

BRAY PARK STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

Newsletter 5 at 5 April 2007

Principal's Column

We have reached the end of a very busy and successful term. All students will receive a term reporting sheet which will guide parents on whether to come to parent/teacher night Tuesday 1st May. I encourage you to come and chat with teachers so together we can build success into students' school life.

Life has settled into a routine for most students but a small number may still be experiencing difficulty. Bullying is always a worry to parents and Bray Park High has a strong policy of respect for others. Bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence are abuses of power that jeopardise the rights of others.

These behaviours are seen at school, in the workplace, in the community, at home and in the media. They can affect anyone - students, staff and parents or carers. Everyone must help to make a positive difference.

Education Queensland's school communities are working to make school environments safer, more supportive and respectful for all young people and adults - places where everyone is free from bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence.

Who to Talk To

If bullying, harassment, discrimination or violence is happening at school, it is very important that students report the behaviour to someone who can help.

Here is a list of people who can be approached to discuss bullying and harassment issues:

Subject teacher or house group teacher, Year coordinator, LEC teachers or Head of Department. There is the Guidance Officer, Chaplain, School Nurse and School Based Policeperson. The Deputies and Principal can also be approached.

Students should choose someone whom they feel they can trust and who can either help them resolve the problem themselves or who can follow the issue up on their behalf.

If the problem occurs outside school hours or students prefer to talk to someone who is not linked to the school, they can phone:

[Kids Help Line](#) 1800 551 800 and [Lifeline](#) 13 11 14.

The Bullying. No way! website

Education Queensland has developed a national website entitled [Bullying. No way!](#) to assist Australian school communities create learning environments where every student and community member is safe, supported, respected, valued - and free from bullying, violence, harassment and discrimination.

Based on the understanding that bullying is a shared issue with shared solutions, the website enables school communities, individual students, carers and staff to exchange ideas and useful strategies to achieve this objective.

The *Bullying. No way!* website comprises several sections:

- **The Issues:** our rights, definitions and the role of power in relationships; understanding the deeper issues that breed and maintain bullying and harassment; creating positive change; and ideas for measuring the social wellbeing of our school community.
- **Ideas Box:** evidence-based approaches for the whole school community, with links to relevant school examples; the roles and potential contributions of staff, students and carers; case studies of schools in action; school communities 'talking' about their issues and what they've done.
- **Talk Out:** Frequently Asked Questions, moderated forums for school communities to discuss issues and share ideas, and personal profiles.
- **Chill Out:** an area for students to learn about the issues and become activists for positive change in their own lives and their school communities; and student-contributed artworks, poetry and writing;
- **Resources:** access for carers, students, schools, education systems and researchers to information about Australia's educational resources for addressing bullying and harassment and creating safer environments for all.

Kate Abernethy - Acting Principal

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.

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

ANZAC DAY Wednesday 25 April

Bray Park State High School teachers, senior leaders and other students will be taking part in the "Annual Anzac Day MARCH Commemoration" at Kallangur. Full formal uniform will be worn and we look forward to seeing these students represent our community at this special event.

Meeting at in the Kallangur Fair Shopping Centre beside the KFC. Times to be confirmed at a later date. Last year we had 70 plus students and teachers march, so let's see if we can present the community with at least 100 representing our school this year!

Pine Rivers Memorial Bowls - Masters and Apprentices Charity Shield on Tuesday 27 March 2007

The Pine Rivers Memorial Bowls Club invited students from Bray Park State High School to attend their Charity Shield for lawn bowls.

Year 10 and 12 Recreational Studies students attended the event. The students were treated to excellent hospitality from the Pine Rivers Memorial Bowls Club with souvenir hats and water bottles being distributed as well as students receiving either morning tea or lunch. The students had a great day interacting with the players and members of the Pine Rivers Memorial Bowls Club. The day was beneficial to the students as they were able to witness Australian level competition lawn bowls.

The students and teachers of Bray Park State High School would like to thank the Pine Rivers Memorial Bowls Club for inviting us to attend and for providing the transport to and from the venue.
A very successful day for all who attended.

Karenne Haygarth
Head of Department, Senior Schooling

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.

New Zealand Social Science Trip

In just three weeks time, 19 students and 3 staff members are jetting away to New Zealand for a cultural and geographical experience of a lifetime!

Students have their passports ready for their nine day trip to the South Island of New Zealand. They will experience the unique geography of New Zealand and will even get the opportunity to take a helicopter flight to the top of Fox Glacier!

Of course, there will still be plenty of time for adventure activities like jet boat riding and the occasional course of shopping. We wish these Social Science students the very best for a safe and rewarding tour.

Katrina Makings - HOD - Social Science

DATE CLAIMERS

- Monday 16 April - Student Free Day in Term 2
- Monday 16 April - P&C Meeting at 7.00pm
- Tuesday 24 April – Anzac Day Ceremony
- Wednesday 25 April – ANZAC DAY
- 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
- Thursday 3 May – Next Newsletter

Hotspell Competition

A Year 8, Bray Park State High School student recently made it through to the second round in the trials for a new television program to be aired on SBS later in the year. Christopher Willersdorf nominated for the spelling trials, held in Brisbane, for HOTSPELL, a national spelling competition. Out of 162 students aged from 9 to 13, Chris made it through, only to come undone by a word when he couldn't hear the correct pronunciation.

