

BRAY PARK STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

Newsletter 1 at 7 February 2007

Principal's Column

It is a pleasure to be at Bray Park High School and to welcome everyone back after the holidays. I will be Acting Principal for Semester One and I am already delighted with the way students and staff have committed to the school year. Bray Park has an excellent reputation for academic achievement and school culture and this work ethic is already apparent in the classrooms. Our Responsible Behaviour Plan has now been fully developed and this, coupled with our Code of School Behaviour, promotes responsible behaviour within a safe, supportive and disciplined school environment.

Bray Park State High School's Values of Trust, Respect, Integrity, Compassion and Commitment continue to be the foundation of all teaching / learning.

I welcome all new members of the school community, especially the 162 families of the 2007 Year 8s. Welcome also to the new students and families of the higher grades.

Including myself, we have ten new teaching staff and two non teaching:

Kate Abernethy - Acting Principal
Jennifer Muir - Maths/Science/Drama
Geoff Hooper - Maths/Science
Anne Marie Tong - English/SOSE
Krystal LeFrancke - English

Bruce Dawes - SEU
Nick Nolan - Business
Kelly Klibbe - SEU
Lee Hayes - Manual Arts
Allan Lanham - Instrumental Music

Carol Schubert has returned to the non teaching team and Deb Murray has returned to us from District Office.

Year 12 2006 STUDENT PERFORMANCE

Bray Park State High School's outcomes of 2006 were very successful, both for students who were tertiary bound and for students who were employment or further training bound.

The OP results for the Year 12 students of 2006 were impressive, with 2 students obtaining an OP 1, 10 students obtaining a 1 – 5 OP score and 28 students an OP score range of 6 – 15. We congratulate these students on their hard work. Hence 40% of our OP eligible students received OPs of 1-10, and 69% OPs of 1 to 15.

The QCS Test results for our students were very good also, with 22% of students being awarded an A result, and 84% of students receiving an A, B or C result. At Bray Park no E results occurred.

Students performed very well in relation to QTAC offers (offers to students to undertake Degree courses at University or Diploma and Degree courses at TAFE). 97% of our students who applied to QTAC received an offer, an excellent result. 72% of these students received their first preference for a Degree or Diploma course.

There were also excellent results for students who applied to QTAC for a ranking, which means the students who were not OP eligible but sat the QCS Test. Students used their Vocational Education outcomes in terms of Certificates gained at school, e.g. Certificate 2 or 3. These students applied for and received a ranking [O P] and therefore were given offers to Diploma or Degree courses. Four students were offered a Diploma or Degree course using this method. These students received B and Cs on the QCS Test.

The Year 12 students of 2006 also performed well in their Vocational Education outcomes. 98 out of 132 students (74%) received either a Certificate 1, 2 or 3, through their school subjects, School Based Traineeships/ Apprenticeships or school based courses at TAFE. Many students received two to four Certificates, which will

provide them with a comprehensive resume. The school based subjects included: Hospitality, Furnishing, Automotive, Engineering, Community Recreation, Business and Information Technology.

Again we congratulate all our Seniors of 2006, and acknowledge the excellent teaching that helped these students reach their goals.

Finally, I would like to encourage parents and carers to make contact with the school. Proactive partnerships are essential if we are to give our students the best opportunity to succeed. The following is a list of whom to contact should the need arise.

Year 8 Mrs Carly Ballantyne and Mr James Roche -Year Coordinators / Mr Ken Evans -Deputy Principal
Year 9 Mrs Carly Ballantyne and Mr James Roche - Year Coordinators / Mr Ken Evans - Deputy Principal
Year 10 Mr Ed Gordon -Year Coordinator / Mr Brad Fox - Deputy Principal
Year 11 Mrs Patricia Godillon - Year Coordinator / Mr Brad Fox - Deputy Principal
Year 12 Mr Derek Cliff -Year Coordinator / Mrs Kate Abernethy - Principal

House Coordinators:

EARTH - Mr Steven Lewis, FIRE- Mr Peter Harvey, RAIN - Ms Judy Worsley, WIND - Mr Ed Pacey.

Kate Abernethy
Acting Principal

Uniform Forum / Survey

The school calendar indicates that we will be conducting a Uniform Forum on Wednesday 7th February. This forum will be held in conjunction with the Year 8 B-B-Q commencing at 5.00pm and I invite all parents to take this opportunity to let the school know of their wishes.

A table will be set up in the hall and parents can complete uniform surveys at this time. If you are unable to attend the Forum, uniform surveys have been sent home to all parents with this newsletter. Uniform surveys need to be returned to the school office by Monday 14th February.

Brad Fox- Deputy Principal
Uniform Committee Chairperson

P&C PRESIDENT'S REPORT February 2007

On behalf of the parents and citizens, I would like to welcome all our new students, parents, teachers and a special welcome to our Acting Principal, Mrs Kate Abernethy.

