

## BRAY PARK STATE HIGH SCHOOL

# Newsletter

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### *“Bray Park Celebrates”*

This Edition is devoted to our Sports Award Night - 20 October and Speech Night – 1 November 2006.  
We hope you enjoy it! The two special functions were indeed excellent.

### **Principal’s Column**

I would like to take the opportunity in this edition of our newsletter to congratulate all students, parents/carers and teachers of the students who received recognition on these evenings, as well as to all students, parents/carers and teachers of students who always give of their best. These two functions recognised the capabilities of our very talented young people.

Next week is our Year 12 cohort’s last week in formal education – for some, this has not come quickly enough, and for others it will mean change – great change perhaps met with mixed feelings of both joy and sadness. To all of our seniors, we look forward to your successful completion and joining you in your celebrations at both your graduation and formal next Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November.

This week is ‘National School Counselling Week’ and for me an opportunity to thank Mr Pat Hersey for his contribution to the ‘innovative, supportive community of learners’ environment of our school, as well as highlight some of the services he provides.

Mr Hersey works in increasingly diverse areas such as consulting in parenting, behaviour management, assisting in referrals to specialist agencies, counselling students, parents/carers and teachers, providing support and advice with student enrolments, assessments and education adjustment planning, and informing on educational options. He is available if you are concerned about how your child is progressing at school either socially or academically, and is available as a listener and a helper if your young person is looking for someone to have a chat with as well. Talking over concerns with our Guidance Officer is a great way to sort out concerns before they turn into real problems! I would like to thank Mr Pat Hersey for the valued contribution he makes to our school!

Finally, please take the time to read this newsletter, and join us in our celebrations of our Academic, Service, Cultural and Sporting Awardees, as well as the information on the Uniform Review.

*Leonie Kearney*  
*Principal*

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### **P&C President’s Report**

In life we need to review many things and at Speech Night last week, I announced that the P&C Association, in conjunction with the whole school community, will be reviewing the Bray Park State High School uniform.

With the changes to Senior Schooling and many varied pathways students may select, eg Apprenticeships, TAFE, University etc, is it time for the senior students to have a different uniform to the rest of the school?

We also realise that the adoption of a new uniform will mean more expenditure to us as parents, so there will be a two-year transition period.

At last month's P & C meeting, we were left with the option of having to purchase 1,000 metres of formal green material so that formal uniform stocks can be maintained. Suppliers are continually running out of certain coloured stock, hence the need for us to buy such large quantities of material.

The P&C Association wants to give the whole school community an opportunity to have a say in the future design of the uniforms. There will be three public forums conducted. One will be held in February next year; a notice will be placed in the school newsletter regarding the date of this forum. In late March at another public forum, we will present a cross section of ideas which were discussed in the February meeting, so that we can narrow the selection down to a smaller number of uniform samples.

At the Parent Teacher Interviews in May 2007, all parents, teachers and students will have the opportunity to vote on the uniform they would like. The outcomes of this vote will then be tabled at the next P&C meeting for formal acceptance and ratification. Our aim is to begin selling the new uniforms in 2008.

To meet the school community needs, the P&C is establishing a Uniform Committee consisting of:

- 1 male and 1 female Grade 9 student
- 1 male and 1 female Grade 11 student
- 1 male, 1 female and 1 male practical area teacher
- 1 male and 1 female P&C Executive member
- 2 male and 2 female parent representatives
- Our Vice-President, Mr Robert Franklin who will be Chairperson
- Our Principal, Mrs Leonie Kearney

There will also be 2 non-voting people on our committee, our Uniform Convenor Mrs Megan Farlow and a representative from the uniform supplier.

If any parents are interested in becoming a representative on this uniform committee, please fill in the tear-off slip at the bottom of this page and return to the school office by 3pm Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November, marked attention Mrs Sharon Rabbitt, P&C Secretary. The P&C are also requesting that only parents with students in Years 8 to 11 apply to be representatives.

At our next P&C meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November, the names of our four parent representatives will be drawn out of a hat. The P&C feel that this process is the most diplomatic approach. In our next school newsletter, the names of all Uniform Committee members will be published. This will be a major challenge for us to work through next year as a whole school community.

Mr Peter Mullins, - P&C President.

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Yes, I would like to be a parent representative on the Bray Park State High School Uniform Committee. I realise that only parents with students in Years 8 to 11 can apply to be representatives.

Full Name: .....

Contact Details: .....

Signature: .....



