

BRAY PARK STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Principal's Column

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is only week 2 of the term but so much has happened. I think because this term is so short for years 10, 11 and 12 we make every moment count. On the holidays we had students excelling. David Cox and Tiffany Rabbitt were at Griffith University Conservatorium in the State Honours Ensemble Program. David was 1st Alto Saxophone while Tiffany was 1st Piccolo. Bray Park was also represented at the Youth Speak Policy Conference by Irena Woodforth, Lonneke Bevan and Eva Bevan. All three girls spoke well and Eva was selected to take part in a Policy Council. Her voice will be heard nationally when the Council's resolutions and Report are taken to Parliament.

The Dorothea Mackellar National Poetry Competition gave opportunity for Rebecca Jones and Angie Healy to display their poetic skills with Angie gaining a prestigious Short listing as well as 2 Highly Commended efforts. Well done girls.

On Wednesday 10 October, Mr Derek Cliff, the School Captains, the President of the Student Council and I were invited to have lunch at Parliament House by Mrs Linda Lavarch, Member for Kurwongbah. It was a fascinating afternoon as we toured parliament on the day of the stem cell debate. We came away delighted with lunch in the Strangers Restaurant and with greater knowledge of how our government works. My thanks to Mrs Lavarch for her annual invitation. It is a day that the leaders will always remember.

Last Monday night I had the pleasure of attending the Combined Schools Band Concert. Our students played with students from the local primary schools. It was an amazing night and the talent that is coming to Bray Park State High School next year will enable us to continue the school's musical excellence.

This Friday is the Sports Dinner. It is a sell out night and we wait with anticipation to hear who will be the 2008 Sport and House Captains. This is the night we applaud our sports students and the coaches and teachers who have done so much to inspire the students. It is going to be a great night and I look forward to it. This year is different as there is finger food expertly prepared by our own Hospitality students. A night that has 300 guests is a major production and I thank the HPE and HEC Departments as well as the teacher aide and volunteers who gave so generously of their time.

Friday 26th October is World Teachers Day. The P&C is acknowledging this day with a staff morning tea. I ask students to say a kind word to their teachers this day as it is always nice to know that you are appreciated.

Finally, I would like to thank parents for their support of the Uniform and Jewellery Policy. Our students are looking great and the lack of makeup and jewellery has enhanced Bray Park's image in the community. We are a proud school and we present this pride through our results, our manner and our appearance.

Kate Abernethy
Principal

P &C President's Report October 2007

Welcome back to the last term of the school year. This term will hold mixed feelings for a lot of people.

The Year 12 students are realising that school is nearly over, but at the same time realising it is time to move into the big world of the unknown. The excitement of their Graduation and Formal grows, as these are significant events in their lives and ones they will remember for many years to come.

For the parents of the Year 12 students, it will be a time of uncertainty as we await the examination results of our children in December. We will see our children dressed like young adults at their Graduation and Formal, a lot different from the first day of high school some five years ago. When we look back we will think to ourselves, how time has flown. For some of us this will be a first time experience of the Grade 12 finalisation process and for others, this will be a last good-bye to school forever (well until the grandchildren come along).

I clearly remember in February this year when the Year 12 students received their Leadership Badges that November seemed like a distant dream. Now it is just around the corner.

For some teachers this will be their final term at Bray Park State High, as they will either be transferring to another school or retiring from their profession. They will be under a lot of pressure to mark examination papers and meet Education Queensland's result deadlines.

At the same time, the school is also preparing for the new students for next year.

During October, the school will be celebrating a number of significant events in the school calendar. These include Sports Awards Presentation Evening, International Teachers' Day and Speech Night.

The 26th October is International Teachers' Day and the P&C, in conjunction with the school, will be providing a morning tea at 11.20am to thank the teachers for their dedication to a very challenging career in this ever changing world. All parents are welcome to come along and join this celebration.

The parent body is endeavouring to display a sample of the new school uniform to the school community on 31st October at Speech Night. The implementation of the new school uniform has been a long process with many people involved. I would like to thank Robert Franklin, P&C Vice-President, for his efforts in keeping this project on track.

