

## BRAY PARK STATE HIGH SCHOOL

# Newsletter

Newsletter 17 at 1 November 2007

### Principal's Column

Dear Parents and Carers,

Since the last newsletter Bray Park students have continued to excel.

Our Instrumental Ensembles achieved excellent results in Music Fest. 2007. String Ensemble received a gold award, Wind Ensemble, Silver and Jazz Ensemble, Platinum. Congratulations to all students and Instrumental Music staff for your hard work and dedication leading up to this very prestigious event. I continue to be amazed at the quality of our musicians. My thanks also go to the students' parents who are so committed. The time that parents devote to driving and being at performances is huge. Ben Marturia and Karissa Nethersole have also been recognised for their brilliant poetry. Well done.

Last night Bray Park held its annual Speech Night. I cannot give details as at the time of writing many awards were under wraps. The next newsletter will reveal all. I can say that I am very proud of being Principal of the students at Bray Park. Their academic, cultural, citizenship and sporting endeavours deserve recognition and Sports Night and Speech Night allow us to celebrate and acknowledge student success. Congratulations to all students.

It seems as if Term 4 has only just begun but already the Year 12 cohort is preparing for their final exams, graduation and the Formal. It is an exciting but anxious time for our seniors. It is important that the Year 12s stay on track. School does not finish for Year 12 until Friday 16 November and we have the expectation that school policies of attendance and behaviour continue to be adhered to.

Finally I ask parents to check that school contact details are correct. The office has had problems contacting parents about illness. Please notify the office if you have moved, changed phone numbers or changed emergency people.

*Kate Abernethy*  
*Principal*

# Poetry Participants

Poetry at Bray Park State High School consistently has a following with students entering both local and national competitions recently.

Each year the English Department runs "Unleash the Poet Within" with both a Junior and Senior prize winner and commendations awarded to students. This year Year 12 student Ben Marturia won the senior trophy and Year 9 student Karissa Nethersole, the junior trophy.

"The standard of poetry this year was extremely high making it difficult to choose winners," English Head of Department Mrs Tracey Goodrum says. "We're hoping to compile the entrants from each year into an anthology to be published."

Two students also entered the Dorothea Mackellar National Poetry Competition. Rebecca Jones (Yr 12) received 3 certificates of participation and Angie Healy (YR 12) received 2 Highly Commended and 1 shortlisted certificate for the second year running. "This is an excellent result from our students, particularly Angie Healy who additionally was invited to the Somerset Festival of Literature earlier this year," commented Mrs Goodrum. "The calibre of our students' prose is fantastic."

# Sports Presentation Night

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October Bray Park State High celebrated the achievements of its Sports Men and Women at its annual Sports Presentation Night. In attendance to help reward the hard working athletes was guest speaker Justin Brown from the Brisbane Bullets Basketball team. With an expensive resume in both College and Professional Basketball all around the world Justin was able to impart many words of wisdom on what it takes to be a professional athlete.

The evening was run by the 2007 Sports Captains Emma Armitage, Elizabeth Pascoe, Russell Yesberg and Matthew Zgrajewski, along with Sporting Development Squad Captains Kate Pascoe and Christopher Frost. Many awards were handed out during the night across a wide and varied number of sports. As always the major awards were hotly contested with two of the big ones, Sportswoman and Sportsman of awarded to Kate Pascoe and Hiroya Ali respectively. This year's Sporting Development Squad Athlete of the Year going to Australian Baseball representative Mitchell Nilsson for the second year in a row and the Sporting Development Squad Member of the Year going to Kate Pascoe.

To conclude the night in line with tradition the Sports Captains and Sporting Development Squad Captain were announced. In the midst of excitement it was revealed that in 2008 sport at Bray Park State High would be driven at student level by Jessie-Rae Kopara (Sports Captain), Chantelle Middleton (Sports Captain), Devon Mohi (Sports Captain), Kenneth Chew (Sports Captain) and Liam Rose (Sporting Development Squad Captain).

