

BRAY PARK STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Principal's Column

Each year, the Department of Education, Training and the Arts undertakes a survey of parents and students to gauge their satisfaction with important aspects of schooling. Forty parents, year 9 and 11 students and all staff will be selected to participate in this survey, and I hope you will take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire if you are randomly selected.

Later in the year, the school will receive a report outlining the results of the survey for our school. The results will help the school to evaluate and to reflect on how well the school is going, and to identify areas for future development. The survey results are also an important part of the school's annual report. For these reasons, I hope you will complete the questionnaire and help make the school a better place for your child(ren).

Your response is completely confidential. The confidentiality envelope will remain sealed and forwarded to an external contractor where your responses will be scanned and the school's data forwarded to the central office of the department for analysis. The information that you provide will not be reported in ways that would allow you to be identified.

The number on your questionnaire has not been assigned to you individually. The number is only used to ensure that forms are distributed to the correct school and to allow the information to be analysed for the school.

Thank you in advance for your participation in the survey which will be held mid August.

BPSHS Sports Carnival

This Friday, 3 August 2007, is the Athletics carnival. Please come and cheer on the students. This day is always colourful and exciting and allows our students to show their house spirit.

Kate Abernethy - Principal

Poetry Competition

Attention all budding poets - The Bray Park State High School 2007 "Unleash The Poet Within" Poetry Competition is on. The competition will run from:

Monday 23 July until Friday 24 August 2007

All students entering this competition will be in with the chance to win great trophies and prizes. Information sheets explaining the requirements for entering your poems are posted in numerous places around the school. If you have any questions, please see Mr Harvey in General Studies.

Brisbane Writers Festival

Michael Collins Portrait of Place Competition

As part of the Brisbane Writers Festival, students from Years 8-12 are invited to submit photography, poetry or fiction that reflects or incorporates the theme of home or place. The final date for submission is COB Friday 10 August 2007.

Three winners in each category. Total prize value is \$3,000. First Prize \$500; Highly Commended \$300; Commended \$200. If you are interested, please see Mrs Stubbings in the Library for details.

Bray Park State High School

20th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

Saturday 18th August 2007

Tickets are on sale at the School Office – make sure you get your tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Seating is available at tables of 12.
For catering purposes all numbers must be finalised by 10 August 2007.

Cheques or money orders (made out to Bray Park SHS P&C Association) can be mailed to us and we will post the tickets to you.

Please pass this information on to any past students and parents you may be in contact with.

Venue: **North's Leagues and Services Club**
Anzac Avenue, Kallangur

Cost: **\$40** (*Drinks not included*)

Time: **6pm start for a 7pm dinner**

Entertainment will be provided by our "Strings Ensemble", our "Soul Singer" and past students who are in the entertainment industry!

Visual Art Excursion

On the 17th of July, Year 11 & 12 Visual Art students were given the opportunity to visit the Queensland Art Gallery and the Gallery of Modern Art at Southbank. On exhibition were the 2006 Minister's Art Awards which showcased the top Year 12 Artworks in Queensland.

Many other interesting displays such as the Infinity Room and the Mummified Cat's Head were seen which intrigued and inspired the Visual Art students. Thank you to Mrs Healion, Mrs Worsley and Mrs Godillon for making the experience so interesting and enjoyable.

Jasmine Rodman and Kristal Coogan

Science News

The Science Department has had a busy start to Semester 2.

The Year 11 Biologists went on camp for three days to Currimundi on the Sunshine Coast last week. Due to Mr Lewis's illness, Mr Heazlewood had a last minute call up for duty so thanks to him and Mrs Hills for their efforts.

The Year 12 Multi-Strand Science students went to the Gold Coast to study the results of beach erosion and strategies being adopted to preserve the holiday beaches. The weather was beautiful for both trips and the students appeared to enjoy themselves and engage with the science.