# BPSHS Academic Awards 2006

## Outstanding Achievement

School Dux  
SOPHIE LESLIE

Caltex Best All Rounder Award  
IAN McKERRELL

Principal's Award - Senior  
SHANNYN BIRD

Principals Award - Pre-Senior  
CAMILLE LESLIE

Outstanding Academic Award  
*(For Academic Excellence for 5 years)*  
SHANNYN BIRD, SOPHIE LESLIE,  
CARA MATULA, KATRINA MILLS

Pre-Senior Dux  
KIRSTY BLAIK

Middle Phase Dux  
JEANNY WONG

## Special Awards

QUT Social Science Bursary  
KIRSTY BLAIK

John Lehmhase Chemistry Bursary  
AMANDA FRANKLIN

Pine Rivers Shire Council  
Mathematics / Science Bursary  
BENN MARTENS

Dr Hume Perpetual Award  
FIONA WILLIAMS

Dr Hume Encouragement Award  
KIRSTEN STAGG

Pine Rivers Shire Council Community  
Service Encouragement Award  
SHANNON LUCAS

Sarah Armstrong Memorial Award  
NICOLE HUNTER

Pine Rivers Rotary Club Award  
KRISTIE DE JONG

School Award For General Contribution to  
Our School - SHANNYN BIRD

Staff Award For Service  
EMMA FOLEY

Senator Claire Moore Leadership In The  
School Community Award  
VLADIMIR PEJOVIC

Brendale Community Bendigo Bank  
Perpetual Shield  
CAITLIN PHAIR

Musician Of The Year  
CARA MATULA

Visual Artist Of The Year  
KRISTIN MOHOUP

Soul Singer Of The Year  
JESSICA PASCOE

Tech Crew Member Of The Year  
JAYSON CHINNER

School Art Acquisition 2006  
"Waterfall" by MEGHAN ELLIS

Teacher Of The Year Award  
MS YOLANDE CAVEY

ASSPA Academic Achievement Award  
Senior  
RAEANNE BRODERICK

ASSPA Academic Achievement Award  
Pre-Senior  
SUSSAN KENN

## School Award for Leadership and Service

Shannyn Bird, Kristie De Jong, Ian McKerrell,  
Christopher Rowe, Nicole Hunter, Vladimir Pejovic,  
Leah Phair, Natasha Barclay, Emma Foley, Rachel  
Ivey, Daniel Donnellan, Shannon Wyatt, Scott Rae

## Leadership & Service Awards

**GOLD**  
Sandy Arms, Natasha Barclay, Jasmine Berry,  
Samantha Cathcart, Daniel Donnellan,  
Emma Foley, Frances Hobbs, Rachel Ivey, Stephen  
Miller, Emma Thomson, Tamara Williams, Shannon  
Wyatt

**GOLD LAUREL**  
Rachael Beasy, Kristie De Jong, Shannyn Bird,  
Amanda Franklin, Nicole Hunter, Shannon Lucas,  
Ian McKerrell, Cara Matula, Katrina Mills, Vladimir  
Pejovic, Lauren Pickering, Shane Rabbitt, Reece  
Temple

## Cultural Awards

**GOLD**  
Stephanie Beasy, Joshua Cooke, Laura Cox,  
Courtney Fegan, Amanda Franklin, Helen Iolamo,  
Camille Leslie, Sophie Leslie, Amber McBaron,  
Jessica Mills, Tamika Page, Tiffany Rabbitt, Calum  
Rowcliffe, Ariana Wain, Amanda Williams, Fiona  
Williams

**GOLD LAUREL**  
Rachael Beasy, Andrew Cooke, David Cox,  
Nicholas Kelly, Frances Hobbs, Cara Matula,  
Katrina Mills, Sarah Mills, Laura Perry, Lauren  
Pickering, Shane Rabbitt, Scott Rae, Rebecca  
Sayer, Reece Temple, Emma Thomson

## House Spirit Shield

Academic, Cultural and Sporting  
EARTH



## Middle Phase and Pre-Senior Academic Awards

### YEAR 8 AWARDS

#### AWARDS OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Joanne Beasy, Christine Cannon, Sarah Coogan,  
James Dun, Kirbie Gilchrist, Daniel McKeown,  
Tyler Ray-Smith, Hannah Redmond, Kelly-Ann  
Ritchie, Ellie Roberts, Jasmine Triggell, Ariana  
Wain, Sarah Walsh, Evan Wong

#### SUBJECT AWARDS - 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Paige Bignell:	Literacy
Christine Broderick:	SOSE
Nathan Broucek:	Literacy
Matthew Day:	Chinese
James Dun:	Business
Stephanie Gilmour:	Music
Kirbie Gilchrist:	English, Mathematics
Rachel Hickman:	HPE
Reece Horsfall:	Manual Arts
Ashleigh MacPhail:	Art
Maddison Munro:	Drama
Dean Moore:	Science, Mathematics
Christopher Page:	French
Kyle Ramage:	Home Economics
Tyler Ray-Smith:	SOSE
Mathew Tanovic:	English
Lewis Vickers:	Science