*Derek Cliff (HPE Teacher)*

# 2008 Somerset National Novella Writing Competition

This competition is open to entrants again this year for any student under 19 years of age. This is a highly prestigious competition with large cash prizes. Last year a student at our school received a Highly Commended, so if you would like more information on how to enter this competition, please see either Mrs Goodrum or Mrs Stubbings.

# Any Budding Photographers?

The Pine Rivers Shire Council is running the "Outside and Alive" Photographic Competition. The competition is about capturing the outdoor lifestyle of Pine Rivers by submitting photographs featuring an environmental theme. There are two categories for entries, high school students and adults. Please see Mrs Ballantyne in General Studies for entry details.

# Australian Mathematics Competition for the Westpac Bank Awards

Each year Bray Park State High School enters students into the Australian Mathematics Competition sponsored by Westpac. This year the competition was run in July and students across all year levels received acknowledgement for their achievements with 23 Credits, 8 Distinctions and 1 High Distinction. Year 12 student Alex Vickers achieved this result for students who are in the top 5% of their region. Additionally Year 8 student Aaron Ferris won the Prudence Award for the student in the school who gains the highest number of consecutive correct answers including the first 5.

Head of Department Mrs Ros Saunders said, "The students should all be congratulated for their efforts. There was a lot of interest in the competition this year. Hopefully these great results will encourage more students to participate in the future."

Pictured left to right are Distinction and High Distinction recipients:

Back: Alex Vickers (High Distinction), Brenton Holmes (Dist), Ariana Wain (Dist), Joshua Franklin (Dist)  
Front: Jeanny Wong (Dist), Sarah Coogan (Dist), Aaron Ferris (Dist and Prudence Award) and Christopher Willersdorf (Dist)

## Chemistry Quiz and Titration Competition

Science is alive and well at Bray Park State High School with students regularly entering into extra curricular competitions to test their skills. Recently two competitions have had participants. The National Chemistry Quiz saw four Year 11 and 12 students gain exceptional scores with credits and a distinction.

The other competition, Titration, has been a tradition at Bray Park State High School for the last 19 years of the school's 20 year history. It involves teams of three or individual competitors where the winners are those who have gained the lowest score due to fewest errors. Teacher Mrs Jenny Johnson aims to have next year, the 20<sup>th</sup> year "extra special" in this competition.

Some students who participated in the Chemistry competition are Amanda Franklin, Ben Wotton, Hamish Nielsen, Brenton Holmes (Teacher Mr Ed Pacey).

Students who participated in the Titration Competition are Derryn Eite, Russell Yesberg, Matthew Bot, Benn Martens, Vicrant Narayan and Avish Kumar.

## Textbook Collection

**Textbook return procedure for End of Year:**

- Students are to hand their Textbook/s to Mrs Barton or Mrs Stubbings personally.
- They will mark the Textbook/s off the computer system while you are with them.
- They will tell you immediately if you have returned all your books or whether you have any books outstanding
- You are responsible for returning the exact textbook that was issued to you.
- If you hand in someone else's book, it is your responsibility to locate and return your textbook.
- Collect any textbook/s that you may have kept in a classroom and return it/them to Mrs Barton / Mrs Stubbings.
- If you have lost your textbook, you must pay for that textbook.

