

BRAY PARK STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Principal's Column

We have had an exciting start to the year. The Swimming Carnival at the Albany Creek Complex was a successful move and staff and students enjoyed the day. Thanks go to Ms Wilson and Mr Bowman for the excellent organisation. A lot of work goes into making the occasion look so effortless and well run. The Year 8 BBQ was also a success and families enjoyed meeting staff and chatting in an informal atmosphere. Meanwhile, the Senior Leaders have experienced two days of learning forums and are to have their formal Induction Ceremony on Friday 23RD February 2007.

The school has settled into a learning pattern and as I walk around the school I see teachers and staff working together. Thank you to parents for supporting the school dress code and having students dressed according to school policy. Appearance is important and Bray Park has an excellent reputation in the community which we want to retain. How students look, speak and act reflects on themselves and their community. There is current information in this newsletter of the uniform survey we are conducting and I urge all parents to come to the forums and to voice their opinions.

Finally, I ask that parents think about joining the P&C. A monthly meeting only takes an hour or two and these meetings do provide parents with information about all aspects of school life. There is always space for more so do come and say hello.

Kate Abernethy
Acting Principal

P&C President's Report for February 2007

On Monday night we held our first P&C meeting for the year. A number of issues were discussed and below is a summary of these.

UNIFORM SELECTION FORUM - WEDNESDAY 14TH MARCH

Bray Park State High School will be holding a second Uniform Selection Forum on Wednesday 14th March in the School Administration Common Room. To enable all parents of the school the opportunity to vote, the School Administration Common Room will be open from 2.30pm to 7.30pm. At this selection forum, approximately 8 new uniform designs and also our existing uniform will be on display for parents to vote on their preferred Bray Park State High School uniform. All teachers and students will have the opportunity to vote on their preferred uniform at school on 14th March. Once all the votes have been tallied, the uniform selection will be narrowed down to 3 uniform designs that parents, teachers and students will be able to vote on at the Parent Teacher Evening in May. The P&C are requesting that all parents take the time to participate in these voting processes which will be held Wednesday 14th March and the Parent Teacher Evening in May as this will form the basis of the Bray Park State High School uniform for the next 10 years or more.

20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

2007 marks the 20th Anniversary of Bray Park State High School. The P&C would like to set up a committee to organise a community event to celebrate this milestone. If you are interested in becoming the Chairperson or volunteering to help on this committee, please contact Mr Peter Mullins, phone 0412 751 308.

RELAY FOR LIFE

The school is entering three teams in the Relay for Life Cancer Fundraising event. This event will be held at the Lawnton Showgrounds from 3.00pm Saturday 24th March until 8.00am Sunday 25th March. Thirty-nine Year 11/12 students have volunteered to participate in this event.

On Wednesday 7th March, all school students will be asked to bring a gold coin donation to support this cancer fundraising event. Also, any parents who would like to make a donation (large or small) to this Relay for Life Cancer fundraiser, please see Mrs Sharon Rabbitt at the school office. All donations \$2.00 and over are tax deductible.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The P&C Annual General meeting will be held at 7pm on 19th March, 2007 in the School Common Room. We will be electing a new committee at that meeting, so the following positions will need to be filled -

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, QCCPA Representative, Fund Raising Chairperson, Committee members.

If you would like to be on this very active committee, please fill out the nomination form below and return it to the school by 3pm 19th March, marked President Bray Park State High School P&C Association.

P & C MEMBERSHIP

Any person wishing to be a member of the P&C must either attend the Annual General Meeting or, if that is not possible, two general meetings.

I am looking forward to a very busy year as far as the P&C is concerned and welcome any parents to come along to our meetings which are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7pm in the School Common Room.

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

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NOMINATION FOR THE BRAY PARK STATE HIGH SCHOOL P&C COMMITTEE 2007

I hereby nominate for the position of

Nominated by (Signature).....

Seconded by..... (Signature).....

Accepted by (Signature).....

Senior Schooling News

Year 12 School Leavers of 2006

Each year the school carries out a survey to determine the destinations of students who completed Year 12. The information is used by the school to assist in the development and implementation of relevant curriculum. The information also gives the school and school community an indication of the employment trends. It is very pleasing to see how successful our Year 12 school leavers of 2006 have been.

