

## BRAY PARK STATE HIGH SCHOOL

# Newsletter

Newsletter 13 at 16 Augst 2007

### Principal's Column

Dear Parents and Carers,

There has been a lot of comment about mobile phones in the media. What are your thoughts on the subject? Do email me at [theprincipal@brayparkshs.qld.edu.au](mailto:theprincipal@brayparkshs.qld.edu.au) or leave a note at the office. Please don't ring as I hope for hundreds of comments and thoughts and I wouldn't be able to take your calls.

There is one thought that we should keep our current policy that phones must be out of sight during class time with students able to use the phones in breaks and before/after school.

Another point of view is that this policy isn't working and that phones should not be in use at all in school time and should only be seen before entering the school grounds and after leaving it. School would be a mobile phone free zone.

Concerns include:

- The use of phone cameras and subsequent placement of photos on websites
- Bullying at school through text messaging at breaks and even in class time
- Theft or loss of mobile phones
- Interruptions in class when students forget to turn phones off or text/phone others in class
- Using phone cameras to invade privacy

My questions for you:

1. Should mobile phones be seen at school at all?
2. Should we allow mobile phones to be used only before or after the school day?

I look forward to your response.

***Kate Abernethy - Principal***

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### 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.

### 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.

# ***Bray Park State High School***

## ***20th Anniversary Celebration Dinner***

***Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 16 August 2007.

Cheques or money orders can be made out to Bray Park SHS P&C Association.

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** per person (*Drinks not included*)

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

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

"Come along, celebrate and enjoy a great night out!"

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## ***Daffodil Day***

**24 August 2007**

Students will be visiting classrooms throughout the day and at lunch-times to sell Daffodil Day items.

***Items selling from 20 to 24 August***

Pens \$5 Lip Balm \$5 Flower Pin \$3  
Enamel Pin \$5 Wristband \$3

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**Congratulations to JESSICA PASCOE** who is Runner Up in the Secondary School Category for Outstanding Achievement in Pine Rivers School and Community Life. Well done!

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## DATE CLAIMERS – 2007

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| <b>Mon-Fri 13-17 August</b> | Year 12<br>Work Placement           |
| <b>Saturday 18 August</b>   | BPSHS 20th<br>Anniversary Dinner    |
| <b>Monday 20 August</b>     | Next P&C Meeting                    |
| <b>Tuesday 21 August</b>    | Drama Evening                       |
| <b>Thursday 30 August</b>   | Next Newsletter                     |
| <b>Wednesday 22 August</b>  | School Social                       |
| <b>Friday 24 August</b>     | Daffodil Day                        |
| <b>Monday 27 August</b>     | <b>SCHOOL EXPO and<br/>OPEN DAY</b> |
| <b>Tuesday 28 August</b>    | Non-Uniform Day                     |

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### Strathpine Little Athletics Centre

## SIGN ON

John Oxley Reserve Ogg Road, Murrumba Downs

Sunday 26 August 2007 - 9.00am – 12.00noon and  
Friday 31 August 2007 - 6pm to 8pm

For ages 5 to 16 (Proof of age required)

For further information please contact - Rob: 0405 486848, Marion: 3285 4985, Melissa: 3204 6977

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## Senior Schooling News

Year 9 to 10 Subject Selection - TO ALL PARENTS OF YEAR 9 STUDENTS

You are invited with your student/son/daughter to attend an information evening regarding courses and subject choices for Year 10 in 2008 on **Thursday 13 September at 7.00pm** in the School Assembly Hall. Please use Old North Road car park and entrance.

The evening will include information about the new Queensland Certificate of Education, which replaces the current Senior Certificate. Heads of Department and teachers will be available for consultation regarding the nature and choice of individual subjects.

**Students are to return their subject selection form to the school office by Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September.**

### 2007 TAFE EXPO

On Tuesday 7 August, Year 11 and 12 students attended the Brisbane North Institute of TAFE, Bracken Ridge Campus, 2007 Careers EXPO. The TAFE provided transport to and from the venue. Students came back with bags full of information regarding future career opportunities. On behalf of the students and teachers of Bray Park State High School,

I would like to pass on our gratitude to Brisbane North Institute of TAFE for providing the experience for our students.

### Year 12 QCS Test

The Year 12 QCS Test is being held on Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 September. Breakfast will be provided by the School's tuckshop for students sitting the QCS Test. Year 12 students who are not sitting the QCS Test are not required to be at school on those two dates.

*Karenne Haygarth - Senior Schooling Head of Department*

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## “SHIFT INTO TOP GEAR”

### ‘CRUISE’ INTO THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

Invitation to Bray Park State High School

Year 10, 11 and 12 students and parents

LINKING YOUNG PEOPLE AND LOCAL BUSINESS

A School & industry Partnership - 12<sup>th</sup> September 2007

Venue: Pine Rivers State High School Assembly Hall,  
Gympie Rd Strathpine

Time: 6.00pm Beverages & Light Snacks  
6.30pm Industry Guest Speakers

#### Event Benefits

Employers

- Promote your business and industry as an attractive career choice for young people
- Establish working contacts with local TAFE, other training providers and schools

Young People

- Get to know your local Automotive Industry community
- Discover opportunities for local jobs and workplace Learning experiences

Schools, Parents & Career Advisers

- Opportunities to speak directly to local business about Automotive Careers and workplace requirements

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## EXAM Attendance

### • QCS – 4 and 5 September

Yr 12s. Only students sitting the exam attend school. All other year levels regular attendance as per timetable.