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### **Brisbane Toyota Paralympic Talent Search**

**Saturday 10 November 2007**

**Registration at 9.00am \* Time: 9.30am - 2.00pm**

**Hibiscus Sports Complex**

**90-98 Klumpp Road, Upper Mount Gravatt**

**Do you have a physical disability or vision impairment? Do you dream of being a Paralympian? Have you even considered it?**

**The Australian Paralympic Committee will be conducting sporting tests to help identify future Paralympic athletes. Some of the sports that will be targeted are athletics, cycling, swimming, wheelchair basketball, football and boccia.**

**For further information and for a registration form contact: Alison Mosely on 3253 3333 or email: [alisonm@sportingwheelies.org.au](mailto:alisonm@sportingwheelies.org.au)**

**Web: [www.paralympic.org.au](http://www.paralympic.org.au)**

# Invitation

## *Bray Park State High School*

### *Volunteers*

### *Afternoon Tea*



BRAY PARK STATE HIGH SCHOOL  
and the P&C would like to invite all our volunteers to a special afternoon tea

**DATE:** Tuesday 13 November 2007

**TIME:** 2.00pm in Common Room

Please RSVP Lesley Cummings at the canteen by 2nd November (for catering purposes) on  
**3881 6626**

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## The School Transport Assistance Scheme (STAS)

### Information for Parents and Guardians

STAS is one of the largest assistance programs provided by the Queensland Government, administered by Queensland Transport, this is a scheme to provide assistance to eligible students travelling to primary and secondary schools.

- Bus transport assistance
- Conveyance allowance
- Rail travel assistance
- Assistance for isolated students
- Assistance for English as a Second Language (ESL) students
- Assistance for students with disabilities

For more information go to website:

[www.transport.qld.gov.au/qt/PubTrans.nsf/index/assishome](http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/qt/PubTrans.nsf/index/assishome) or phone Brisbane office on 3863 9849

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## EXCHANGE STUDENTS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILIES!

Open a door to other countries! Expose your family to another culture and extend your family unit on an international level.

World Education Program (WEP) is looking for Volunteer Host Families for International Students arriving in February 2008.

Students from Belgium, Italy, Brazil, France, Germany and Japan are looking for families that are prepared to welcome them into their homes as a family member.

These young ambassadors are looking for life long friends and a place to call home during their stay. If you would like more information on becoming a Host Family, please contact our National Office.

**World Education Program**

**Toll Free: 1300 884 733 Email: [wep@wep.org.au](mailto:wep@wep.org.au)**

**An information pack can be sent on request.**

**It's easier than you think and a fantastic experience for all!**

# Early Detection Is Your Best Protection Against Breast Cancer

Breast Cancer effects one in eleven Queensland women. Until more is known about the causes of breast cancer, we are unable to prevent the disease. Having a mammogram is the most effective method of detecting most breast cancers at a very early stage, before a lump can be seen or felt.

BreastScreen Queensland provides FREE high quality breast cancer screening and assessment services. All women 50-69 years of age are strongly recommended to have a breastscreen every two years as breast cancer has been found to be more prevalent in this age group. Women 40 years of age and over are also welcome to attend.

BreastScreen Queensland is encouraging all eligible women to book now for a free breast screening at the relocatable clinic which is situated in the carpark of the Pine Rivers Community Health Centre.

The clinic will commence screening on the 4<sup>th</sup> September and will remain at Strathpine until the 9<sup>th</sup> November. An appointment is necessary and this can be made by phoning 13 20 50.

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## PRIMA – Pine Rivers Musical Association

What: "On Broadway" Theatre Restaurant

### Venue:

Holy Spirit Auditorium, Sparkes Road, Bray Park

### Show Dates:

Evening performances on 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 November & 1 December at 7.30pm (light supper provided)

Matinee performance on 25 November at 2.00pm. (afternoon tea provided)

### Cost:

Evening Adult \$25.00

Evening Concession \$22.50

Matinee \$15.00

**Tickets are on sale** from Sunday 30th September 2007 / Phone Kym Whittington 3882 2102

[www.prima.org.au](http://www.prima.org.au)

[tickets@prima.org.au](mailto:tickets@prima.org.au)

PO Box 3108, Warner 4500

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## LAWNTON SCOUT GROUP

If you are between 6 and 26 years of age; love to have fun, are adventurous and would like to learn outdoor skills and make new friends, then the Lawnton Scout Group would like to help.

