

## BRAY PARK STATE HIGH SCHOOL

# Newsletter

Newsletter 14 at 30 August 2007

### Principal's Column

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those who have emailed me and sent information on their views about student mobile phones and other electronic devices at school. There is still time to let me know your thoughts before a policy is created so please do so.

As usual many of our students have excelled since the last newsletter. Irena Woodforth has been successful in having a short story published in a Melbourne Literary Magazine called "Inscape". Irena has also been given the honour of being invited to the Melbourne Writers Festival. David Cox has been selected for the State Honours Ensemble Program on Saxophone and Tiffany Rabbitt for State Honours Ensemble Program for Flute and Piccolo. Jarrod Farlow was selected for the Under13s Hockey and Jessica Pascoe excelled by being Runner Up in the Student Award for the Pine Rivers Show. Congratulations to all students.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August was a fabulous day. The Independent Learning Centre, funded by the Federal Government, was opened and our school Expo showed the school at its best. Led by Mrs Marie Sharp, students and staff demonstrated what Bray Park State High School is all about. Thank you all for the weeks of work and effort.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> also demonstrated the strengths of Bray Park SHS. On this day we reviewed the last three years and explored the priorities for the next three years. This meeting was a product of ongoing involvement of teachers, parents and students. Several committees were formed, surveys were conducted and data evaluated. The result is a clear direction for the next three years which we will share with Mr Peter Fanning, Acting EDS for Sunshine Coast South on Wednesday.

The last two weeks have also been a time of great sadness for the school. Seta Fusi, a wonderful Year 10 student, passed away last week. Many of the school community attended the church service and funeral. Seta will be missed and our thoughts are with her family.

*Kate Abernethy*  
*Principal*

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# P&C President's Report

I would like to give the school community an update on happenings around the school from the P&C point of view following our recent P&C meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August.

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

On the evening of Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August, the school held a 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner at North's Leagues Club, Kallangur, which was extremely well organised by Margaret Moulton, Debbie Murray and Carol Shubert. The P&C would like to thank these ladies for their hard work and commitment in making this evening such a success. 133 people attended the evening. It was a wonderful opportunity for old acquaintances to be renewed and new friendships formed. Thank you to all those who attended to make the evening a memorable one.

## **TUCKSHOP UPGRADE**

At long last the upgrade of the tuckshop has commenced. The air-conditioning has been installed and the slab laid for the new cold room. The installation of an oven and new workbench tops and cupboards are still to be completed. Our aim is to have the tuckshop upgrade completed by the end of the school term. The Gambling Community Benefit Fund has provided grant monies for the upgrade.

## **STATIONERY**

The P&C have decided this year to return to the old system and run the stationery outlet through the canteen. The school will send out stationery order forms in the near future. We trialled outsourcing the stationery supply last year but believe that the outsourcing did not work as well as our own stationery outlet.

## **THEN AND NOW EXPO**

The school held a very successful 'Then and Now Expo' on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August. All members of the school community, under the guidance of Expo Co-ordinator Mrs Marie Sharp, pulled together to display the best of our school to future students and parents. Congratulations to all those involved on the day/night.

## **PRINCIPAL'S POSITION**

The P&C have been advised that the Principal's position will be selected on merit. The Parent body has asked Education Queensland to be involved in the selection process. Nominations for the position close on the 6<sup>th</sup> September.

## **COMPUTER**

The P&C would like to thank our local Pine Rivers Shire Councillors Graeme Ashworth and Mick Gillam for the donation of a new monitor for our computer in the tuckshop.

## **WORKING BEE**

Thank you to all the parents, teachers and students who gave up their Saturday morning for our recent working bee. It was a great morning and a lot of work was achieved around the school. Thank you to Mrs Abernethy for providing a wonderful morning tea.

## **RUGBY LEAGUE**

Congratulations to the Open Boys Rugby League team on their recent win in the Grand Final against West Mitchelton. Well done to you all and thank you to your coaches Mr Cliff and Mr Roche.

## **RESOURCE HIRE SCHEME**

At the P&C meeting, it was agreed that the 2008 Resource Hire Scheme will remain unchanged from 2007.

## **NEW UNIFORM**

At long last we have selected ALANTA to be the provider of our new school uniform. ALANTA will run the uniform store for us as a retail outlet, providing us with 15% of the profits paid quarterly. We are hopeful that the new school uniform will be available for sale by the end of November.

## **PRESENT SCHOOL UNIFORM IN GENERAL**

In Term 4, the school will be policing the wearing of the school uniform more strictly. The school has allowed some discretion during the colder months because the Uniform Shop has not been able to provide a number of items.

Hopefully I have covered all items that needed to be brought to the attention of the school community.

I would like to wish our Tuckshop Convenor, Ms Lesley Cummings, a speedy recovery following her car accident on the way to the P&C meeting last week.

On behalf of the Parent body, I would like to offer my condolences to the family of Seta Fusi who passed away last week. Our Prayers and thoughts are with you at this difficult time.

Until next month, keep smiling.