### YEAR 9 AWARDS

#### AWARDS OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Joshua Cooke, Laura Cox, Kassia Earnshaw,  
Courtney Fegan, Nicholas Fullon, Lorissa  
Funnell, Olivia Gyene, Tahlia Harris, Amanda  
Harrison, Cassie-Lee Hobby, Helen Iolamo,  
Matthew Layne, Samuel Martens, Mark  
McDougall, Annette Mills, Jessica Mills, Catherine  
Pollinger, Tiffany Rabbitt, Daniel Reynolds, Kirsty  
Rowcliffe, Amanda Williams, Dale Wilson, Jeanny  
Wong, Joshua Worthington

#### SUBJECT AWARDS - 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Sesitha Arms:	HPE
Olivia Gyene:	French
Helen Iolamo:	Drama
Nadine Jarvis:	English, Maths, Science
Vili Olin:	Construction
Catherine Pollinger:	Art, English
Kirsty Rowcliffe:	Home Economics
Jeanny Wong:	Business Technology and Multimedia, Maths, Music, SOSE, Science

## Middle Phase and Pre-Senior Academic Awards

### YEAR 10 AWARDS

#### AWARDS OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Hiroya Ali, Kirsty Blaik, Luke Brogan, Hayleigh Farlow, Cameron Hills, Emily Huckle, Juanita Josiffe, Camille Leslie, Joshua MacPhail, Tamsyn Minto, Daniel Pickering, Bethany Wright, Robert Wright

#### PRE-SENIOR SUBJECT AWARDS - 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Kirsty Blaik:	Geography, Science
Luke Brogan:	Engineering, Maths, B/C
Emily Davis:	Mathematics A
Meghan Ellis:	Art
Hayleigh Farlow:	Numeracy
Sara Harris:	Consolidation Mathematics
Cameron Hills:	Graphics
Jamie-Lee Hughes:	Hospitality
Sussan Kenn:	Literacy, Work Readiness
Camille Leslie:	Business Technology and Economics
Callandra Luckie:	English Communication
Joshua MacPhail:	Furnishings, HPE
Luke Miller:	History
Tamsyn Minto:	Drama
Bethany Wright:	English
Robert Wright:	Physical Recreation Ed



## Senior Phase Academic Awards

### YEAR 11 AWARDS

#### AWARDS OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Emma Armitage, Matthew Bot, David Cox, Derryn Eite, Amanda Franklin, Nathan Funnell, Ross Hagaman, Frances Hobbs, Daniel Kasapis, Benn Martens, Sarah Mills, Kate Pascoe, Jessica Pascoe, Vladimir Pejovic, Shane Rabbitt, Amanda Ryan, Zoe Stehn, Reece Temple, Christopher Wilson, Irena Woodforth, Benjamin Wotton

#### SUBJECT AWARDS - 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Kate Beasy:	Multi Strand Science
Bree Collins:	English Communication
David Cox:	Music Extension
Amanda Franklin:	Accounting, English, Physical Education, Physics
Kaitlin Hartley:	Business
Frances Hobbs:	Home Economics
Jay Lynch:	Engineering, Furnishings
Benn Martens:	Chemistry, Information Processing & Tech, Maths B, Maths C
Sarah Mills:	Business Communication & Technology
Jessica Pascoe:	Ancient History, Drama, Modern History
Matthew Pascoe:	Literacy
Vladimir Pejovic:	Legal Studies
Amanda Ryan:	Geography
Luke Sawyer:	Mathematics A
Emma Stone:	Prevocational Mathematics
Reece Temple:	Music
Jessica Treadwell:	Visual Art Studies
Lauren Wilson:	Art
Irena Woodforth:	Biology, Graphics

#### VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AWARDS

Emma Armitage:	Community Recreation
Nathan Bolton:	Automotive
Alexis Elledge:	Hospitality
Kaitlin Hartley:	Information Technology

## Senior Phase Academic Awards

### YEAR 12 AWARDS

#### AWARDS OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Rachael Beasy, Samantha Cathcart, Belinda Harris, Tom Hickman, Sophie Leslie, Ian McKerrell, Cara Matula, Katrina Mills