The nominations for the Principal's position have now closed. The selection process will occur during October. Our permanent Principal from 2008 will be announced in November.

At the P&C meeting in September, the parent body donated \$5000 to the Chaplaincy Fund to assist with the management of this very important asset to our school. The P&C would like thank Tim Sweetman, School Chaplain, for his dedication to the staff and students at our school.

The upgrade of the tuckshop has nearly been completed (yes, there is air-conditioning for those hot summer days). Once the upgrade is completed, the tuckshop will be able to offer the students more variety on the menu. I would like to thank our Treasurer, Alison Hagaman, for her efforts in making this project materialize through the successful Gambling Community Benefit Fund Grant and the organisation of the tuckshop renovations.

Have a great last term in 2007, enjoy the emotional experience and excitement of the future.

Peter Mullins
P&C President

Senior Schooling News

Senior Phase of Learning

School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SATs)

The Queensland Government have created an internet gateway site for **School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships**. The site provides a single location for young people, parents and employers to access everything they need to know about SATs.

Provided below is the website and details of the information available on the website.

<http://www.apprenticeshipsinfo.qld.gov.au>

Employing an apprentice

Find out how to employ an apprentice or trainee in your business.

Becoming an apprentice

Find out how to get into an apprenticeship or traineeship.

Employers' rights & responsibilities

Your rights and responsibilities as an employer of an apprentice or trainee.

Adults and apprenticeships

Information for adults looking for an apprenticeship.

Employers' advice and support

Information to assist businesses when employing an apprentice or trainee.

School-based apprenticeships

Information about school-based apprenticeships and traineeships for students, parents and employers.

Karenne Haygarth

Senior Schooling Head of Department

Senior Schooling News

Smart OP

Year 12 students have been given information regarding how to find out their OP and FPs before it arrives in the post.

How to use SmartOP

Register from Monday 8 October to Thursday 13 December by logging on to

<http://smartop.qsa.qld.edu.au>

You will need your QSA student number, beginning with 06 (if unsure of this number see Mrs Rabbit or Mr Hersey, it was your QCS Test number) plus your default PIN (your birthday – DDMM, e.g. 0712). Then you can create your SmartOP PIN.

Use your QSA number and registered SmartOP PIN to find out your OP and FPs from Saturday 15 December, (9:00am).

Year 12 Lifeskills

All Year 12 students must attend Lifeskills in Term 4. This Term students will be participating in a Schoolies and Post School program. The program will include:

RACQ providing 'Free to Go' information on buying cars etc.

Queensland Fire & Rescue – dangers of speed and drink driving.

Illegal Drug information.

Schoolies and the Responsible Service of Alcohol – presented at the Pine Rivers Bowls club by Queensland Police and the Pine Rivers Bowls club.

Year 11 Lifeskills

Year 11 students have started preparation for the QCS Test, which all OP eligible students must sit in Term 3, Year 12.

School Based Traineeships and Apprenticeships

Vacancies are regularly sent to the school through Group Training Companies, these are advertised in the student notices and appear on the notice board outside the Guidance Officer's room. Interested students should always keep a watch for positions.

Vocational Education and Training

Congratulations, goes to Alexis Elledge (Year 12) who won the Encouragement Award for Tourism and Hospitality on Monday 15 October, 2007. The Award was presented by the Queensland Tourism Council. Alexis is completing her Certificate III in Tourism through Brisbane North Institute of TAFE as part of her school program.

Karenne Haygarth

Senior Schooling Head of Department 005920

Any Budding Photographers?

The Pine Rivers Shire Council is running the "Outside and Alive" Photographic Competition. The competition is about capturing the outdoor lifestyle of Pine Rivers by submitting photographs featuring an environmental theme. There are two categories for entries, high school students and adults. Please see Mrs Ballantyne in General Studies for entry details.

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.

BPSHS Annual SPEECH NIGHT and PRESENTATION of AWARDS

will be held on
Wednesday 31 October
at 7.00 pm in our **School Assembly Hall**

All parents, students and friends of the school are invited to attend this evening.