*Mr Peter Mullins - President P&C*

## Independent Learning Centre

Bray Park State High School held their annual Expo and Open Day on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August, to showcase the school's talents and facilities. This year's Expo Day was additionally special due to the celebration of the school's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and opening of the Independent Learning Centre in the Resource Centre.

Last year the school gained nearly \$150,000 in Federal funding through the Government's "Investing in Our Schools" scheme. This money went toward an Independent Learning Centre, ICT's and Library upgrade to support the school's growing needs.

"School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship students are constantly increasing," said Teacher-Librarian, Katie Stubbings, "and with the growing number of students completing TAFE courses while at school, they need an area in which they can independently study and complete their course requirements."

Councillor Graeme Ashworth was on hand to officially open the Centre and library upgrade at the Expo, which includes 30 computers, Interactive Whiteboards, complete library and courtyard refurbishment and air-conditioning.

## Bray Park Remembers Our Veterans

On Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of August services were held across Brisbane to celebrate Vietnam Veterans Day. Fifty thousand Australian defence personnel served in Vietnam. Australia's military involvement in Vietnam was the longest in any war in this countries history with troops on the ground in Vietnam from August 1962 until June 1973. 520 Australian soldiers were killed in this conflict. Saturday marked the 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of The Battle of Long Tan, a battle sometimes referred to as the equivalent of World War Ones Gallipoli landing, where 18 soldiers lost their lives.

One such service was held at the Pine Rivers Memorial Bowls Club where the Bray Park – Strathpine RSL Sub-Branch commemorated this day. Students and staff from Bray Park State High School played a pertinent role in this memorial service. Two Year 9 students, Paris Denehy and La-Toya Mohi, along with their teacher Mrs Carly Ballantyne, paid special tribute to our fallen soldiers with a speech and laying of a wreath on behalf of the school. Mrs Ballantyne stated 'I believe it is very important that the veterans along with past and present serving members feel that the youth of today are recognizing the sacrifice made and acknowledging these days of remembrance to keep the spirit alive'.

Many veterans expressed their thanks to the young people involved in the day as they felt it was integral to involve all members of our local community, young and old, in order to keep our history alive.

The tradition of celebrating Vietnam Veterans Day is not as popular within our community as similar occasions such as Anzac Day and Remembrance Day and that is why the staff and students of Bray Park State High School are forging ahead to give due recognition to these very important sacrifices made by members of our local community. This day was a time to remember soldiers who went into battle, as well as those who made the supreme sacrifice and didn't return home. Mrs Ballantyne said 'it is important that we keep this tradition alive in years to come'.

## Year 11 Leadership Camp

The Year 11 Leadership camp is designed to educate students about the necessary skills and responsibility required for leadership positions in Year 12. Although the students worked hard during the three days, they kept focus on having a good time. Activities included: Beach Olympics, teamwork games, self-learning quizzes, night beach walk, leadership skills activities, newspaper fashion parade, and brainstorming activities. Each activity had elements of teamwork and self discovery. The 6.30am wake up call did not deter most of the Year 11 participants from their enthusiasm for the rest of the day. Although a few poor youngsters missed breakfast because early rising was not for them. However, the full program enabled them to develop a great appetite by the time morning tea came around.

I would like to thank the year 11 students for their enthusiasm as well as the Year 12 students for their input. A big thank you as well to all teachers involved in making the camp possible.

***Patricia Godillon - Year 11 Co-ordinator***

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# ***Bray Park State High School*** ***20th Anniversary Celebration Dinner***

Last Saturday night, 18 August, saw the commemoration of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bray Park State High School. Held at the North's Leagues Club in Kallangur, over 130 past and present students, teachers, principals, auxiliary staff and parents attended to celebrate the school's 20 year history. Entertained by the school's own Soul Singers, String Quartet and country singer, past student Sharon Bell, all who attended spent the evening catching up and reliving memories.

Organised by the Parent's and Citizen's Association and current staff, Mrs Margaret Moulton, who has been with the school since its first day in 1987 said, "It was a wonderful evening for all. Staff and students alike enjoyed being able to reminisce about the past 20 years no matter which point they were a part of the Bray Park family."

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## **SOUL NEWS**

Our Soul Singers have been very busy this Term with Primary School Road Show, Seniors Expo, 20 Year Celebration Dinner for BPSHS and the 'Then & Now' BPSHS School Expo.

The Soul Singers visited six Primary Schools, promoting our School Expo / Open Day. It was a pleasure taking these students out as they represented our school with pride and joy.

A special thank you from our group to Mr Sharp who supported our Soul Singers on the Road Show and at the Seniors Expo concert. Thank you Soul Singers from Mrs Sharp.

The next Newsletter will feature an article on our School Expo / Open Day held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2007

## **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.

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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.**

### Year 12 QCS Test

The QCS Test is being held on Tuesday 4 September and Wednesday 5 September. For students sitting the QCS Test a breakfast will be provided by the Schools' Tuckshop starting at 7.30am each day.