#### SUBJECT AWARDS, 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Benjamin Annetts:	Mathematics A
Naomi Barber:	Literacy
Natasha Barclay:	Art
Rachael Beasy:	Legal Studies
Shannyn Bird:	Biology
Kristie De Jong:	English Extension
Courteney Hawkins:	English Communication
Tom Hickman:	Geography, Physical Ed
Rachel Ivey:	Social and Community Studies
Timothy Lane:	Graphics
Sophie Leslie:	Business Communication and Technology, Economics, Maths B, Maths C, Physics
Cara Matula:	Accounting, Music, Music Extension
Katrina Mills:	Drama
Scott McKiernan:	Hospitality
Ian McKerrell:	Business
Kristin Mohaupt:	Visual Art Studies
Joel Moore:	Engineering, Furnishings
Sahail Narayan:	Chemistry
Michael O'Dell:	Practical Applications
Leah Phair:	Multi Strand Science
Lachlan Tredrea:	Prevocational Mathematics
Alistair Tweed:	Information Processing and Technology
Tarla Wenham:	Modern History
Alyssa Wright:	English, Home Economics
Emma Wright:	Ancient History

#### VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AWARDS

Daniel Donnellan:	Community Recreation
Christopher Huddleston:	Information Technology
Tom Lynch:	Automotive

## BPSHS Sport Awards

(Continued)

### Age Champions

#### CROSS COUNTRY

13 Years Girls	Tracey Metekingi
13 Years Boys	Jason Swallow
14 Years Girls	Skye Hopwood
14 Years Boys	Samuel Martens
15 Years Girls	Lorissa Funnell
15 Years Boys	Daniel Pickering
16 Years Girls	Irena Woodforth
16 Years Boys	Jamie Bliesner
Open Girls	Kate Pascoe
Open Boys	Jamie O'Donnell

#### SWIMMING

13 Years Girls	Phillipa Dunstan
13 Years Boys	Calum Ryan
14 Years Girls	Stephanie Bliesner
14 Years Boys	Harley Hook-Nielsen
15 Years Girls	Loren Brooke
15 Years Boys	Jamie Zgrajewski
16 Years Girls	Amanda Franklin
16 Years Boys	Russell Yesberg
Open Girls	Jana Wills
Open Boys	Shaun Butler

#### ATHLETICS

13 Years Girls	Ashleigh MacPhail
13 Years Boys	Jeremiah Alimpulos
14 Years Girls	Cassie-Lee Hobby
14 Years Boys	Sestha Arms
15 Years Girls	Kristen Ivey
15 Years Boys	Hiroya Ali
16 Years Girls	Irena Woodforth
16 Years Boys	Jamie Bliesner
Open Girls	Rachel Ivey
Open Boys	Andrew Roberts

### Individual Awards –

#### BRONZE (Zone Team)

##### Athletics

Jeremiah Alimpulos, Emma Armitage, Sestha Arms, Joanne Beasy, Jamie Bliesner, Rhys Carman, Steffani Clark, Jessica Coogan, Joshua Finemore, Tomas Foley, Amanda Franklin, Seta Fusi, Cassie-Lee Hobby, Kristen Ivey, Megan Ivey, Rachel Ivey, Fraser Jose, Taylah Lennox, Ashleigh MacPhail, Joshua MacPhail, Matthew McAneny, Tracey Metekingi, Chantelle Middleton, Tamsyn Minto, Morgan Moebus, Lee-Michael O'Brien, Jamie O'Donnell, Joel O'Regan, Elizabeth Pascoe, Daniel Pickering, Shane Rabbitt, Kirsten Ryan, Alexis Sutherland, Jason Swallow, Jason Willis, Dean Wills, Sarah-Ann Wills, Irena Woodforth, Susan Wright

##### Basketball – Under 15 Boys

Shaquille Malakai, Conrad Pugh-Tamarapa

##### Basketball - Open Boys

Daniel Donnellan, Jaden Hurst

##### Cross Country

Emma Armitage, Jamie Bliesner, Joshua Finemore, Jamie O'Donnell, Elizabeth Pascoe, Kate Pascoe, Jason Swallow, Irena Woodforth

##### Netball - Under 15 Girls

Seta Fusi, Jessie-Rae Kopara

##### Netball - Open Girls

Emma Foley, Elizabeth Pascoe, Kate Pascoe

##### Rugby League - Under 15 Boys

Joshua Papworth, Jamie Zgrajewski

##### Rugby League - Open Boys

Jacob Hohns

### Individual Awards –

#### BRONZE (Zone Team)

##### Swimming

Emma Armitage, Shaun Butler, Stephanie Bliesner, Steffani Clark, Matthew Jones, Sean Taylor, Russell Yesberg, Jana Wills, Shannon Wyatt

##### Soccer - Open Boys

Jamie Bliesner, Russell Yesberg

##### Soccer - Open Girls

Kelti Hohns, Chantelle Middleton

##### Touch Football

##### Under 15 Boys

Tom Foley, Hamish Nielsen

##### Touch Football

##### Open Boys

Christopher Frost, Jacob Hohns, Troy McPherson, Shane Rabbitt

#### SILVER

(Metropolitan North Regional Team)