Category	% of students	Industry areas
University	33%	
TAFE	21%	Prevocational electrician, Justice, Tourism, Information Technology, Arts, Child care, Carpentry
Apprenticeships	20%	Mechanical, Boilermaker, Fitting & Turning, Electrician, Hairdressing, Carpentry, Shop fitting, Sheet metal
Traineeships	7%	Information technology, Child care, Radio programming, Optometrist
Full-time work	33%	Hospitality – bakeries, fast foods, Office, Retail, Child care
Part-time work	32%	Hospitality – cafes, fast foods and General stores
Unemployed	18%	
Unable to contact	10%	

Year 12 Lifeskills

Currently all Year 12 students are completing a QCS Test preparation unit. Students at the end of Term 1 will then be able to select whether they will sit for the QCS Test or not. All OP eligible students are expected to sit the QCS Test.

Year 11 Lifeskills

Students in Year 11 Lifeskills will be completing competencies for Certificate 1 in Work Education. Students must complete all competencies including 2 weeks of Work Experience to receive Certificate 1 in Work Education. The competencies include the following:

GENPCD101B Develop career & learning development plan
GENJSI101B Apply job search & interview skills
GENIWR101B Develop basic knowledge of workplace relations
GENOHS101B Follow fundamental OHS principles & procedures
GENPAS101B Present a positive image in the workplace
GENENP101B Apply an enterprising approach to teamwork
GENSWL101B Participate in structured workplace learning

Work Experience for Year 11 and 12's

All students who have selected to undertake a Vocational Education subject in the Senior Phase of learning (Year 11 and 12) are required to participate in Work Experience. Work Experience is an essential part of completing a Certificate level course. Within the, subject students learn the theory side to a Certificate course but learn the practical components at the work place. Each student is required to complete a minimum of 2 blocks of Work Experience, students may choose to complete all 5 blocks. Students undertaking the following subjects are expected to complete Work Experience if they are to meet Bray Park State High School's requirements of school participation:

1. Hospitality – Certificate 1 in Hospitality (Operations)
2. Recreational Studies - Certificate 1 in Community Recreation
3. Automotive - Certificate 1 in Automotive
4. Furnishing - Certificate 1 in Furnishing
5. Engineering - Certificate 1 in Engineering
6. Business Studies & BCT - Certificate 1 and 2 in Business
7. Information Technology - Certificate 1 and 2 in Information Technology

Year 11 students who do not study a Vocational Education subject may also select Work Experience to complete their Certificate 1 in Work Education.

Students can select from 3 blocks in Year 11 and 2 blocks in Year 12. The blocks include:

Year 11 - 2007

Monday 2 April to Thursday 5 April
Monday 18 June to Friday 22 June
Monday 13 October to Friday 19 October

Year 12 - 2007

Monday 2 April to Thursday 5 April
Tuesday 14 August to Friday 17 August

Karenne Haygarth - Senior Schooling Head of Department

STUDENT CAR DRIVERS

If you currently drive to school you need to see Mr Cliff ASAP to collect a **"Driving to and From School" form**. Failure to collect and return this form will result in consequences if caught driving. Collect the form from HPE staffroom in the hall.

Derek Cliff – HPE Teacher

WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE - 15-17 March 2007

The Albany Creek branch of the Leukaemia Foundation will hold Shaves at:

- **Westfield, Strathpine - Thursday,
15 March; 6pm-8pm**
- **Woolworths, Albany Creek - Saturday,
17 March; 10am-2pm**

**Raise at least \$50, then have a Shave or Colour to help support Leukaemia patients.
*Be Brave and Shave!***

REGISTER - Contact Margot or Don 3264 5261 and receive your kit.

Exchanging the cold at Bray Park State High School

New enrolments at Bray Park State High School have seen students of all year levels come from interstate, other Brisbane Metropolitan areas and even overseas, with two exchange students spending their academic year there this year.

