

## BRAY PARK STATE HIGH SCHOOL

# Newsletter

Newsletter 6 at 23 April 2007

### Principal's Column

It is with great pleasure I make the next progress report from the Uniform Committee.

A series of surveys were conducted amongst the parents, students and staff of our school community during Term 1 this year. From the outset, these survey results showed very clearly that Bray Park SHS was ready for a change of uniform. The consensus demonstrated to the committee throughout this community consultation process gave us clear direction at each stage of the process.

The current mint green uniforms were the least favoured option receiving only 8% of the total vote. The new uniforms on display on Tuesday week received 77% of the total vote.

I reiterate that our aim was to produce a school uniform that is functional for families (including price, washing and ironing), environmentally responsible for climate and sun safety, practical for students, and a contemporary and attractive statement of our school's educational mission to the community. I am proud to present the uniform prototypes to the Bray Park State High School community at a parent forum on May 01, 2007, which coincides with Parent-Teacher interviews.

There are two critical decisions to be made at this forum. One is the selection of the final style for the sports uniform from two possibilities. The second is the decision of whether the formal uniform is worn (for Years 11 and 12 students only) on two or four days per week, with the sport uniform always being worn for Wednesday afternoon sport. Again, wide community consultation gives the committee clear direction, and I encourage the parent, student and staff groups in our community to continue to input into these critical decisions to be decided.

The school community will vote on these options on May 01, 2007. The P & C Association will then ratify the final uniform decision at the June meeting (see also the P & C President's report in this newsletter).

I look forward to seeing you at the forum!

### Parent-Teacher Night Reminder

Tuesday May 01 is also the night where families can meet with their child's teachers, and find out first hand about their child's progress in 2007. As a teacher, I always found these occasions invaluable in gaining a better understanding of the students I was teaching, which ultimately meant that better learning outcomes could be achieved with the students. Please actively encourage your child to complete the interview booking sheet with their teachers, and we'll see you there.

*Brad Fox (Deputy Principal)  
Chair - Bray Park SHS Uniform Committee*



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Students, Parents and Staff, this newsletter is for your information, supplied free by the help of the Parents' and Citizens' Association. Meetings of our Parents' and Citizens Association are held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month in the Common Room in our Administration Building at 7.00pm. All parents are invited to attend.

# P&C President's Report April 2007

I would like to welcome all the new Parents and Students to Bray Park State High School for Term 2.

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April we held our monthly meeting and 12 people turned up, of whom only four were parents. A lot of important information regarding the education of our children is shared at these meetings and I do encourage all parents to attend.

From the meeting I will share information for the records and that parents need to know about.

## UNIFORMS

I would like to thank the Uniform Committee on doing such a thorough job at all stages of this review. It has been so professionally done that responses from the three levels of the community (Parents, Teachers and Students) have all voted overwhelmingly in the same direction.

All records are available for viewing at the School on how the voting results have panned out. The Committee has been quite surprised at how easily the process has come to such a clear decision.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> May at the Parent Teacher interviews the final vote will be taken on the following two issues:

1. A. Formal Uniform to be worn by Senior Students  
4 days per week; OR  
B. Formal Uniform to be worn by Senior Students  
2 days per week
2. A. Jade, black and white panel polo sports shirt; OR  
B. Jade, black and white piping polo sports shirt

We will have samples for item 2 above and also the Full Uniform already agreed upon.

Once the above is decided the Uniform Committee will then present a formal motion to the P & C Meeting in May. The motion will then lie on the table and be voted on at the June Meeting.

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters the only people who can vote at a P & C meeting are those who attended the A.G.M. in March or two meetings after that.

This means that those members currently in our members' book can vote at our June meeting, which sadly are only 7 parents plus citizens who have registered to vote on such a big issue.

All parents can have a say at the next two meetings but will not be able to vote. Once we have passed this stage in June we then have to negotiate with the suppliers on supplying the new uniform and costings.

I must stress that there is a 2 year transitional period, which means that the only students it will affect at School now will be students in Year 8 and 9.

