary Campus Hall
Year 12 Farewell Breakfast/ Last Parade	Friday, 21st November	Secondary Campus
Year 12 Graduation Ceremony	Friday, 21st November 4:00pm—late	Ravenshoe Town Hall
Year 6 Transition Day	Monday, 24th November	High School
Year 11 Leadership Camp	Wednesday, 26th November— Thursday 27th November	Wild River Buch Camp
Year 6 Transition Day	Wednesday, 3rd December	High School
Last Day of Term 4	Friday, 12th December	Whole School
First Day of Term 1	Tuesday, 27th January	Whole School



Ravenshoe State School P-12 acknowledges the Traditional Custodians, the Jirrbal tribe, of the country in which this school is located and pays respect to their Elders past and present.



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News from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

As this year comes to a close, the school is making preparations for a smooth start for 2026. To this end, we remind the parents/ carers of Year 6 students transitioning to the secondary campus to book an enrolment interview with the secondary Deputy Principal prior to the end of the term. Equally, families who have students ready for Prep 2026 are asked to contact the school to discuss enrolment. Furthermore, Enrolment Packs are available on each campus and the **2026 Student Resource Lists** are now available so families can start their own preparations for the new year.

Staffing News

Congratulations to Mrs Renee Jensen who has accepted a role in 2026 as a Senior Education Officer- Capability. This means that Mrs Jensen will be seconded to do work in other schools across the Tablelands and in Cairns next year. We wish her the best in obtaining the well-deserved promotion.

While we will be farewelling some staff who are relocating, taking leave or moving into retirement at the end of the year, we are excited to be welcoming some new teachers in 2026- news of which will be forthcoming.

Our school is also very grateful to have a new role in Prep to Year 2 with a regionally-funded Family Support Worker from the start of next year. This position has been advertised on *SmartJobs* if there is any local interest.

Presentation Day Awards Ceremony

In Week 7, the school will be acknowledging all those students who have excelled in academic, cultural, community and sporting arenas in 2025. A sincere congratulations to all award recipients. Thank you to the organising Committee and to our sponsors and special guests for their donations and presentation of awards.

Farewell Year 12

At the end of Week 7, the secondary campus will be bidding farewell to our Year 12 cohort as they move into the next chapter of their lives. May they flourish in their future endeavours.

Take care,

Jessie Cairns
Acting Principal

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stationery, new lunchboxes & water bottles, school
shoes and scientific calculators

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News from the Secondary Deputy Principal

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Congratulations to our **Year 10 Beacon Leadership Team** for their outstanding organisation of the **Beacon Charter Signing Ceremony**. This important event saw our Year 10 students pledge their commitment to making educational choices that will enhance their future employment opportunities and help them pursue their chosen career pathways. The leadership, maturity, and professionalism demonstrated by our Beacon team was exceptional — well done to all involved!

All classes have now concluded for our **Year 12 students**, with their final exam, **General Art**, taking place on **Monday, 18 November at 2:00pm**. Year 12 students are reminded that they should only be on campus if they have a scheduled appointment with a teacher. During these appointments, students must follow all of the school's policies and procedures.

We have a number of exciting events coming up as we approach the end of the school year:

- **Presentation Day Ceremony:** Thursday, **20 November 2025, 9:30am**
- **Year 12 Farewell Breakfast, Graduation and Formal:** Friday, **21 November 2025**
- **Year 11 Leadership Camp:** Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 November
- **Year 10 and 11 Last Day of Term:** Friday, **28 November 2025**

Year 6 Transition Days: Monday, **24 November**, and Wednesday, **3 December 2025**.

It's a busy and exciting time at Ravenshoe State School Secondary Campus as we celebrate student achievements and prepare for the year ahead. Thank you to all students, staff, and families for your continued support and engagement throughout Term 4.

Kind Regards,

Mr Gigliotti—Acting Secondary Deputy Principal

One or two days of missed school, really add up!