It is going to be an exciting year for the school as we work our way through a number of challenges as a parent body.

UNIFORMS

Sent home with the newsletter today, parents will receive a Uniform Survey to complete regarding the future of the Bray Park State High School uniform. I would like to encourage all parents to complete the survey, as this will form the basis of the school uniform for the next 10 years or more. Please return the parent uniform survey to the school office by Monday 12th February. All students and teachers will be completing their surveys in form classes this week.

Once the uniform survey results have been gathered and analysed, approximately 10 uniform designs will be displayed at our Uniform Forum on 14th March where students, parents and teachers will be able to vote on their preferred design. After these votes have been collated, the three preferred uniform designs voted by the school community will be displayed at the Parent/Teacher Interview Evening in May. All students, parents and teachers will be asked to vote on the Bray Park State High school uniform for the future at this evening.

TUCKSHOP

We are still desperately looking for helpers in the tuckshop. If you can spare a couple of hours per week to assist in the tuckshop it would be very much appreciated. Please contact our convenor, Ms Lesley Cummings via the school office on 3881 6666 if you can assist. Thank-you.

HALL

For the past two years we have been working on a project to upgrade the hall.

Over the school holidays, Mr Robert Franklin, Mrs Leonie Kearney and myself spoke at the Pine Rivers Shire Council Meeting to bring the council up to date on the hall/auditorium project. The council are keen to support the project as they see a need for an auditorium in the shire. The council also see a need for the State Government to support the project, which to date the P&C has not received.

Our preferred option is Federal, State and Local Government co-operation for the hall/auditorium project. Neither Federal nor State Government has been able to commit money to the project to date and the P&C are exploring all the options available and will make a decision on the project by April. If no Government funding is forthcoming by April, the P&C will spend approximately \$350,000 on the hall via a loan which has already been approved. At the same time, the P&C will apply for a dollar for dollar grant from the State Government under the Smart State Subsidy Scheme. We will keep you informed on this now drawn out project.

P&C MEETINGS

Our first P&C meeting will be held on 19th February at 7pm in the school Common Room. All parents are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL LEADERS

I wish all our School Leaders a great year and may you learn from the challenges that will lie ahead of you and that you grow from the experience.

The end of the year seems so far away but before we know it we will be saying goodbye to our Grade 12 students. Have a great year.

*Peter Mullins- President
Bray Park State High School P & C Association*

Science Report

The Science Department lost Mr Mant due to retirement at the end of 2006 and his position was taken over permanently by Mrs Hilly. We also welcomed Ms Muir to the Maths/Science team at the start of this term.

I would like to draw everyone's attention to two Science experiences on offer in the coming months:

1. The International Schools Science Competition run by the UNSW is on again in May. Students are asked to nominate for this through their science teachers. The cost is \$6.60 for administration costs. Students sit a one hour paper on scientific knowledge and get a result that rates them against their age group in Queensland. I encourage all to "have a go!"
2. UQ Campus at Gatton is running a residential four-day camp over the Easter Holidays for Year 11 and 12 students who are contemplating doing a science degree in the coming years. The cost is \$275 and information can be obtained from me.

Mr Parry - TIC-Science

ARTS NEWS

2007 is going to be a very busy and exciting year for the Arts faculty and students at Bray Park State High School. We have many co-curricular and extra-curricular activities planned throughout the school year.

Rehearsals have already commenced for our school musical production "Back To The 80's" which will open on Wednesday 30 May 2007. Many students will showcase their acting, singing and dancing skills on stage. The cast involves many students from Middle and Senior school including some of our Student Leaders for 2007.

Welcome to our new Instrumental Music Teacher – Mr Allan Lanham. He will be instructing students in our Instrumental Music Program on Monday and Friday each week as well as rehearsing some of our Ensembles with Bruce Hamlin and Michelle Jones.

Instrumental Music Tour is scheduled for Term 3. Final negotiations are taking place and information will be given to parents next week. As usual we have many other Instrumental Performances and competitions organised throughout the year.

Soul Singers have many new members this year and we are looking forward to hearing them in full voice on school assemblies and in community performances during 2007.

The Visual Arts Staff are very excited as we are introducing a new Practical Art course in the Pre-Senior Phase. This will allow students the opportunity to further develop their practical skills in Art and to show off their creative talents.

The Arts Staff look forward to working with you this year to give your student as many opportunities as possible to experience, enjoy and excel in the Arts.

Scott Bowden - Head of Department - The Arts

Swimming Carnival

This Thursday 8th February 2007 Bray Park State High will host its annual school swimming carnival. Students are encouraged to wear house colours on the day and be prepared for a fun day at the Albany Creek Leisure Centre. A reminder to parents and guardians that this day is still part of the school year and appears on the school calendar therefore we require all students to attend.