At this point I would like to thank the Committee under the Chairmanship of Brad Fox, and Sharon Rabbit for her efforts in collating all the surveys and keeping all the necessary paperwork in order. Change of uniform is not a decision to be taken lightly, and having said earlier that we have been surprised at the ease with which this change has been effected, I would hate anyone to think that it has been effortless. It hasn't! Many, many hours of time and effort (unpaid) have gone into this process behind the scenes by a

very, very small number of people, and to them I "doffs me lid".

## 20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER

As you would have seen with the report cards, the School will be conducting a 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner at the North's Leagues Club on the 18<sup>th</sup> August. We are aware that at least 7 tables of 10 have already planned to book.

More details will be in the May newsletter, such as costs and booking arrangements. It will be a first come first served basis, with a limit of 320 people. We are in the process of booking Entertainment for the night.

## RELAY FOR LIFE

Well done to our teams in the Relay for Life. They raised \$2,000, which is a great team effort. Thank you to the students, teachers, and parents who turned up on the night.

## NEWSPAPER

I would like to congratulate the School on the number of photos and news items they get in the Local Papers. It is great publicity for our School.

*WELL DONE!*

## SALVATION ARMY

Our School will be involved with the Salvation Army "door knock" on the weekend of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May.

## BUNNINGS CARSELDINE SAUSAGE SIZZLER

For the first time in 3 years we have been offered the Sausage Sizzler on 24<sup>th</sup> June. Last time we raised nearly \$1,500. It would be great if we could achieve the same result. We will be looking for parents to help on the day from about 7am.

It is a great day with plenty of laughs.

## TUCKSHOP

We have put in for a Community Gaming Grant of \$33,000 to upgrade the Tuckshop.

The P & C have also approved for the Tuckshop to install a gas stove donated by the School, at a cost of around \$1500. Once installed, we will then be able to provide more options under the Healthy Schools Policy.

## SCHOOL MUSICAL

The School Musical is coming up on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of June. The teachers and students involved are doing a lot of hard work in bringing this play together. Please give them your support.

The next P & C Meeting is at 7pm on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2007 in the School Common Room.

*Peter Mullins  
P&C President*

# Bray Park State High's HIGHS

An information sheet went home with Year 8, 9 and 11 Reports. Some of our outstanding results from 2006 are:

- 10% of all students attained ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE at Speech Night.
- 98% of 2006 senior students received a QTAC offer.
- 93% of 2006 senior students awarded Senior Certificate with OP OR awarded VET qualification.
- 76% of 2006 senior students awarded Senior Certificate with OP AND awarded VET qualification.
- 69% of 2006 senior students attained OP 1 to 15. This is above state average.
- Highest OP result for 2006 for an OP 1 = Two students.
- 97% of our OP eligible students who applied through QTAC received an offer of a tertiary course in 2007.
- 180 VET Certificates were awarded. 14 students completed school-based trainee/apprenticeships.

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## ANZAC DAY Ceremony at School is held on Tuesday 24 April during Morning Assembly

### Anzac Day March Wednesday 25 April 2007

Bray Park SHS will be involved with the ANZAC Day Parade on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at Kallangur. Students wishing to march will need to be at Kallangur KFC car park by 7.45am. The school will take their place in the parade by 8.15am and march off at 8.30am sharp with students in full school formal uniform.

The parade finishes at North's Leagues and Services Club, Kallangur at approximately 9.30am and students can then be collected or if they wish they may stay for the service, which will finish around 10.30am. Parents are welcome to stay and watch the parade and to attend the service if they wish.

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## Queensland University of Technology (QUT) Access Scholarships for 2007

Three of our Year 12 students from 2006 obtained QUT Access Scholarship worth \$3000. Our successful students were Rachael Beasy, Sandy Arms and Sahail Narayan.

The Bray Park State High School community would like to congratulate these students on their success in gaining the scholarships. Well done.