If your child misses..	1 day per fortnight	1 day per week	2 days per week	3 days per week
That equals to..	20 days per year	40 days per year	80 days per year	120 days per year
Which then equals to..	4 weeks per year	8 weeks per year	16 weeks per year	24 weeks per year
which totals over 13 years of schooling..	almost 1.5 years	almost 2.5 years	almost 5 years	almost 8 years



It is ok to stay home from school if you are sick, natural disasters occur or for emergent family circumstances. If your child is absent from school, it is **crucial** to let the office know.

Primary campus – 4097 5222
Secondary campus – 4097 5333





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News from the Primary Deputy Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had our first lot of thunderstorms rumbling around recently and I'm sure there will be more to come. If there is lightening in close proximity to the school, we will endeavor to keep students safe and undercover. When there is heavy rain/lightning at pick up time (which seems to be the time it happens) please encourage your children to stay under-cover.

This week, year 6 class headed to Tinaroo for their annual camp. Our students were provided the opportunity to learn valuable leadership skills while having fun. Keep an eye out for some photos and thankyou Miss Bafico, Miss Orchard and Miss Kerry for making it happen. Thanks also to our CEC Beck Mason for supporting the event also.

Looking over the last couple of weeks and the week ahead, there is no surprise that we are feeling it warming up. At both our play times, we have been hitting either an extreme UV rating or very high. We have seen a fantastic improvement in students wearing their hats. Thankyou for your ongoing support by checking your child's bags for their hats and water bottles to bring to school every day. We will continue to encourage students to wear them whenever they go outside and to stay hydrated. I know I was looking for some shade on playground duty this week.

Students are busy getting into their learning, and over the next few weeks, students will be completing assessments in preparation for reporting this term. If you have recently changed your contact details, please let the office know so we can have your most up to date contact information.

Have a great 2nd half of Term 4 and, as always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at school.

Yours in learning,

Luke Cifuentes

Deputy Principal (Primary Campus)



Curriculum Calendar	
Presentation Day	Thursday 20 th of November
Year 6 Transition Day	Monday the 24 th of November
Bump Up Day	Wednesday the 3 rd of December
Year 6 Graduation	Friday the 5 th of December
School Performance	Tuesday 8 th of December
Report cards issues	Thursday the 11 th of December
Last Day of Term	Friday 12 th of December



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News from Support Staff

From the School Based Youth Health Nurse—Jade Wood

Hi, my name is Jade, and I am the School Based Youth Health Nurse for Malanda, Ravenshoe and Herberton High Schools in 2025. I am a mum to 3 kids, and we enjoy spending time camping and fishing on weekends and holidays. I have been a nurse for 7 years with experience in medical and dialysis nursing, I began training in the SBYHN role last year and am thoroughly enjoying supporting students to address their concerns and problems about health and wellbeing. SBYHN's focus on preventative health for young people and provide: a confidential health service, health information to students, teachers and the school community and intervention and links to other services as required. Some of the main issues for which students access a SBYHN are:

- mental health, including social/emotional wellbeing
- relationships
- stress
- eating issues
- sexual and reproductive health
- drugs (including vaping and alcohol)
- growth and development.



From the Community Education Counsellor—Beck Mason

Hi everyone,

My name is Beck Mason and I am the Acting Community Education Counsellor for the remainder of the school year. I will be working across both the Primary and Secondary Campuses daily.

My role is providing educational counselling and support services, particularly for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families. My responsibilities include ensuring equitable access to education and advocating for students' needs within schools and supporting First Nation culture in educational settings.

I am very excited to announce that later this term we will be celebrating NAIDOC Day with more information to follow.

If you would like to contact me at any time, please call either the Primary office (for Primary students) on 40 975222 or the Secondary office (for Secondary students) on 40 975333.

Looking forward to working in my new role with our wonderful students at Ravenshoe State School.