In the first week back, 22 Year 10-12 students attended a day of science workshops at UQ St Lucia campus. We hope this may lead them to consider a career in science and study it at a tertiary level. Once again, thanks to Mr Heazlewood for his efforts as both the driver and supervisor. The behaviour of our students on all trips was outstanding. Well done!

Students who sat for the International Science Competition in May received their results this term and those who achieved a Credit or higher were presented with their certificates on parade. Of the 21 students who took part, five received a Credit, three a Distinction and two, Amanda Franklin and Brendan Coulter, were awarded High Distinctions. Congratulations to all who took part. I hope more students will "have a go" next year. We have some very bright students in our school. Well done!

Tony Parry - TIC- Science

**Bray Park State High School
"Working Bee"
This Saturday - 4 August
8.30am to 11.30am**

Please let the office know if you intend to come!

Students - go to the student foyer inside the office and ask to have your name recorded.

Staff - please ring the office and leave your name.

SENIOR SCHOOLING NEWS

Year 10 – 11 Subject Selection Information Evening

All Year 10 students and their parents/care givers are invited to attend an Information Evening regarding courses and subject choices for Year 11/12 in 2008/9 on **Tuesday 7 August**. The evening will be held in the School Assembly Hall. Please use Old North Road carpark and entrance.

Session 1 - 6.30pm to 7.00pm - information on School Based Traineeships and Apprenticeships.

Session 2 - 7.00pm to 8.00pm - Senior Phase of learning - subject selection information.

The evening will include information about the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE), Tertiary entrance, career decision making, subject selection, School Based Traineeships and Apprenticeships and the transition from Year 10 to Year 11. Head of Departments and Teachers will be available for consultation regarding the nature and choice of individual subjects.

Career One Aviation EXPO

Saturday 18 August

Suncorp Piazza, Southbank Parklands

9.30am until 4.00pm

Brisbane North Careers and Employment EXPO at Brisbane North Institute of TAFE.

On Tuesday 7th August all Year 11 & 12 students will attend the **Brisbane North Careers and Employment EXPO at Brisbane North Institute of TAFE**. Year 11 students will attend between 10.30am and 12.00pm and Year 12 students between 1.30pm and arriving back at school at 2.50pm. Brisbane North Institute of TAFE is providing the transport to and from the venue by bus, therefore there is no cost to students.

There will be a collection of exhibitors from industry, tertiary institutions, government departments, job and apprenticeship centres and the defence forces. The exhibitors will host interactive displays and tours of Bracken Ridge Campus.

Permission forms to attend the EXPO have been distributed to Year 11 and 12 students, students who have not received a form, please collect one from the office.

Karenne Haygarth - Senior Schooling Head of Department

Disability Awareness Week 2007

Sporting Wheelies Gym – Bowen Hills

On Friday 20 July 2007, a small group of teachers and students from Bray Park State High School ventured into the city to explore the Sporting Wheelies Gym at Bowen Hills. As part of Disability Awareness week, the Gym held an open day, allowing students to come and try a range of exercise equipment designed specifically to cater for people in wheelchairs and those with other physical impairments. The Sporting Wheelies, this year are celebrating their 30th Birthday and students were provided with lunch and the obligatory birthday cake as a part of their visit.

While at the Gym, students listened to a presentation on the Classification of Disabled Athletes, before getting stuck into a tough physical workout in the gym's facilities. Students, Mat Tanovic, Taylah Lancaster, Rebecca Palmer and Hayleigh Farlow all sweated up a storm as they bench pressed, cycled and lifted their way through all of the exercises the gym had to offer.

"The students thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity to be able to test their skills on the various gym equipment," commented Special Needs teacher, Mrs Kelly Klibbe. "It's amazing watching what students of such varying capabilities can achieve."

The gym is also open to the general public and the equipment is suitable for anyone to use.

For the Future

HELP ENTERPRISES

Breaking the Unemployment Cycle

For the Future is a FREE program for eligible parents and carers who are not currently in receipt of Australian Government employment support services or are in receipt of Australian Government income support but are not in receipt of assistance under the Job Network services or the Transition to Work program.