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## SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

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

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## IMMUNISATION Tuesday 1 May 2007

Years 10,11,12 females - **Gardisal 1** (Cervical Cancer) **AND**

Year 8 - Hepatitis B1 and Chicken Pox for those who missed the last visit.

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## DATE CLAIMERS

- **Tuesday 24 April** – Anzac Day Ceremony
  - **Wednesday 25 April** – ANZAC DAY Holiday
  - **Tuesday 1 May** – Immunisation – Yr 10,11,12 Females and Year 8 - Hep B1 & Chicken Pox for those who missed out
  - **Tuesday 1 May** – Parent / Teacher Interviews
  - **Monday 7 May** – Labour Day Holiday
  - **Thursday 10 May** – Next Newsletter No 7
  - **Sunday 13 May** – Mother's Day
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# Deadly Beverages

## Is soft drink popular in your household?

If it is, your family could be at risk of health issues. Recently a survey undertaken by the Year 11 Home Economics class at Bray Park State High School revealed that most teenagers consume soft drink on a daily basis (96% of the 200 students surveyed). Long term health issues can include obesity, type 2 diabetes, tooth decay and most importantly for girls osteoporosis.

People maybe unaware, that the main culprit of osteoporosis is phosphoric acid found in soft drinks. This key ingredient reduces the calcium in bones. Osteoporosis can cause brittle bones and fractures. If this condition is left untreated it can lead to a life time of pain. This disease is not only common in the elderly but also more recently found in young teenage girls. The risks of osteoporosis can be reduced by limiting the intake of soft drink and drink alternatives such as milk juices or water. However if these facts are ignored, the results could be disastrous.

*Year 11 Home Economics students*

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## My Favourite Teacher Competition

It is time once again for Queensland students to show their appreciation for their teachers through the "My Favourite Teacher" project.

My Favourite Teacher was established to recognise the hard work of Queensland teachers and last year we were inundated with votes from students throughout Queensland.

Students can vote for their favourite teacher by clicking on the name of their local paper and telling us in 25 words or less why they would like to thank their teacher.

<http://education.qld.gov.au/community/events/edweek/favteacher/>

Voting closes on Friday 11 May and each winning teacher is stated in State Education Week 28 May – 1 June 2007.

Winning teachers receive a great prize pack of a Dreamworld family pass, Stefan products and voucher and the "what my favourite teacher taught me" book series.

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## Bicycle Engraving Project

An awesome offer for BPSHS students to assist them in identifying there bikes if ever stolen. The dates and times are as follows.

**DATES: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2007**

**TIMES: 8:15 - 8:45am / 11:00 -11:30am / 2:30-3:30 pm**

The engraving will not be happening during school time and the above times are the only times that the engraving will be occurring.

*Michelle Campbell – School-Based Police Officer*

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## 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.

# ***Soul News 1 - Harmony Day / Easter Festival***

Our Soul Singers had two performances out of school in Term 1. Harmony Day at the Pine Rivers Library and Easter Festival at Leis Park Lawnton. It was a great day at both events our Soul Singers were proud to represent our school and sang wonderfully.  
**SOUL SINGERS**

Welcome back and hope you all enjoyed your well deserved break!  
Thank you for your commitment in Term 1 I look forward to Term 2

**Mrs Sharp** ☺

**UPCOMING EVENTS - Dates to be Confirmed** - \_Primary School Assembly Performances / Vocal Workshop

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## **International English Competition**

It's on again for 2007. This year the competition will be open to all years (8-12) in two areas – The Writing Task and the English Comprehension Task. Costs per tasks are \$12.10 and \$6.60, respectively. Closing date for payment will be Friday 4 May 2007. You only have to enter for one task. The competition attracts 1.8 million students annually.

Contact Ms Pyne in Languages staffroom for further details.

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## **English Department – Celebrating Success**

The English Department was again busy throughout Term One. Students have been keen to be actively involved in competitions and have been rewarded handsomely for their efforts.