***This is the most important event
in our school year!***

FREE Parent & Carer Education Sessions

The Royal Children's Hospital & Health Service District Child and Youth Mental Health Service (RCH CYMHS) is running **FREE** parent and carer education sessions.

The sessions focus on a different topic each month and involve the screening of an educational video in conjunction with a question and answer session. Sessions will provide an opportunity for parents and carers to discuss issues related to the topic with a CYMHS clinician as well as other parents and carers.

TOPIC FOR OCTOBER (*Due to popular demand we are rerunning a session held earlier in the year*):

'How to help your child succeed in school - strategies and guidance for parents of children with ADHD and/or learning disabilities'

SESSION DETAILS

10am - 11am Wednesday 24th October 2007

The session will be held at the Pine Rivers Community Centre - 568 Gympie Road, Strathpine.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact Bev on 3835 1444 or Jennifer on 3817 6380

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

SOUL NEWS TERM 4

PLEASE SUPPORT US

**SOUL SINGERS WILL BE RUNNING A CHRISTMAS CONCERT
FOR ANAM CARA**

**FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER
10:00AM**

WE ARE REQUESTING SUPPORT FROM OUR SCHOOL AND LOCAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS

**WE NEED GIFTS TO MAKE UP DOOR PRIZE BASKETS FOR THE ELDERLY AT THIS
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVENT**

**IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DONATE PLEASE DROP DONATION INTO THE OFFICE OR HAVE YOUR STUDENT
DROP IT TO MRS SHARP IN THE LEC, WITH YOUR NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS**

(For a Certificate of Appreciation)

Thanks Mrs Sharp ☺

BRAY PARK STATE HIGH SCHOOL

UNIFORM DROUGHT SALE

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

Only selected sizes are \$3.00 each

All other items are Half Price

(excluding second-hand)

Brisbane Multi Sport Expo

On Thursday 20 September 2007 a small group of Bray Park SHS students, teachers and aides headed to the Zillmere PCYC to take part in the Brisbane Multi Sport Expo. The day was designed to give students a small "taste" of a wide range of sports available to the students in our SEU.

The day was extremely well organised and attended by over 300 students from schools around the Brisbane area, and the sports included Touch, Goal Ball, Boccia, Basketball, AFL and Cricket.

We kicked off the day with a Basketball session where the students honed their dribbling and shooting skills. After a quick morning tea most of the group headed indoors for a game of Boccia, while Matt Tanovic tried his hand at Cricket. Our final session of the day was a battle with the wind as we played outdoor ten pin bowling – strikes all round for all of our students.

LAWNTON SCOUT GROUP

If you are between 6 and 26 years of age; love to have fun, are adventurous and would like to learn outdoor skills and make new friends, then the Lawnton Scout Group would like to help.

Our den is local, well equipped for all kinds of adventure, including canoeing, hiking and camping, and our leaders are fun and enthusiastic.

Why not arrange to visit us? Contact Richard, our group leader, on 3285 1688 or Scouts Australia Qld Branch 3870 700.

You'll love it and you can even get the whole family involved!

Early Detection Is Your Best Protection Against Breast Cancer

Breast Cancer effects one in eleven Queensland women. Until more is known about the causes of breast cancer, we are unable to prevent the disease. Having a mammogram is the most effective method of detecting most breast cancers at a very early stage, before a lump can be seen or felt.

BreastScreen Queensland provides FREE high quality breast cancer screening and assessment services. All women 50-69 years of age are strongly recommended to have a breastscreen every two years as breast cancer has been found to be more prevalent in this age group. Women 40 years of age and over are also welcome to attend.

BreastScreen Queensland is encouraging all eligible women to book now for a free breast screening at the relocatable clinic which is situated in the carpark of the Pine Rivers Community Health Centre. The clinic will commence screening on the 4th September and will remain at Strathpine until the 9th November. An appointment is necessary and this can be made by phoning 13 20 50.

STUDENT FREE DAY

Monday 22 October 2007

SCHOOL OFFICE OPEN

From 7.00am to 2.00pm

POSITIVE PARENTING FOR DADS

Join Ross Adams (Family Therapist) and a group of fathers in a relaxed, safe and confidential space to explore & develop positive parenting and communication skills with children & teenagers.