Christian Grebert from Neubrandenburg in Germany is completing his Year 11 studies this year, which compared to his normal 16 subjects, should be a breeze. Although he didn't have to wear a uniform back home, Christian finds the class environment a lot more relaxed, "The teachers are very nice. In Germany we must stay quiet for 45 minutes with no talking." Having never travelled out of Europe, Christian thinks it will take a couple of weeks to become accustomed to it all, including the heat.

Shizuka (Suzie) Kinai, from Iwate in Japan, is also becoming used to the differences as she completes her Year 12 studies. Like Christian, Suzie finds the classes less formal than in Japan.

"You aren't allowed to talk; only the teacher does, there is very little practical work, only teacher instruction and we also don't move from class to class," she said. "I am not used to talking about what we learn in class, but I'm hoping to become more confident and make lots of new friends. Everyone is very nice."

Youth Support Co-ordinator

I hope you had a fantastic break, and that 2007 has started well for you. Yet another change that the new year brings Bray Park SHS is a change in the position of Youth Support Coordinator (YSC). As you may be aware throughout 2006, I worked as the YSC at Bray Park SHS two days a week. My role involved working both individually and in groups with students aged 15 -17 who were struggling to remain and/or succeed at school.

I will now be leaving Bray Park SHS, to work as the Youth Support Coordinator at Caboolture SHS. (I am currently also working at Morayfield SHS). A new YSC, ADAM DAHMER, has been appointed and will be starting at the school soon. He will also be available in the school two days a week, once again supporting students and their families. I have really enjoyed working as part of the support team at Bray Park SHS. Thank you!

Hannah Tibben

*I hope you can always find a happy memory of the past,
Make the most of every opportunity you have in the present,
And succeed in making your dreams come true in the future.*

Year 11 Ancient History Excursion 9th February 2007

On February the 9th Mrs Ballantyne's Year 11 Ancient History class went on an excursion to the Abbey Museum of Art and Archaeology at Caboolture. This trip assisted the students in their current studies of archaeology.

The class first took a tour through the museum where they were able to read information and view artefacts dated back to ancient times. The students showed particular interest in the mummified foot from ancient Egypt, with a few left feeling a little queasy at the sight.

After a short lunch break the twenty-two class members then became involved in a hands on 'mock' dig. Led by their senior archaeologist, Jess, they used traditional and delicate techniques to unearth an Ancient Egyptian burial site. All students, through a hands on approach, were able to begin to appreciate the work of an archaeologist as well as discover many interesting artefacts.

Mrs Ballantyne said "the day was educational and fun and will be a talking point for the class for the remainder of the term". The students will now bring their new knowledge and skills back to the classroom to continue their studies in archaeology.

WANTED - Second-hand FREEZER

Please contact George Tsoukalas at BPSHS on 3881 6666

NEXT P&C MEETING - Monday 19 March 2007 - at 7.00pm

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/ncscholar.jsp> - or call Yvonne Evans on 3138 4765.

School Nurse Information

The School Nurse is Mr FRANK MORRIS. He will be in the school on Mondays 9.00-11.20am and all day on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

For appointments, please see the Office Staff to make an appointment or go to the Student Support Centre.

Let's Protect our Eye Sight

We all know about protecting our skin from the sun, but how many of us know how to protect our eyes. Some people go into the shops and pick up the sun glasses that they think look good on them. I would like to take this opportunity to give you some information that must be on the sunglasses to be assured that not only do they look good, but they also block out UV light and glare to protect your eyes.

Category 0	Fashion spectacles – not sunglasses Very low sun glare reduction Some UV protection
Category 1	Fashion spectacles – not sunglasses Limited sun glare reduction Some UV protection Not suitable for driving at night
Category 2	Sunglasses Medium sun glare reduction Good UV protection
Category 3	Sunglasses High sun glare reduction Good UV protection
Category 4	Sunglasses – special purpose Very high sun glare reduction Good UV protection Must not be used when driving

Australian Standards cited ProVision, "Sunglasses" nd.

PARENTS & CARERS

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Part time training - 3 days per week in school hours

To receive this **fully-funded training** you must:

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- Be a parent with at least one dependent child aged under 15 years **AND**
- have been continuously unemployed for 12 months or longer **AND**
- Be currently actively seeking work

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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 1 – 2007

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

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