##### Athletics

Ryan Billingsley, Shantelle Croft, Kate Pascoe

##### Baseball

##### Under 15 Boys

Timothy Kasapis

##### Rugby Union

##### Open Boys

Eliasa Taufao

##### Squash - Open Boys

Daniel Pickering

##### Touch Football

##### Under 15 Boys

Hiroya Ali, Jeremiah Alimpulos

##### Touch Football

##### Open Boys

Kenneth Chew

#### GOLD

(Queensland Team)

##### Baseball

##### Under 15 Boys

Guy Price, Mitchell Nilsson

##### Baseball

##### Under 17 Boys

Mitchell Nilsson

#### GOLD LAUREL

(Australian Team)

##### Baseball

##### Under 17 Boys

Mitchell Nilsson

## SPORTS DINNER - A Huge Success!

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October we honoured our numerous talented athletes at our annual Sports Awards Dinner. The night was a great success, with medallions and certificates awarded to Age Champions, Best and Fairest recipients, successful Team participants, and talented Individual achievers. Presenting the awards to the students were two accomplished sports stars, our guest speakers, Mr Geoff Trappett, who is the 2002 T54 (wheelchair) world champion and the current 100m world record holder, and Ms Jodie Gibbons, a member of the Queensland Firebirds Netball team.

On top of our known awards for the night, many prestigious awards were presented to worthy recipients, including Team of the Year honours, Junior Achievers of the Year, Sporting Development Squad trophies, and Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year.

Big winners of the night included year 8 student, Jeremiah Alimpulos, who took home medallions for Best and Fairest and Age Champion, a Bronze and a Silver Individual Achievement Award, the ASSPA Award for Indigenous Sports Achiever of the Year, and the Junior Encouragement Award.

Mitchell Nilsson, year 10, also cleaned up, winning the Junior Achiever of the Year for his contribution to the sport of Baseball. Mitchell received a Bronze and a Gold team award, a Gold and a Gold Laurel Individual Achievement Award for state and national representation, and also picked up the Sporting Development Squad Athlete of the Year title.

Year 11 student, Jamie Bliesner, was the victorious recipient of Sportsman of the Year, for his all-round sporting ability, receiving three Bronze Individual Achievement Awards, two Age Champion medallions, a Best and Fairest medallion and a Service to Sport trophy.

Kate Pascoe, another of our year 11 students, almost needed a wheelbarrow to take home her awards! She collected two Age Champion medallions, a Best and Fairest medallion, a Bronze team award, two Bronze and one Silver Individual Achievement Awards, and the top honour, Sportswoman of the Year!

A big thank-you must go out to George Tsoukalas, our school groundskeeper, for the delicious dinner, our PE staff, for their tireless preparation of the night, the Sports Captains – Daniel Donnellan, Emma Foley, Rachel Ivey, and Shannon Wyatt for the running of the evening, and Mrs Rabbitt for her behind the scenes work.

## Science Report

The Year 12 Multi-Strand Science classes attended a Field Trip to Nudgee Beach Environmental Centre on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October. The purpose of the trip was to look at some of the issues associated with the problems of overfishing in Moreton Bay. This was part of a Fisheries Unit of their Multi-Strand coursework.

Although sunny and warm, the wind was blowing strongly, making fishing and casting a tricky exercise. Despite this, many fish were caught but all of a small size, a sign of overfishing. Students looked at size and bag limits, took plankton samples from a boat, used a bait net and had a hands-on talk about mudcrabs and their ecology. A great day out was had by all and hopefully the students will pass the message on about the conservation of fish stocks.

This week saw the return of Mr Mant from Long Service Leave. He will take over the teaching of classes vacated by Mr Solari, leaving Ms Hilly to continue her good work in the Department.

*Mr Parry*

*TIC- Science*

# **REMEMBRANCE DAY 2006**

Remembrance Day is the day Australians remember those who have died serving their country.

In 1918 the armistice that ended World War I came into force, bringing to an end four years of hostilities that saw 61,919 Australians die at sea, in the air and on foreign soil. Few Australian families were left untouched by the events of World War I – ‘the war to end all wars’ most had lost a father, son, daughter, brother, sister or friend.

At 11am on 11<sup>th</sup> November we pause to remember those men and women who have died or suffered in conflicts and recognise all those who have served in wars and peace keeping operations over the past 100 years.