"Even though I knew how to spell that word correctly", says Chris, "it was still great fun."

Relay for Life

On the 24th and 25th of March, 38 of our Year 11 and 12 students participated in the Relay for Life Cancer Fundraiser. An amount of \$1964.75 was raised for this worthwhile cause.

Congratulations to the following students, teachers and parents whose efforts were appreciated:

Year 12

Shane Rabbitt – Team Captain

Derryn Eite, Amanda Franklin, Christopher Frost, Sophie Law, Hannah Leckenby, Niketa Meunier, Candice Muller, Jacinta Mullins, Jessica Pascoe, Saia Taufao, Russell Yesberg, Matthew Zgrajewski, Mrs Katie Stubbings, Mr Robert Franklin, Mr Peter Mullins, Mrs Sharon Rabbitt and Mrs Kate Abernethy.

Year 12

Emma Armitage – Team Captain

Micha Alexander, Kate Beasy, Jessica Coogan, Kristal Coogan, Holly De Jong, Bianca LeFrancke, Shannon Lucas, Elizabeth Pascoe, Kate Pascoe, Elly Pearce, Irena Woodforth, Mr Brad Fox, Mrs Tracey Stewart, Mr Peter Heazlewood, Mr Scott Bowden and Mrs Judy Smith.

Year 11

Emily Huckle – Team Captain

Stephanie Beasy, Grayson Bot, Shannyn Carberry, Krystal Duncanson, David Dunleavy, Jessica Hanks, Alexandria James, Joshua MacPhail, Tamsyn Minto, Jessica Scales, Megan Fyfe-Soden, Benjamin Whitelaw, Ms Krystal LeFrancke, Mrs Abbie Hilly, Mr Steven Lewis, Ms Di Booth and Mrs Patricia Godillon.

Camp Warrawee -A great success!

This year Camp Warrawee was a great success. Teamwork was the key feature of the Bray Park State High School Year 8 camp.

Over two days, students and staff participated in a variety of activities ranging from the Flying Fox to the Hanging Vine, pushing students out of their comfort zone and fear of heights to new adventurous experiences. Group encouragement built some new and strong relationships between students.

Congratulations to Blake Ord who was nominated by teachers as the Star Camper, through his helping nature and consideration for others. Also a big congratulations to Jai Woodforth and Jake Lavelle who made it a very special time.

The camp finished on Wednesday with a picnic lunch at Bullocky Rest. Lots of action. Lots of Fun. Lots of good memories. Well done teachers and Year 8s !

Yolanda Cavey - HOD Middle School

Year 8 Camp from Special Ed

A number of our Year 8 students attended Camp Warrawee last Tuesday and Wednesday. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, but we have to admit that the most memorable moments were seeing Jake and Jai soaring free on the flying fox and giant swing. Why? Because they discovered.....flight! Well done guys.

TAE KWON DO

STUDENTS - If you are interested in learning Tae Kwon Do, classes are held at the school on Monday and Wednesdays from 7pm until 8.30pm in MS4 and 5. Cost is \$3.00. Wear shorts and T-shirt and bring a water bottle.

TO JOIN, just turn up on the night at MS4 and 5.

STATIONERY SALE

The stationery shop 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.

Parent Representative Required

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.

ROAD CLOSED – BRISBANE ROAD, WARNER

Roadworks will take place on Brisbane Road, off Old North Road at Warner, over the next eight weeks.

During this time Brisbane Road will be closed to all traffic and pedestrians at the western corner near Hillary Drive.

THERE WILL BE NO ACCESS TO THIS SECTION OF THE ROAD DURING THIS PERIOD.

For further information contact Jan Clem at Katala Constructions on 3862 3300

Immunisation / Vaccination Dates

| YEAR LEVEL | VACCINE | DATE |
|---------------------------|---|-------------------|
| 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 |

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

2-5 April
4 April
5 April
6-13 April
9-18 April

Year 11 and 12 Work Placement
Year 8 Parent Afternoon – Music, Open Block and Afternoon Tea
LAST DAY OF TERM 1
Easter Holidays
New Zealand Trip – Social Science Group

TERM 2 – 2007

16 April
16 April
17 April
18 April
24 April
25 April
26 April
27 April
1 May
1 May
2 May
3-4 May
7 May

STUDENT FREE DAY – MONDAY
P & C MEETING
School Resumes – TUESDAY
Year 12 Drama Night Excursion
Anzac Day Ceremony
ANZAC DAY Holiday and March
Year 9 SOSE B,D,F,G Excursion
Year 9 SOSE E Excursion
Immunisation – Year 10-11-12 Females
Parent-Teacher Interview Night
Year 10 Geography Excursion
Year 11 Biology Camp
Labour Day Holiday

Year 8 in 1988 to Year 12 in 1992 – “15 Year School Reunion”

7pm - Saturday 3rd November 2007 at the Normanby Hotel

Tickets \$20 including finger food and entertainment

Please call 3267 8056 or email thetracefamily@optusnet.com.au for details

NEXT P&C MEETING - Monday 16 April 2007 at 7.00pm

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.

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