For the Future is a flexible employment focused program that offers ongoing job search support and accredited training from a range of vocational areas. **For the Future** is funded by the Queensland Government's *Breaking the Unemployment Cycle* initiative.

To find out if you're eligible for this program please contact Diane Stickler or Frankie Harrison at Help Enterprises. Ph: 3355 9555 or 0438 801012.

Boys Rugby League

A big congratulations to the BPSHS Open Boys Rugby League Team for making the grand final of the Broncos Cup Challenge. The team will be playing Mitchelton State High next, in their local area, so we expect them to have a reasonable crowd. Please support our boys.

Mr Roche

HOW MANY BOOKS DID YOU READ FOR THE MS READATHON?

Congratulations to the 7 wonderful students at Bray Park State High School, who are helping to raise money for people living with Multiple Sclerosis. Now it's time to return your MS Readathon sponsorship money, and already these bookworms have collected \$136. Well done!

When did MS Readathon finish?

If you started reading on June 1, then your reading time finished on June 30 over the school holidays. If you started after June 1, then your MS Readathon finishes four weeks from the day you first started. Even after MS Readathon, remember to always keep those books open, reading is lots of fun!

How to Return Sponsorship Money?

Parents should have recently received a letter from the MS Readathon team explaining how sponsorship money can be returned, so you can claim your cool Reading Rewards. If you didn't receive a letter, or need another receipt book, please call 1300 677 323.

When is Sponsorship Money Due?

To qualify for this year's extra competitions, please return your sponsorship money to MS Readathon by August 30. Don't forget to post your reading record and sponsor list as well as your receipt book. It will take a few weeks to get your Reading Rewards to you, so please be patient - Bosko will be very busy!

Thank you for reading and making a difference to people living with Multiple Sclerosis.

Find out the latest MS Readathon news at www.msreadathon.org.au or call 1300 677 323.

Thank you for your wonderful support. For more information, visit
www.msreadathon.org.au
or call 1300 677 323

Albany Hills Christian Church and Revolution Youth “Camp Mudjimba”

Revolution Youth, a leading Christian youth service on the northside of Brisbane, will be hosting their annual camp for teenagers in grades 8-12. The weekend will feature many different activities with the camp being based around the theme of team. We will have a mixture of live music, great youth speakers, plenty of hang time and fun activities for teens.

The camp will run from Friday afternoon, 21 September until Sunday afternoon, 23 September 2007. Normally costing \$125, if students pay before August 21, they will only pay \$110. For students who would like to pay the camp off, they can pay in instalments as arranged with me.

For more information phone
Jason Young on 3264 5805

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 Stubbing.

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

BPSHS UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

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

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.

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 3 – 2007

3 August	Athletics Carnival
4 August	Working Bee – Saturday - 8.30am-11.30am
7 August	Year 12 English Excursion
7 August	Year 10 Parent Night
7 August	SAT Information Evening
7-8 August	Senior (Year 10) Pathways Day
8 August	Year 6 Science class visit
9 August	Year 11 MSC Nudgee Beach
10 August	Leadership Photos
11-18 August	Ski Trip
13 August	Ministerial Show Holiday - Monday
13-17 August	Year 12 Work Placement
14 August	Non Uniform Day
15 August	Student Free Day - Wednesday
18 August	BPSHS 20th Anniversary Dinner
20 August	P&C Meeting
21 August	Drama Evening
22 August	School Social – Wednesday Night
27 August	SCHOOL EXPO and OPEN DAY
4-5 September	QCS Test
6 September	Medieval Fayre
6 September	Junior Sport Semi-Final
6 September	Year 11 Geography Excursion
10-14 September	Primary Interviews
17 September	Year 8 Immunisation Hepatitis B 2
17 September	P&C Meeting
17-21 September	Year 11 In-class Exams / Year 12 Block Exams

Chaplain - Tim Sweetman

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At school on

Monday and Friday

9am-11am

Wednesday and Thursday 8am-3pm

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