

BRAY PARK STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Principal's Column

Schools are always busy places and often we just take this busyness for granted and don't stop to reflect on all that happens. Bray Park SHS has students who excel and this needs to be acknowledged and celebrated. In other words we should shout about it!

Did you know that the students who went to New Zealand were consistently stopped and congratulated for their appearance, good humour and manners? Did you know that we have students and staff who spend over 12 hours some days at school to rehearse the school musical? Did you know we have students and parents collecting for the Salvation Army on the weekend after next? Did you know that 69% of Bray Park OP eligible Seniors received an OP between 1 and 15 in 2006? This is a truly excellent effort and I encourage parents to check these results against so called "private" schools. Coupled with this is the fact that 98% of all Bray Park students wanting to go to uni received an offer. State schools are great and Bray Park is a great state school.

Last week we had our first parent/teacher night. Thank you to all the teachers, parents and students who took the time to come and have a chat. We get the best for our students when we talk through our concerns and when we share the good times.

Finally I'd like to mention that last Friday and Saturday 17 of our staff went to a leadership conference. There we worked and laughed together as we sought to know each other better and further developed the leadership of Bray Park.

Regards

Kate Abernethy
Acting Principal

ANZAC DAY 2007

On Tuesday 24 April 2007, the Bray Park State High School community held an annual ANZAC Day commemoration ceremony. The morning service commenced with the school's chaplain, Tim Sweetman, sharing his thoughts and experiences. He spoke passionately of the many fallen soldiers who risked their lives to provide us with the freedom we have today.

The school leaders were the next to pay their respects by reciting "*Ode to the Fallen*". Year level representatives then proceeded to demonstrate respect by laying down individual poppies. Year 12 student, Shane Rabbit, then performed "*The Last Post*" on trumpet as the cadets raised the Australian and New Zealand flags. The entire school held a respectful one minute silence to conclude the ceremony. The morning was inspirational for all and people left with a greater appreciation for our veterans.

Juanita Josiffe and Kirsty Blaik

DATE CLAIMERS

- **Friday 11 May** – Cross Country
- **Sunday 13 May** – Mothers' Day
- **Monday 14 May** – Indigenous Heart Week
- **Wednesday 16 May** – Maths Teams Tournament
- **Monday 21 May** – P&C Meeting

- **Mon-Tues-Wed 21-23 May** – Year 12 RST Camp
- **Tuesday 29 May** – Non-Uniform Day
- **Tuesday 29 May** – Musical Matinee
- **Tuesday 29 May** – Year 9 SSE A&C Excursion
- **Wednesday 30 May** – Musical Night Performance 7pm
- **Wednesday 31 May** – Immunisation –
Girls Year 10, 11, 12

School Cross Country

The Bray Park High Interhouse Cross Country will be held at and about the school during period 4 on

Friday 11 May 2007

Racing commences with the Open and 16 years boys who run six km at 1.45pm. This is followed by the four km race for the 14 and 15 years boys and the 14, 15, 16 and Open girls. A three km race is held for the 13 years boys and girls.

The final event is a 2km walk/run for all students who chose not to run the competitive age group races. All races will be concluded by 2.50pm for presentations and regular home times.

Strict supervision is conducted on the course with first aid and water available.

“VERBAL COMBAT”

During Lifeskills on **Wednesday 16th May** Brainstorm Productions will present Verbal Combat, a play about bullying and harassment. The performance makes it clear to students that certain behaviour, such as excluding people, spreading rumours and sending unwanted text messages or emails, is in fact bullying and will not be tolerated. This performance is a part of the anti-bullying unit currently being studied in Lifeskills.

This is an entertaining way to promote discussion and give students strategies to avoid being a bully or a target.

Brainstorm productions have won the Frater Award for Best Feedback from Schools for the last 8 years.

All students in Year 8 and 9 have received a permission form for this presentation, at a cost of \$4.50 this will be a valuable experience for your child. Please return a signed permission form along with the cost of the performance to the office on or before Friday 11th of May to ensure your child does not miss out. We hope you will support this important program to assist in creating a safe harmonious environment for students and staff.

Please see Mrs Ballantyne if you need an extra permission form.

BACK TO THE 80'S ...The totally awesome musical!

Presented by Bray Park State High School

Wednesday 30th May 7pm

Friday 1st June 7pm

Saturday 2nd June 7pm (Fancy Dress – 80's)

Tickets are available from Bray Park State High School's Administration Office prior to performance dates.

\$10 Adults, \$7 Students/pensioners, \$5 children (12 years or younger)
or a family pass for \$30 (2 adults and 2 students)

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Parenting Asthmatic Children

CHALLENGED BY YOUR CHILD'S ASTHMA?

The University of Queensland is conducting research into Parenting Asthmatic Children.

Parenting an asthmatic child presents many challenges (everything from providing medication and avoiding triggers to day-to-day parenting tasks). The aim of this study is to understand the factors that make management of childhood asthma more difficult, with the results used in developing strategies to assist parents in managing their child's asthma.

If you are a parent of a 2 to 10-year-old asthmatic child, we would love to hear from you!

Sharing your experiences (confidentially) is valuable in helping to develop strategies to assist parents in the areas that are needed. Results of this study will also be available to participants.

To complete the survey and for more information, log on to: <http://experiment.psy.uq.edu.au/asthmaticchildren>

Thank you for your time and participation.

Alina Morawska and Jenny Stelzer - Parenting and Family Support Centre

For more information about the project or to request a survey to be posted to you, please contact:
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EXPO

Parent Representative Required

BPSHS SCHOOL EXPO will be on

Monday 27 August 2007 – We are looking for a Parent Representative to join our Expo Committee.