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From Mark Shailer—Transition Pathways Officer (TPO)

My name is Mark Shailer and I am the Transition Pathways Officer (TPO) at Ravenshoe State School. My role at the school is to help students planning on transitioning away from school and enter into the work force.

I assist students with writing resumes, applying for documents such as tax file numbers, Identifying documents like birth certificates, Medicare cards, etc as well as work experience or placement.

I keep students informed of any employment opportunities, including any apprenticeship or traineeship opportunities available, and also offer short courses such as White Card and

Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) and link students in with external agencies for additional support if necessary.

Please reach out if I can help your students in any way.

mshai8@eq.edu.au - 0499 796 506



From Deborah Redfearn—School Chaplain

Chappy Deb is our school chaplain that works at our primary campus on Mondays and

Wednesdays, and at the secondary campus on Tuesdays. She focuses on the organisation of student wellbeing programs, and also organises and facilitates our breakfast club programs at both campuses. A heartfelt thank you to the Highland Bakery, Jeffrey and Vanessa Dickenson and Mungalli Creek Dairy for their contribution to breakfast club and emergency lunches.



Breakfast Club

Every Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs

8:15-8:40

Donations of bread, milk, milo or spreads would be wonderful. If you have any excess oranges or mandarins, we would love them for our Breakfast Club.

Please contact our Chaplain Deborah Redfearn

dredf8@eq.edu.au



RSS BREAKFAST CLUB

PRIMARY CAMPUS

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY MORNINGS

SECONDARY CAMPUS

MONDAY, TUESDAY AND THURSDAY MORNINGS



WE ARE ABLE TO RUN OUR BREAKFAST CLUB PROGRAM THANKS TO CONTINUED GENEROUS DONATIONS FROM:

- RAVENSHOE HIGHLAND BAKERY
- MUNGALLI CREEK DAIRY
- FOOD BANK



THANK YOU TO ALL THE LOVELY VOLUNTEERS WHO HELP FACILITATE OUR BREAKFAST CLUB. WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS. PLEASE CONTACT CHAPPY DEB AT THE SCHOOL IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.



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News from Support Staff

From Sarah Szery —Guidance Officer Primary

Hello, my name is Miss Sarah and I'm proud to be the Guidance Officer for the primary campus at Ravenshoe State School. Guidance Officers form part of the school's Student Support Team and provide support including:

- counselling with students,
- working with teachers to support student engagement and wellbeing,
- connecting students and families with external support services,
- and assistance with health/ paediatrician referrals.

If you have any questions about how the Guidance Officer can support your child, you can get in touch with me through the office. I am available at the Primary Campus Monday to Thursday.

Yours in Guidance,

Sarah Szery



News from Kerry Barton—Student Wellbeing Officer/ Secondary Youth Support Officer

My name is Kerry Barton. Some may know me from the primary campus, in my position as the Student Wellbeing Officer. I am excited to have the opportunity to now also be working with students, families and staff at the secondary campus as the Youth Support Officer. Like at the primary campus I will provide guidance and assistance to students facing educational, social, emotional or behavioural challenges, working closely with school staff and families to create a positive learning environment. In particular, I will be supporting students in Years 10 - 12 to

remain engaged in education. I look forward to meeting students and families in this role.

You can find me at the primary school on Monday, Wednesday and every second Friday and Tuesday & Thursday at the secondary.





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From Gil Jansen—Guidance Officer Secondary

The Importance of Studying at Home

During my high school years, my parents always asked me if I had any homework when I walked through the front door after school. My short answer was always NO. They would then say, “Well, you should go over the work you did in class today – and study that.” I was not happy with their response at the time, but I must admit that my parents were right.

Studying for consolidation is a crucial step in the learning process that transforms short-term understanding into long-term knowledge. Consolidation refers to the process by which information is transferred from short-term to long-term memory, allowing learners to retain and apply what they have learned over time. Without deliberate study and review, much of the material learned initially is quickly forgotten—a phenomenon known as the “forgetting curve.” Therefore, consistent study and revision are essential to strengthen memory traces and make learning more durable.