Good luck to Year 12 students sitting the QCS Test.

**Students not sitting the QCS Test are not expected to attend school for the days of the QCS Tests.**

**All students are expected to be in attendance at school on Thursday 6 September and Friday 7 September. The Year 12 Exam block starts on Monday 10 September.**

*Karenne Haygarth - Senior Schooling Head of Department*



## “SHIFT INTO TOP GEAR”

### “CRUISE” INTO THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

Come along and find out all about the Automotive Industry on the 12<sup>th</sup> September at Pine Rivers State High School Assembly Hall, From 2 wheelers to 20 wheelers, clean hands to dirty hands, the Automotive Industry has jobs for motivated students.

This is your invitation into the fast lane of the Automotive trade, bring Mum and Dad along for the ride.

**Venue:** Pine Rivers State High School Assembly Hall

**Time:** 6.00pm

**Address:** Gympie Road Strathpine (access also via Ash Court, Strathpine)

**Interested?** If so please complete form below and return as soon as possible to reserve your seat.

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Yes / No I Will be attending the Automotive Industry Careers Evening held at Pine Rivers State High School Assembly Hall on the 12<sup>th</sup> September please return form to the office by the 5<sup>th</sup> of September.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ House Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent / Caregiver: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.



## Queensland's leading experts join forces to "Streetsmart" our Teens

In the following month, all of your Year 11 students will be given a copy the **Streetsmart HandBook**, a free teen survival guide that supports teens through the difficult transition to adulthood.

The information in Streetsmart is written by a collection of topical experts including the Australian Drug Foundation, Queensland Family Planning, The Cancer Council Queensland, and the Residential Tenancies Union – to name a few who are working together to address the information needs of teens.

No other handbook covers so many pertinent issues for teens – and brings together the collective expertise of Queensland's leading authorities on a range of subjects. Streetsmart is an innovative tool for healthy living that provides accurate and objective information to Queensland teenagers as they begin their journey towards adulthood.

**Streetsmart** is also a great way to help parents understand the issues that teens face. Parents are also encouraged to read Streetsmart and use the information to have open discussions with their teens on topics that may affect them – such as the effects of drug and alcohol abuse on the body, to eating disorders, legal rights and sexual health.

The Royal Children's Hospital Foundation is a beneficiary of Streetsmart, and the National Patron of Streetsmart is the CEO of the Australian Drug Foundation Bill Stronach. The publishers of Streetsmart are Countrywide Media.

If you want to know more about Streetsmart visit:

<http://www.smarthandbooks.com.au/streetsmart/main.html>.

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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)

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Blazers	\$16.00 Size 22 only
Socks	\$ 0.50 (Current at 14 August 2007)

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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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### DATE CLAIMERS – 2007

Thursday 30 August	Yr 8 into 9 Info Day
4-5 September	Yr 12 QCS Test
10-14 September	Primary Interviews
10-14 September	Yr 11 In-class Exams
10-14 September	Yr 12 Block Exams
Wednesday 12 Sept	Yr 10,11,12 Youthworks Automotive
Thursday 13 Sept	Yr 9 into 10 Evening
Thursday 13 Sept	Next Newsletter

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## Bray Park State High School's Annual Sports Presentation Night

Time: 6:30pm

Venue: Bray Park High School Hall

Costing: Adults - To be advised

Students - To be advised

Children (under10) - To be advised

(Bar available at extra cost)

Sumptuous hot and cold platters served throughout the evening

**Tickets Available at the Office**

**Don't miss out – limited seats**

**Tickets on sale from Friday 7 September**

# 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

30 August	Year 8 into 9 Info Day
31 August	Noosa Jazz Festival - Jazz Ensemble
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
10 October	School Social
12 October	Year 10, 11 and 12 Girls Immunisation
15-19 October	Year 11 Work Placement
16 October	Parent-Teacher Interviews
17 October	Special Education Unit Transition Program
<b>19 October</b>	<b>SPORTS DINNER</b>
22 October	Student Free Day
<b>22 October</b>	<b>P&amp;C Meeting</b>
24 October	SEU Transition Program
24 October	Year 11 Drama Excursion
26 October	Year 9 into 10 Subject Selection Forms due back
30 October	Non-Uniform Day
31 October	SEU Transition Program
<b>31 October</b>	<b>SPEECH NIGHT</b>
5-9 November	Year 12 Block Exams
7 November	SEU Transition Program
<b>16 November</b>	<b>Year 12 Graduation Ceremony and Formal</b>

**NEXT P&C MEETING**  
**Monday 17 September 2007**  
**at 7.00pm**

**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**

### **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**

### **BPSHS UNIFORM SHOP HOURS**

Monday – Wednesday – Friday

8.15am to 10.15am

(During School Term)

### **BPSHS Web Site**

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

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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.

## **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](mailto:pinegardens@optusnet.com.au)

### *Leonie's Hair Care*

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

### *Bank of Queensland*

355 Samsonvale Road, WARNER 4500 / Ph: 3882 5100

### *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