If you are interested please contact Marie Sharp on 3881 6666.

Great Adventure, No Regrets...

Social Science New Zealand Study Tour 2007

On the 10-18th of April, 19 Social Science students and 3 staff went on the adventure of a lifetime to the South Island of New Zealand. The motto of the trip, Great Adventure...No regrets was definitely lived up to. Students experienced scenery so different to drought-stricken Australia: massive freshwater lakes, towering mountains green forests (straight out of the Lord of the Rings) and glaciers and icebergs.

The students also noticed the difference in climate, leaving Brisbane at 29c and waking up the next day in Christchurch to a clear, chilly 12c. The first time students saw snow at Porter's Pass, a snowball fight quickly erupted. "Despite the fact that the snow was really cold and temperature up there was -8.c, we loved making snow angels and getting completely covered in snow," said Corine Kreidemann.

The adventure elements of the trip were also a highlight. The luge rides down the mountain side, gondola, and jet-boat ride were all exciting inclusions of the tour. "The helicopter ride was awesome: a massive adrenalin rush. And the view from the top of the glacier was fantastic," exclaimed Karlee Vanderent.

Jenny Elford, Senior Geography teacher, stated that the behaviour of students was excellent throughout the trip. "The students were great ambassadors, not only of their school but also of their country." The teachers, Jenny Elford, Peter Harvey and Judy Smith, who gave up their Easter holidays to take students on the 9 day tour, also need to be thanked for their hard work and dedication. "Without the enthusiasm and willingness of staff, the tour simply would not happen", said Katrina Makings, organiser.

LOOK OUT LIBRARY!!

Our school is supporting the MS Readathon

1 – 30 June 2007

Children at our school are encouraged to 'Read for a Reason' for the MS Readathon. Students in every grade will be challenged to read as much as they can during June.

It's easy and fun!

Registrations for MS Readathon are now open. Children pick up a registration booklet from school, or simply register with their parents online at www.msreadathon.org.au

For the month of June, students record all the books they read at school and at home, or simply record the time they spend reading. Then friends and family sponsor them for all their reading to help the MS Society.

MS Readathon is Rewarding!

1. Raises essential funds to help Australians living with Multiple Sclerosis
2. Gives children fun incentives to improve their reading skills
3. Every participant receives a Certificate and super cool Reading Rewards
4. School Rewards include a digital camera

What is MS?

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is the most common disease of the central nervous system among young Australians, the average age of diagnosis is 32, and three times more women than men have MS. There is no known cause or cure.

For further information:

Phone 1300 67 7323 (1300 MS READ)

or visit the website www.msreadathon.org.au

Multiple Sclerosis Society Of Queensland

WORKLINKS

Programmes to assist people who are unemployed are commencing in Caboolture. If you are over 40 and/or a parent or carer, phone Worklinks on 5498 9601 for more information.

For the programme at Mitchelton for people over 40, please call Worklinks Mitchelton on 3354 3946.

Reading Assistance Program

The Bray Park State High School Reading Assistance Program is seeking volunteers to be tutors again this year.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

- Do you have time to spare?
- Do you want to help students to read / learn?
- Do you want to develop your interests?
- Do you want to share skills and hobbies?
- Do you want to be appreciated and welcomed?
- Do you want to meet other volunteers?

The program involves volunteers working with selected students on a one-to-one basis.

The purpose of the program is to assist and support students who want to improve their reading. The program runs on Tuesdays during school hours. Morning tea and training will be provided.

The volunteer tutor, a parent or a member of the local community, makes a regular commitment to work with students on a Tuesday. **As a RAP volunteer you will be a vital part of our school community.**

If you are interested in giving some of your time, please contact Mrs Jo Turner at the High School on 3881 6666.

Holy Spirit Rugby League Football Club "FAIR" at the club this week-end

Ef Foundation

We are seeking a VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILY for Semester 2 for a Year 12 Colombian student.

Please contact Lorraine 5441 5533 or Tess 1800 251877

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 2 – 2007

10 May	Youthworks Meeting
11 May	Cross Country
14 May	Indigenous Heart Week
16 May	Maths Teams Tournament
21 May	P&C Meeting
21-23 May	Year 12 RST Camp
29 May	Non-Uniform Day
29 May	Musical Matinee
29 May	Year 9 SSE A&C Excursion
30 May	Musical Night Performance 7pm
31 May	Immunisation – Girls Year 10, 11, 12
1 June	Senior Leader's Photos
1-2 June	Musical Night Performance 7pm
5 June	International English Writing Competition
6 June	School Social
7 June	Regional Cross Country
7 June	Music Extension Concert 5-7pm
11 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
11-15 June	Education Week
12 June	Year 11-12 Block Exams
12 June	Year 7 into Year 8 Night
18 June	P&C Meeting
18-22 June	Year 11 Work Placement
19 June	International English Comp
22 June	Last day of Term 2
22 June	Reports mailed out
24 June	Bunnings BBQ for P&C
25 June to 6 July	School Holidays
7-13 July	Instrumental Music Tour

Immunisation / Vaccination Dates

YEAR LEVEL	VACCINE	DATE
Year 8	Hepatitis B 2	17 September 2007
Year 10 males & females	Boostrix (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)	31 May 2007
Years 10, 11 & 12 females	Gardisal 2	31 May 2007
Years 10, 11 & 12 females	Gardisal 3	12 October 2007

NEXT P&C MEETING
Monday 21 May 2007
at 7.00pm

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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