Year 12 student Angie Healey recently entered the Somerset College 'Celebration of Literature' Poetry Competition. She was shortlisted, received a Highly Commended certificate and was invited to attend the week long Literary Festival as the College's guest. She attended the Literary Dinner and during her three days at the Festival, met with famous novelists and poets. Australian poet, Bruce Dawe was impressed by Angie's work and this has no doubt provided her with the impetus to pursue a career in writing. Last year, Angie's entries to the National Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Competition received Highly Commended Awards.

Five students participated recently in the Albany Creek Apex Club's Public Speaking Competition held at our school in the last week of term. Year 10 students, Tiffany Rabbit and Lonneke Bevan, Year 11 student, Eva Bevan and Year 12 students, Jessica Pascoe and Irena Woodforth competed against Genesis College students in the local round of this competition. The presentations were varied and the competition was challenging to the students involved. On the night, Irena Woodforth was the winner and will be representing our school at the Metropolitan finals on 26<sup>th</sup> April. Tiffany Rabbit- in her first Speaking Competition- was runner-up. The judges spoke highly of the calibre of our students' speeches and we look forward to success in future competitions. These students are now preparing to perform at the Palma Rosa Public Speaking Competition that will be held in Hamilton on 16<sup>th</sup> June and the YouthSPEAKER of the Year Competition that will be held at St. Lucia on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> May. We wish the girls well in these events.

*Tracey Goodrum - HOD - English*

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## **STATIONERY SALE**

The stationery shop at the school is having a 10% discount on all stock. Come and restock for the beginning of Term 2. Two week sale 17 to 30 April 2007. HURRY IN DON'T MISS OUT. Limited stock.

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## **The Dental Van has left the school**

For any enquiries or emergencies please phone **1300 365 997** Between 8.30am and 3.30pm

Closest Clinics:

Kallangur Dental Clinic, Old Gympie Rd, KALLANGUR

Bracken Ridge Dental Clinic, Denham St, BRACKEN RIDGE

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## **Parent Representative Required**

**BPSHS SCHOOL EXPO will be later on in the Year (dates to be advised) – We are looking for a Parent Representative to join our Expo Committee. If you are interested please contact Marie Sharp on 3881 6666.**

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# 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.

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## After School Basketball Program

8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May from 4pm to 5pm - \$4 per session - Skills, Drills & Games!

South Pine Sports Complex, Eatons Crossing & South Pine Rds

Call Elise on 0403 244 314 [www.basketballqld.net.au](http://www.basketballqld.net.au)

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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 2 – 2007

24 April	Anzac Day Ceremony	11 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
25 April	ANZAC DAY Holiday and March	11-15 June	Education Week
26 April	Year 9 SOSE B,D,F,G Excursion	12 June	Year 11-12 Block Exams
27 April	Year 9 SOSE E Excursion	12 June	Year 7 into Year 8 Night
1 May	Immunisation – Year 10-11-12 Females	<b>18 June</b>	<b>P&amp;C Meeting</b>
1 May	Uniform Forum	18-22 June	Year 11 Work Placement
1 May	Parent-Teacher Interview Night	19 June	International English Comp
2 May	Year 10 Geography Excursion	22 June	Last day of Term 2
3-4 May	Year 11 Biology Camp	22 June	Reports mailed out
4-5 May	Leadership Conference	24 June	Bunnings BBQ for P&C
7 May	Labour Day Holiday	<b>25 June -6 July</b>	<b>School Holidays</b>
9 May	Australian Schools Science Competition	7-13 July	Instrumental Music Tour
10 May	Youthworks Meeting		
11 May	Cross Country		
14 May	Indigenous Heart Week		
16 May	Maths Teams Tournament		
<b>21 May</b>	<b>P&amp;C Meeting</b>		
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		

### Change of Address Details 2007

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**

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

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### 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.

## *Pine Gardens Florist*

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## **Immunisation / Vaccination Dates**

<b>YEAR LEVEL</b>	<b>VACCINE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
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 1	1 May 2007
Years 10, 11 & 12 females	Gardisal 2	31 May 2007
Years 10, 11 & 12 females	Gardisal 3	12 October 2007