**To recognise these sacrifices the staff and students of Bray Park SHS will pause at 11am on Friday (day before Remembrance Day) to remember the Australian servicemen and women who gave their lives and continue to serve in operations around the globe.**

**Students have also been purchasing red poppies for \$2 and badges for \$5. If you would like to purchase these please see Mrs Ballantyne in the General Studies staffroom.**

There will be a ceremony held by the Bray Park/Strathpine RSL at the Pine Rivers Memorial Bowls Club on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am. The RSL asks you to please pause for a minute’s silence to remember those who served and those who are serving still and asks you to wear a poppy with pride to show you remember and care for our veteran community.

“Lest We Forget”

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## **Soul News 3**

***Firstly thank you to all those who have given! “WE NEED YOUR HELP TO FILL OUR SANTA BAGS”***

### **Please Support our Soul Singers!**

We need toys, puzzles, books etc. to take to the RBH Children’s Hospital in the last week of November. Due to hygiene purposes and safety issues with the patients, **the toys need to be new!**

You can deliver it to the School Administration Block with your name and address attached, or have your student deliver it to the Student Support Centre. Alternatively, thanks to Mrs Bev Clarke who has organised collection boxes at our local libraries, you could drop them into the Libraries listed: Albany Creek Library – Arana Hills Library – Kallangur Library – Strathpine Library – Pathways Library.

**Any queries: Please contact Marie or Bill Sharp (07) 3881 6666**

## **Community Education Counsellor *Mrs Faye Gundy***

My role in the school is to assist and support the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students / family. Liaising with parents/carers/students and staff.

The beginning of Term 4 an Indigenous Students Leadership Program commenced within Bray Park High and Pine Rivers High, some boys focusing on personal development and recognition of the importance of culture as an integral aspect of their development and education. (*This program was initiated by the Indigenous Behavioural Management teacher Sharon Zeeman from the Sunshine Coast Learning Engagement Centre*).

The boys participated in Cultural Awareness which consisted of Language, Song and Traditional Dance. On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October the boys had the opportunity to learn some languages, songs and dances from Raymond Walker and his son Shae (*they are from the Noonuccal Clan from Stradbroke Island*).

Raymond and Shae took the boys outside to the Gum Trees around the school oval and managed to get two witchetty grubs. They showed the boys how to get them out of the tree without chopping down the tree. The boys were also shown the art of making fire with two sticks.

This program will continue every Tuesday until December 5<sup>th</sup> 2006, other activities will include Visual Art, Traditional Games and Bush Tucker.

Special Recognition to our student **Jeremiah Alimpulos – Yr 8** Who was awarded the ASSPA Award for Outstanding Indigenous Achievement

## **Youth Support Coordinator - *Ms H Tibben* Bray Park State High School (Monday & Thursdays)**

My role as the Youth Support Coordinator (YSC) is to support students who are experiencing difficulties at school, and who are therefore at risk of dropping out of school early. I therefore assist students and their families to address with the individual areas of need that may be impacting on the student’s ability to remain and succeed at school.

In addition to working with students individually, I also help to facilitate small groups that aim to provide students with information and positive life skills.

Throughout Term 3, I co-facilitated a Young Women's Group with Sandi Phillips, the School Based Youth Health Nurse for a small group of year 10 girls. This focused on a variety of different topics such as communication, identity, healthy relationships, and physical and emotional health. A slightly different group I organised in Term 2, was facilitated by the organisation 'Youth Excel', and aimed to assist students to develop positive relationships with their parents/carers, peers, and people in positions of authority. Positive feedback was received from participants of both groups.

The Youth Support Coordinator Initiative is run by the Office for Youth and aims to provide support for life-long learning for young people struggling to transition into senior years at school, TAFE and other training programs.

**Appointments can be made directly with the Youth Support Coordinator or at the school office.**

## **Youth Pathways Officer - Ms T Hartridge** **Bray Park State High School (Tuesdays)**

Youth Pathways helps young people get through school and make the transition from school to further education, training or employment. Youth Pathways delivers personalised assistance to meet your individual needs.

- Are you struggling at school ?
- Finding it all intense ?
- Need someone to speak to ?

If you are 13 – 19 years you can access this service through the Student Support Centre, self referrals are welcome.

**Appointments can be made directly with the Youth Pathways Officer or at the Student Support Centre.**

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## **Volunteers Needed**

The Library is heading into its busiest time of year with texthire returns, stocktake and mending from the year's loans. We would really love the help of a few volunteers to come in on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon anytime from 12:30 - 2:30pm until the end of the school year to help with mending, shelving and covering. You don't need to be available every week. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Please phone the school on 3881 6666 for further details. Thankyou.