One major benefit of studying for consolidation is that it promotes deeper understanding rather than surface-level memorization. When students revisit material through active recall, summarization, or practice testing, they engage in meaningful processing of information. This active engagement helps link new knowledge to existing concepts, creating stronger mental connections that are easier to retrieve later. Regular review sessions spaced over time—known as “spaced repetition”—are especially effective in reinforcing these connections.

Another important factor is, studying for consolidation helps build confidence and reduces anxiety during assessments. When learners feel that information is firmly stored in memory, they are more likely to perform well under pressure. Consolidation also supports critical thinking and problem-solving, as knowledge that is well-integrated can be applied flexibly to new situations.

In academic and professional settings alike, the ability to retain and recall information is fundamental to success. Students who study consistently and purposefully are better prepared to adapt their knowledge in practical or real-world contexts. Ultimately, studying for consolidation is not just about passing exams—it is about building a foundation for lifelong learning. By investing time in thoughtful review and practice, learners ensure that their efforts lead to lasting understanding and intellectual growth.

Yours in Guidance

Gil Jansen





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News from the Primary Campus

Primary NAIDOC Art Competition!

Chloe-Jeanne McPherson in Year 6 was awarded "Grand Champion" of the Primary NAIDOC Art Competition. Well done Chloe for your amazing work!

The other winners were:

Senior Winner - Alex and Taniesha

Intermediate Winner - Penny

Junior Winner - Aiyana

Thank you to all of our other entries. I was very impressed with the amazing artwork I received.

Miss Beck - CEC



Possi Possum's Playgroup

Possi Possums Playgroup spent time outside in the Playground and inside the HALL for the past few weeks of Playgroup. We meet each Wednesday at the Primary Campus from 9ish to 1045 with healthy snacks provided. See you there!

Miss Stacey—Playgroup Facilitator





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News from the Secondary Campus

R U OK Day Celebrations

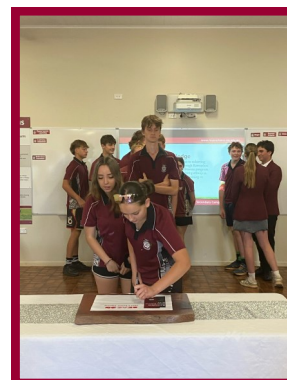
R U OK DAY celebrations were held at our secondary campus this term organised by our wonderful school Chaplain- Chappy Deb. Students and staff were treated to pikelets for breakfast along with coffee for staff made by our master baristas- Mr Jon and Mr Mark.

There were staff vs students sport matches, kindness posters and a sausage sizzle at lunch time. It was a wonderful day enjoyed by all. Thank you Chappy Deb and all your helpers for facilitating this event. It's a great reminder to check in on your family and friends- and ask R U OK?



BEACON Charter Signing

Our Year 10 students recently took part in the 2025 BEACON Charter Signing Ceremony, formally committing to making positive choices for their futures. The event celebrated the students' transition towards further education, training, and employment, with guests from local businesses and community organisations showing their support.





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Whole School News

NAIDOC Day Celebrations

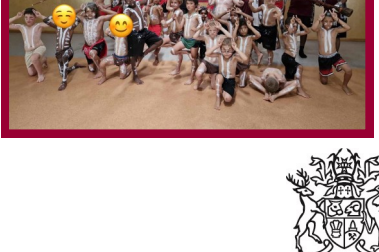
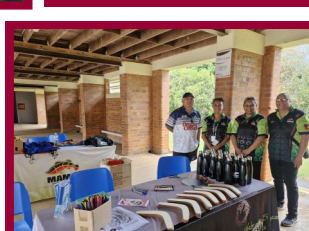
Our annual NAIDOC Celebrations happened on both our Primary and Secondary Campuses this term. The students celebrated doing various cultural activities, enjoying a cooked BBQ lunch and finished the day with a performance by our amazing Indigenous Dance Troupe.