The first bus will depart Bray Park State High at approx 8:30am, this bus is for House Captains and swimmers racing in the early races. We look forward to seeing you all on Thursday and remember your sun safety.

Health and Physical Education Department

New Zealand Bound!

On the 10th to 18th April 2007 some lucky Year 11 and 12 Social Science students are travelling to the South Island of New Zealand. In approximately ten weeks students will be experience the unique geography and culture that New Zealand has to offer. Of course, there will also be time for such things as jetboating, luge riding, shopping and heli-hiking.

Just a reminder to students going, you should have your PASSPORT by now! Final payment is due in Week 4.

Katrina Makings - HOD Social Science

School Dental Service News

The School Dental Program will be offering treatment to the students of this school soon. Years 8 to 10 have been issued with a consent/medical history form. If you wish your child to be treated please return the fully completed consent form to your class teacher by 16 February 2007.

Parents who return consent forms late will not necessarily have their children treated on site and may be offered treatment at another site. Once dental staff receive a completed form, your child will be examined. If your child requires further dental treatment, a 'statement of treatment needs' form will be issued for your signed consent. You will be notified via the school newsletter of the date the school dental program commences treatment at this school. For any enquires please contact staff on Phone 0412 706 508.

QUT Offers \$5000 Scholarship to Northside Students

Students who live in Pine Rivers Shire, Caboolture Shire or Redcliffe City have been urged to apply for a \$5000 scholarship if they are about to start studying at QUT's Carseldine campus this year.

The 2007 Northern Corridor Scholarship is open to new QUT students who live in these northern shires and are enrolled in an arts degree, social science degree or human services degree.

Applications for the \$5000 scholarship will be judged on academic merit and a brief written submission, and close on March 2. The scholarship money will be used to pay for course fees.

Students interested in applying should visit the School of Humanities and Human Services website

http://www.hhs.qut.edu.au/study/scholarships/nc_scholar.jsp - or call Yvonne Evans on 3138 4765.

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 1 – 2007

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| 7 February | Year 8 Welcome BBQ |
| 7 February | Uniform Forum |
| 8 February | Swimming Carnival |
| 9 February | School photos |
| 14 February | Singing Valentines |
| 16 February | Pine Rivers District Swimming Carnival |
| 19 February | P & C MEETING |
| 23 February | Senior Leaders Induction |
| 1 March | Metro-North Regional Swimming Carnival |
| 3 March | Working Bee |
| 12 March | Year 8 Immunisation |
| 13 March | Instrumental Music Badge Evening |
| 14 March | Uniform Forum |
| 19 March | P & C MEETING |
| 19-21 March | Year 12 RST Camp |
| 24-25 March | Relay for Life |
| 26-28 March | Year 8 Camp – Activities at School |
| 26-30 March | EXAM WEEK |
| 2-5 April | Year 11 and 12 Work Placement |
| 4 April | Year 8 Parent Afternoon – Music, Open Block and Afternoon Tea |
| 6-13 April | Easter Holidays |
| 9-18 April | New Zealand Trip – Social Science Group |

TERM 2 – 2007

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| 16 April | STUDENT FREE DAY – MONDAY |
| 16 April | P & C MEETING |
| 17 April | School Resumes – TUESDAY |
| 24 April | Anzac Day Ceremony |
| 25 April | ANZAC DAY |

BPSHS Student Services

If your student is going to be **ABSENT**, please phone the following number: **3881 6654**

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.

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Vision, Values and the Positive Behaviour Plan for Students

Though the Bray Park State High School Vision and Values were developed in 2003 they really became a major driving force from the start of 2007 for the conduct of all school community members.

With the policies and directions from both the federal and state government as well as society asking for more socially responsible community members, Bray Park S.H.S. school community is doing its part by the way of implementing TRICC.

TRICC is based on our school values:

- T** – Trust
- R** – Respect
- I** – Integrity
- C** – Commitment
- C** – Compassion

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| TRUST | Be honest, sincere and seek the truth. |
| RESPECT | Treat others with consideration and regard, respect another person's point of view. |
| INTEGRITY | Act in accordance with principles of moral and ethical conduct, ensure consistency between words and deeds. |
| COMMITMENT | Seek to accomplish something worthy and admirable, try hard and pursue excellence. |
| COMPASSION | Care for self and others. |

These will become a common sight around the school

What we are asking for is your help and support with the school's community approach to interacting and behaviour with each other.

The ideal situation would be that when you are in discussion with your child about matters related to your student's schooling that you use these words to reinforce positive behaviours and to improve behaviour.

By having this simple list of Values instead of a large number of rules and regulations the students can easily remember or be reminded, how to follow the Values.

The positive thing is that 80% of students do follow the Values the majority of the time.

All areas of Bray Park State High School community will be informed of the implementation of our Values.