### • Thursday 6 and Friday 7 September

All students (all year levels) at school as per timetable.

### • 10 to 14 September

Yr 12s in block exams, only need to attend when exams are scheduled. All other students (Yr 8-11) in school as per timetable.

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## HOW MANY BOOKS DID YOU READ FOR THE MS READATHON?

### 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](http://www.msreadathon.org.au) or call 1300 677 323.

Thank you for your wonderful support. For more information, visit [www.msreadathon.org.au](http://www.msreadathon.org.au) or call 1300 677 323

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# SALE

## BRAY PARK STATE HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM DROUGHT SALE

Uniform clearance on selected brand new current uniform stock. Come and check out the bargains.

### Selected Sizes only

All of the following items are priced at **\$3.00 each**

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Junior Boys Formal Shirt   | Size 10, 12, 14, XL-3XL                        |
| Senior Boys Formal Shirt   | Size 14, 16, 37                                |
| Boys Tab Shorts            | Size 66, 67, 107                               |
| Boys Sefton Shorts         | Size 10, 12, 77, 82, 87, 92, 97, 102, 107, 112 |
| Boys Sefton Trousers       | Size 102ST, 107R, 112R                         |
| Junior Girls Formal Blouse | Size 10, 18, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30                |
| Senior Girls Formal Blouse | Size 8, 10, 12, 14, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30         |
| Girls Formal Skirt         | All Sizes                                      |
| Unisex Sports Shorts       | Size XXS, XS, S, 4XL, 5XL, 6XL, 7XL            |
| Unisex Sports Polo Shirts  | Size 10, 14, 5XL, 6XL                          |
| Knitted Jumpers            | Size 22, 24                                    |
| <b>ALL OTHER ITEMS</b>     | <b>Half Price</b> (excluding second-hand)      |
| Blazers                    | \$16.00 Size 22 only                           |
| Socks                      | \$ 0.50 ( <i>Current at 14 August 2007</i> )   |

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## Samford Riding for the Disabled

We will be holding "Horse-Riding Fundays" this September school holidays. Adopt a horse for the day from 8.30am to 4.30pm weekdays. This will include two horse-riding lessons, a trail ride and other activities and prizes.

The sessions will be held for groups of three, fully supervised by accredited coaches and trained horses. Cost is \$65 and includes morning tea and lunch.

For any further enquiries or bookings please contact Linda on 0402 511593 or 3285 3254 a/h.

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### BPSHS UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

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

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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.

# 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

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| 11-18 August        | Ski Trip  |
| 13-17 August        | Year 12 Work Placement                          |
| <b>18 August</b>    | <b>BPSHS 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner</b> |
| <b>20 August</b>    | <b>P&amp;C Meeting</b>                          |
| 21 August           | Drama Evening                                   |
| 22 August           | School Social – Wednesday Night                 |
| 24 August           | Daffodil Day                                    |
| <b>27 August</b>    | <b>SCHOOL EXPO and OPEN DAY</b>                 |
| 28 August           | Non-Uniform Day                                 |
| 4-5 September       | Year 12 - QCS Test                              |
| 6 September         | Junior Sport Semi-Final                         |
| 6 September         | Year 11 Geography Excursion                     |
| 10-14 September     | Primary Interviews                              |
| 10-14 September     | Year 11 In-class Exams                          |
| 10-14 September     | Year 12 Block Exams                             |
| 12 September        | Year 10,11,12 and Parents Youthworks Automotive |
| 13 September        | Year 9 into 10 Evening for Year 9 Parents       |
| 17 September        | Year 8 Immunisation Hepatitis B 2               |
| <b>17 September</b> | <b>P&amp;C Meeting</b>                          |
| 21 September        | Last day of Term 3                              |

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - Monday 24 September to 5 October 2007**

## TERM 4 – 2007

|                   |                                       |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 8 October         | MONDAY – School Resumes               |
| 12 October        | Year 10, 11 and 12 Girls Immunisation |
| 15 October        | Special Education Transition Day      |
| 15-19 October     | Year 11 Work Placement                |
| 16 October        | Parent-Teacher Interviews             |
| <b>19 October</b> | <b>SPORTS DINNER</b>                  |
| <b>31 October</b> | <b>SPEECH NIGHT</b>                   |

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

Bray Park State High School  
**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**

## BPSHS Web Site

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

## 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**

## BUSINESSES who support 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)

### *Northside Music School*

486 Gympie Road, STRATHPINE 4500 / Ph: 3881 1036

### *Morris Brothers Musical Store*

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

### *Bank of Queensland*

355 Samsonvale Road, WARNER 4500 / Ph: 3882 5100

### *Leonie's Hair Care*

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

### *Arties Music Max*

Shop 1-486 Gympie Road, STRATHPINE 4500 / Ph: 3889 7499