Everyone had a lovely time and enjoyed the celebrations. A massive thank you to MAMU Health Services who attended both of our celebrations and spoilt our students with poppers, fruit and gifts. Also one lucky Secondary student won an iPad. A big thank you from me to all the staff and students who helped prepare and run events on the day.

I couldn't have done these celebrations without you all!

Lastly, thank you to our parents and community members who attended as well. The support is always appreciated.

Beck Mason (CEC)





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News from the Secondary Campus

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Year 11 student Dallas Coker, who has been awarded a 2026 Ergon Energy Cadetship. This is an outstanding achievement that recognises Dallas's dedication and interest in the energy industry. We wish him every success as he begins this exciting career opportunity!



Year 12 Success!

Zeke Cooper has been successful in obtaining a full-time chef's apprenticeship with Sam and Jason at the Popular Café Ravenshoe. This is an awesome achievement for Zeke and an amazing opportunity for him to gain skills and qualifications that can take him anywhere in the world.

A massive thanks to Sam, Jason and Michael for the delicious seafood dinner they hosted in honour of Zeke during which he was presented with a full set of Chef knives and a full Chef's uniform. Also, a massive congratulations to Zeke. I look forward to eating in one of your restaurants in the future.

Mark Shailer—Transition Pathways Officer





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ENROL NOW FOR YEAR 7 IN 2026!

*Come and join our Ravenshoe State School P-12 school family!
See below details of our transition programs!*

**** PARENT INFORMATION EVENING ****

Wednesday, 8th October from
5:30pm - 6:30pm in the Secondary
Campus Dining Hall.

All 2026 eligible Year 7 students and their
Parents/ Carers are invited to attend!



TRANSITION VISIT 1 - All Day Monday, 24th November

Students from Ravenshoe, St. Teresa's and
Mount Garnet primary will participate in a
day of high school subjects.



TRANSITION VISIT 2 - All Day Wednesday, 3rd December

Students from Ravenshoe, St. Teresa's and
Mount Garnet primary will participate in a
day of high school subjects.



ENROL YOUR CHILD IN YEAR 7 FOR 2026!

Enrol your child in Year 7 between now and
the 12th of December 2025. Please contact
the secondary office on 4097 5333, or drop in
to collect an enrolment pack and to book an
enrolment interview with our Deputy Principal.

**** Please note - Enrolment Interviews will
not start until Week 2, Term 4. ****

Enrolment forms can also be found on our
school website.

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RSS Prep 2026 Transition Program!

Is your child turning 5 by 30th June 2026? Enrol now for prep 2026 and join the RSS family!

Our 2026 transition program is designed to give your future student an insight into the school environment!

- 1** **Parent Information Evening**
Thursday, 31st July 5:00pm - 6:00pm AND
Thursday, 23rd October 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Pizza will be provided for the whole family.
Parents/ Carers are learning about Prep 2026 while children are doing activities.
- 2** **Prep Open Morning**
Thursday, 4th September 10:00am - 11:00am AND
Friday, 7th November 9:30am - 11:00am
All eligible Prep 2026 children, kindy & daycare students are invited to attend a classroom visit, morning tea and a play on the playground!
- 3** **Prep Open Morning (Bump Up Session)**
Wednesday, 3rd December 9:30am - 11:00am
Eligible Prep 2026 students are invited to attend our 'bump up session' as part of the transition program.
- 4** **Book an enrolment interview in term 4 by contacting the primary office on 4097 5222.**



Attend all sessions and receive a FREE school uniform set!





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school-based youth health nurse



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- › sexual health
- › smoking, alcohol and other drugs
- › relationships
- › personal or family problems

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Tuesdays in SE06