*Mrs Katie Stubbings*  
*Teacher Librarian*

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## **Summer Reading Club 2006-07**

These summer holidays, Pine Rivers Library Service is again running the **Summer Reading Club**. The Club is all about encouraging a love of reading amongst Queensland children and their families.

Over 150 Queensland Public Libraries participate in the Club each year, offering this exciting, free reading program to all children in their community. **The Pine Rivers Club will commence on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2006 and runs until Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2007.** Children can join the club at any of their library branches, at any time throughout the period.

Club membership is **FREE**, as are all of the fun, educational activities offered at the library branches during the program. Upon joining, children receive their own library bag as well as activity booklets and vouchers. To encourage children to read as many books as possible, they are offering each participant the chance to win a major prize drawn at the end-of-program party; a great way to reward participants and their families for keeping up their recreational reading over the holidays.

Last year was a huge success with over 950 children taking part in the Club Shire wide. This year with the help of school children in the district, it could be bigger and better.

Research shows that children who read for pleasure are the best readers and that families that read together provide the strongest model for future readers.

For further information contact your local library or visit [www.pinerivers.qld.gov.au/library](http://www.pinerivers.qld.gov.au/library) or [www.summerreadingclub.slq.gov.au](http://www.summerreadingclub.slq.gov.au)  
(after mid November)

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## **Bray Park High Idol – 2006**

Bray Park State High School held the finals competition of their own version of Australian Idol recently with Bray Park High Idol. Six finalists competed for the coveted prize of four hours cutting a CD of their choice in Tim Weatherall's Hammered Silver Studio located at the local PCYC. The overall winner, Year 11 student Reece Temple impressed the judges with his vocal rendition of the popular Jazz classic, "Sway".

Other finalists, who were chosen, following lunchtime auditions and heats throughout last term, included fellow vocalists, a guitar/vocalist and heavy metal band "Crestwood Avenue" who wowed the audience with several encores.

“Bray Park High Idol was planned to encourage our students to participate in extra-curricular activities. Our main focus was to develop team work and motivational skills amongst our students,” said co-ordinator and Bray Park State High’s School Based Police Officer, Michelle Campbell.

Many local businesses supported the competition with prizes and the school hopes to run another competition in 2007 to showcase the varied and high standard of talent of these students.

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## Child and Youth Mental Health Service Parents, Kids and Drugs Program - PKD

The Child and Youth Mental Health Service of the Royal Children's Hospital and Health Service District is running the *Parents, Kids and Drugs (PKD)* program commencing Monday October 30<sup>th</sup> at the Community Health Centre at Keperra. PKD is an education and support program funded by the Commonwealth Department of Families and Community Services, as part of the National Illicit Drug Strategy.

### What is Parents, Kids and Drugs?

PKD is a free program *for parents who are concerned about their adolescent's (under 25 years) actual or suspected drug use*. The program provides parents with alcohol and other drug specific information, parenting strategies, communication and relationship skills and support. The knowledge and skills learnt enable the parents to have a positive influence on their son or daughter's alcohol or other drug use, family relations and their own well-being. It incorporates best practice intervention strategies and is based on a harm minimisation framework. The program comprises of five, 2½ hour sessions to be conducted weekly over five weeks, in this case commencing on October 30<sup>th</sup> and concluding on November 27<sup>th</sup>. Parents are encouraged to attend all five sessions if possible to enhance the learning and support they gain from the program.

PKD was developed, trialled and evaluated by the Hot House (Youth Community Team, Alcohol and Drug Service of The Prince Charles Hospital Health Service District, Queensland Health). Over seventy percent of parents who have completed the program strongly agree or agree with the statement “I feel I am now able to deal more effectively with my situation” and more than sixty-five percent thought that they had made a considerable or great deal of progress in “dealing with their concerns.”

### How does a parent register?

Parents will need to provide some background information to me over the phone, and if eligible will be sent more information about the program venue and time of the sessions. To do so they will need to make contact via phone (3835 1444) or email ([sophie.morson@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:sophie.morson@health.qld.gov.au)) to leave their details. I'll be on leave until October 24<sup>th</sup>, but have put aside the 25<sup>th</sup> to follow up inquiries in time for parents to register for the program starting on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

*Sophie Morson - Psychologist*

“Minding Young Minds” Early Intervention Project  
Child & Youth Mental Health Service  
Phone 3835 1409 Fax 3839 8191

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## Health News

Spaghetti is a favourite for lots of kids. Here is a veggie one to try to increase the family vegetable intake. Maybe they won't even notice!