- Building love and respect in the family
- Understanding children's behaviour
- Setting firm boundaries and follow-through
- Fostering positive self esteem
- Positive role modeling & problem solving techniques
- Dealing with overload or stressful situations

When: Five Wednesdays 24th & 31st Oct. & 7th 14th 21st November

Time: 6:30 - 9.00 pm

Where: Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Centre,
730 Gympie Rd, Lawnton
(*Bougainvillea Room, under Francis Cottage*)

Cost: \$20.00 - (*contact us in special circumstances*)

Bookings: Ph 3205-2955 - *by Monday 17th October*

Growing Together

Gardening time out for Dad's (or Grandad's) and children

Join Russell Young and share the magical delights of:

- ✚ Growing vegetables, flowers and herbs together
- ✚ Watching your plants grow
- ✚ Eating fresh from the garden
- ✚ Learning as you grow
- ✚ Take home jiffy pots

When:- 4 x Fridays

4:30pm – 5:30 pm

5th, 12th, 19th, 26th October

\$50 covers all materials - tuition free!

Where:- Theo's Garden & Nursery Centre

187 Old Gympie Road, Kallangur

Bookings: Ph 3204-5490

Maximum of 6 families - Bookings Essential

*A joint community project sponsored by
Theo's Nursery & Garden Centre & Pine Rivers,
Redcliffe and Caboolture Family & Community Consortium*

STS HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION

Students from Sweden, France, Austria and Canada will all be attending a High School in your area, and are waiting for a host family. The student's interests include swimming, dancing, singing and sports. If you would like to share your home and life style with a student, while learning about theirs please contact Margaret for more information on 3204 2156.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

SCHOOL OFFICE IS OPEN

From 8.00am to 4.00pm

Monday - Friday

Mad Dragons Management presents: BLAST OFF! Launch your career journey today... CAREERS EXPO

Morayfield Community Hall on Monday 12 November 2007

Workshops, displays, demonstrations, brochures, film screenings, live entertainment and special guest speakers

Transport and admission FREE – Complete a registration form at School Office now.

ADVENTURE WOMEN

For women aged 16 and over

"Active for Life"

Pine Rivers Shire Council

www.pinerivers.qld.gov.au

Phone 3480 6666

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 – 2007

15-19 October	Year 11 Work Placement
16 October	Parent-Teacher Interviews
17 October	Special Education Unit Transition Program
19 October	SPORTS DINNER
22 October	Student Free Day
24 October	SEU Transition Program
24 October	Year 11 Drama Excursion
26 October	Year 9 into 10 Subject Selection Forms due back
31 October	SPEECH NIGHT
5-9 November	Year 12 Block Exams
7 November	SEU Transition Program
15 November	Stationery orders close
16 November	Year 12 Graduation Ceremony and Formal
19 November	P&C Meeting
21 November	Drama Evening
21 November	Year 8, 9 & 10 Special Assembly
22 November	Year 11 Special Assembly
23 November	Year 10/11 Return for non essential Texts
26-30 November	Year 10/11 Block Exams
28 November	Christmas Concert – Anam Cara
29 November	Year 8/9 Interhouse Sport Comp
30 November	Year 10/11 Text Return
30 November	Year 10/11 Last Day of School
4 December	Year 8/9 Text Return
5-13 December	Year 8/9 Alternative Program
10 December	Orientation Day
14 December	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

NEXT P&C MEETING
Monday 19 November 2007
at 7.00pm

Chaplain - Tim Sweetman
Phone 0403 192 847
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
Newsletter produced fortnightly and is on
the school Website

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

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 supporting 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

Leonie's Hair Care

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

Northside Music School

486 Gympie Road, STRATHPINE 4500 / Ph: 3881 1036

Arties Music Max

Shop 1-486 Gympie Road, STRATHPINE 4500

Ph: 3889 7499

Morris Brothers Musical Store

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

Bank of Queensland

355 Samsonvale Road, WARNER 4500 / Ph: 3882 5100