Our den is local, well equipped for all kinds of adventure, including canoeing, hiking and camping, and our leaders are fun and enthusiastic.

Why not arrange to visit us? Contact Richard, our group leader, on 3285 1688 or Scouts Australia Qld Branch 3870 700.

You'll love it and you can even get the whole family involved!

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## SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

From 8.00am to 4.00pm – Monday to Friday

# BPSHS - DATES TO REMEMBER

*This information is correct at time of printing  
Please check future Newsletters for any alterations  
or additions to these Dates*

## TERM 4 – 2007

5-9 November	Year 12 Block Exams
7 November	SEU Transition Program
12 November	Year 12 Text Return
12-15 November	Year 12 Alternate Program
13 November	Year 12 Special Assembly
14 November	House Comp Dreamworld Trip
15 November	Stationery orders close
<b>16 November</b>	<b>Year 12 Graduation Ceremony and Formal</b>
<b>19 November</b>	<b>P&amp;C Meeting</b>
21 November	Drama Evening
21 November	Year 8,9 & 10 Special Assembly
22 November	Year 11 Special Assembly
23 November	Year 10/11 Return for non essential Texts
26-30 November	Year 10/11 Block Exams
28 November	Christmas Concert – Anam Cara
29 November	Year 8/9 Interhouse Sport Comp
30 November	Year 10/11 Text Return
30 November	Year 10/11 Last Day of School
3 December	Year 8/9 Chid Safety Awareness Day
4 December	Year 8/9 Text Return
5-13 December	Year 8/9 Alternative Program
10 December	Orientation Day
14 December	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

**NEXT P&C MEETING**  
**Monday 20 August 2007**  
**at 7.00pm**

**Chaplain**  
**Tim Sweetman**

Phone 0403 192 847

[tim@bridgeman.org.au](mailto:tim@bridgeman.org.au)

**At school on**

Monday and Friday  
9am-11am

Wednesday and Thursday  
8am-3pm

### **BPSHS Student Services**

If your student is going to be **ABSENT**,  
please phone **3881 6654**

### **Change of Address Details**

Please ensure your mailing address and  
phone numbers are current with the  
school's records. Any enquiries please call  
**BPSHS Student Services on**  
**3881 6654**

### **BPSHS UNIFORM SHOP HOURS**

Monday – Wednesday – Friday  
8.15am to 10.15am  
(During School Term)

### **BPSHS NURSE**

**Vicki Giarratuto** will be at our school for one day a week on  
Mondays from 29 October 2007

### **BPSHS Web Site**

[www.brayparkshs.eq.edu.au](http://www.brayparkshs.eq.edu.au)  
Newsletter produced fortnightly

## **NOTICE to STUDENTS and PARENTS/CARERS - PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL GROUNDS**

Students who wish to leave the school grounds throughout the day are required to bring a signed permission note from their parent / carer to the office in the morning. Once this note is verified a slip is to be collected by the student at morning tea.

If a student is sick during the day they must come to the office and an office staff member will contact parent / carer.

## **BUSINESSES supporting our School**

### *Pine Gardens Florist*

#### **Annette & Roger Hall**

43 Francis Road BRAY PARK 4500

Ph: 3881 0323 / Fax: 3205 3928 / Mob: 0421 805 994

Email: [pinegardens@optusnet.com.au](mailto:pinegardens@optusnet.com.au)

### *Leonie's Hair Care*

Shop 4, 2 Ebert Road, LAWNTON 4501 / Ph: 3285 5400

### *Northside Music School*

486 Gympie Road, STRATHPINE 4500 / Ph: 3881 1036

### *Arties Music Max*

Shop 1-486 Gympie Road, STRATHPINE 4500

Ph: 3889 7499

### *Morris Brothers Musical Store*

2/17 Billabong Street, STAFFORD 4053 / Ph: 3356 3299

### *Bank of Queensland*

355 Samsonvale Road, WARNER 4500 / Ph: 3882 5100