### Fast – Veggie Spaghetti (Serves 4-6)

#### Ingredients

500g spaghetti or other pasta  
2 teaspoons vegetable oil  
1 small onion, thinly sliced  
1 small carrot, thinly sliced  
1 stick celery, thinly sliced  
½ capsicum, finely diced  
1 small zucchini, finely diced  
570g tomato based pasta sauce  
½ cup grated Parmesan cheese to serve  
Cracked black pepper

#### Method

Cook pasta according to packet directions.  
Heat oil in a saucepan, add onion and cook until soft. Add other vegetables and stir until well mixed. Lower heat, cover and cook for 5 to 7 minutes. Add pasta sauce to vegetables and heat through. Remove from heat. Serve over pasta. Sprinkle with cheese and pepper.

#### Variation

Other vegetables can be substituted for those listed – use those you have in your fridge or freezer!

*Sandi Phillips - School Based Youth Health Nurse*

## Visual Art

OUR Year 9 Art students have won the Year 8-12 Collaborative Prize in the 2006 Pine Rivers Youth Art Awards that were opened on Friday night 27th October. The hanging sculpture completed during semester one is entitled "Reuse-Recycle" and the \$1,000 won is to be used towards an Artist in Residence at the school during 2007.

Congratulations to MEGHAN ELLIS Year 10, who won the Year 8-10 2D Art Section with her drawing "Waterfall" and also to CAMERON HILLS Year 10, who came third in this section with a pastel drawing "Fruit Bowl".

All of these artworks and other entries from our school are able to be viewed at the Pine Rivers Regional Art Gallery from Wednesday to Saturday 11am to 4pm until 20 November 2006.

*Jackie Helion - Art Teacher*

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## SHAFT

**Mon 8 Jan – Fri 19 Jan 2007**

Straddle Adventures, Archery, Cable Skiing, Indoor Rock Climbing, Surfing, Canoeing and much more – it's all part of a 10 day program for young people in the Shire looking for low cost, fun activities over the holidays.

SHAFT, Pine Rivers Shire Council's Super Holiday Activities For Teenagers program, is open to school students in Years 8 to 12 living locally and will be held from the 8<sup>th</sup> January to 19<sup>th</sup> January 2007.

Bookings are essential, as there are limited places.

To make a booking call 3480 6543 (Lines open December 6, 2006)

For more information visit [www.pinerivers.qld.gov.au](http://www.pinerivers.qld.gov.au).

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Strathpine State School P&C Association

## FLEA MARKET

### "Celebration Day"

(Celebrating 26 years)

**Saturday 11 November 2006 - 6am until noon Pine Rivers Showground - Gympie Road, Lawnton**

The Flea Market is on every Saturday and is a fundraiser for the Strathpine State School.

**School band, indoor and outdoor stalls, food & drink, lucky draws and entertainment!**

If you would like to have a stall or entertain, please contact Eric or Helen Evans on 0403 054085 or 5428 2114

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### 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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## STS HIGH SCHOOL Foundation Australia

HOST FAMILY URGENTLY NEEDED for Lorieke, an exchange student from Holland. She is presently attending Pine Rivers High School. Her interests include, hockey, tennis, shopping and the beach. Lorieke would love to continue her schooling at Pine Rivers, so if you can help, please call Margaret on 3204 2156.

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### **BPSHS UNIFORM SHOP HOURS**

Monday – Wednesday – Friday - 8.15am to 10.15am

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# 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 – 2006

6-10 November	Year 12 Block Exams
13-16 November	Year 12 Alternate Program
13 November	Year 12 Return all Text books
14 November	Year 12 Special Assembly at 1.30pm
14 November	Volunteers Afternoon Tea – 2pm (P&C)
15 November	House Winners - Dreamworld Trip
16 November	Stationery and Uniform orders close
17 November	Year 12 Last Day - Graduation Ceremony and Formal
<b>20 November</b>	<b>P &amp; C MEETING</b>
22 November	Year 8-9 Special Assembly at 9.00am
22 November	Year 10 Special Assembly at 1.30pm
23 November	Year 11 Special Assembly at 1.30pm
24 November	Year 10-11 Return non essential Text books
27 Nov to 1 Dec	Year 10-11 Block Exams
29 November	Christmas Concert at Anam Cara
1 December	Year 10-11 Last Day - Return all Texts books
4-5 December	Peer Support Training
5 December	Year 8-9 Return all Texts books
6-14 December	Year 8-9 Alternative Program
11 December	Year 7 Orientation Day
15 December	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS from 18 December 2006  
School Resumes on Monday 29 January 2007**

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## Parents / Carers

Students who have **borrowed uniforms** from the office, may not have returned these uniforms and therefore have not collected their own clothes. Students must return the school's property to enable them to collect their clothing. Clothing not collected by the end of Term will be donated to charity.

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## BPSHS Student Services

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

**3881 6654**

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## *Pine Gardens Florist*

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