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## **Principal's Column**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT**

All Queensland schools are obliged to publish an annual report and publish it on the school website by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Bray Park SHS's Annual Report will be on the website by this date and parents are encouraged to have a look. A copy is also available in hard form from the office.

### **COMMUNITY INFORMATION NIGHT FOR PARENTS**

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July Bray Park SHS is hosting a parent forum for parents of primary and secondary students focussing on drug and alcohol information relating to school aged children. Speakers will be from Queensland Police and Queensland Health. This newsletter has an information page. I encourage all parents to attend. RSVP to the office.

### **REPORT CARDS**

As you read this newsletter you should also have your child/children's report card. If you haven't, please phone the office on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July so we can fix the problem.

### **TRIVIA NIGHT**

Our wonderful P&C are holding Trivia Night on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July. More information is included with this newsletter.

### **SCHOOL DANCE**

Please note the School Social has been moved from 23<sup>rd</sup> July to 17<sup>th</sup> September so that students can attend in the last week of school rather than at the beginning.

### **A NEW LOOK**

Have you noticed our new signs and fence? Bray Park High is a great school and our upmarket appearance, due to the fence and signs, fits our public image. We are proud of our appearance and the new look.

### **UNIFORM**

Winter is well and truly here. Our new winter uniform is very smart and the track suits are proving to be popular. At first, some parents and students were worried that they were not warm enough and wanted fleecy lined. I have checked with the supplier and asked parents/students who have bought the new style. They assure me that the tracksuit is warm and are happy with it. I ask parents to outfit children in complete uniform. There are very few students wearing an incorrect jumper so they stand out. Please be aware that school jumpers and track suits must be worn rather than just any black/grey items. Naturally any families with financial concerns are encouraged to ring me so that we can offer confidential support.



## **ENROLMENTS FOR 2009**

We are currently taking enrolments for 2009. If you know of students who wish to attend Bray Park SHS next year please ask them to simply ring the office so we can take the details and send them information. During the last two weeks of the term I visited local primary schools and was delighted to see how many Year 7 students were looking forward to being a Bray Park SHS student next year.

## **PUPIL FREE DAY**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July is a pupil free day and all teachers and teacher aides will be attending professional in-service on or off campus that day. All students start school at 8.50am on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July with a full school assembly.

Please have a safe, relaxing break.

Kate Abernethy

Principal

## **P & C PRESIDENT'S REPORT JUNE 2008**

It is hard to believe that our School year is at the half way mark.  
We had our monthly meeting on Monday night.

Our guests from Alinta (Uniform suppliers) came and discussed matters re the uniforms.

1. The first good news is the prices are not going to rise in 2009.
2. We are looking at hats to be included in the stock
3. We are also looking at School Bags to be included in the stock
4. There will be a fire sale on all the old uniforms so that we can remove them from stock.

The TRIVIA NIGHT is on the 26<sup>th</sup> July (flyer on the following page).  
This will be the only School fund raising event for the year, so please come along and support us and have a fun night.  
Enjoy the holidays and the break from making lunches and washing uniforms.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 7pm in the Common Room.

Peter Mullins  
P & C President

## TRIVIA NIGHT!!



On Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> July, Bray Park P&C are holding a trivia night. Our Moreton Bay Regional Council representative, Mick Gillam, has prepared a swag of questions. He will cover a wide range of topics and the evening will have an Olympic Games theme. So, polish up your sports trivia and feel free to decorate yourselves and your table.

Tea & coffee will be available free of charge. Feel free to bring your own stash of goodies. You may bring alcohol if you wish. Tables will be made of up to 6 people - A full table means more collective brainpower. It is always good fun to make up your own table of friends, but if you can't, we can seat you with other people (if you're lucky you might get placed with someone who's older, wiser, and reads the paper from front to back every day!).

The night will kick off at 7.30pm. The cost is \$5.00 per person (see payment method below). Unfortunately, there will not be any childcare available. Each table will be asked to represent a particular part of the school, eg home economics, music, maths, etc and should they win, a sum of money will be awarded to that school department. Please also bring along some gold coins for a chance to win extra prizes.

Show your support for our school, and have a great night out as well!

Please fill in the form below and hand it back to the school in an envelope with your money. There will be someone from the P & C waiting at the front entrance to the Common Room between 8am and 8.45am from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July onwards to collect your envelopes and give you tickets.

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### Bray Park High Trivia Night

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people on your team: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*See you there!!*





## **Senior Schooling news:**

### **Year 12 Practice QCS Test:**

All Year 12 students who are sitting the QCS Test had a full practice on Wednesday 25 July and Thursday 26 July. The practice test started at 8.45am and finished by 2.50pm on both days. The full practice allowed students to experience what the actual test is like and develop their confidence in sitting it.

### **Year 10 – 11 Subject Selection Information Evening**

All Year 10 students and their parents/care givers are invited to attend an Information Evening regarding courses and subject choices for Year 11/12 in 2009/10 on **Tuesday 05 August**. The evening will be held in the School Assembly Hall. Please use Old North Road car park and entrance.

**Session 1 - 6.30pm to 7.00pm - information on School Based Traineeships and Apprenticeships (SAT's).**

**Session 2 - 7.00pm to 8.00pm – Senior Phase of learning - subject selection information.**

The evening will include information about the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE), Tertiary entrance, career decision making, subject selection, School Based Traineeships and Apprenticeships and the transition from Year 10 to Year 11. Head of Departments and Teachers will be available for consultation regarding the nature and choice of individual subjects.

The Year 10 students on **Tuesday 5 August and Wednesday 6 August** will participate in the **Senior Pathways Days**. Over the two days students will look at their own career planning, listen to guest speakers from TAFE, University and employers and also be presented with the subject offerings for Year 11 and 12. Students will complete a SETP (Student Education and Training Plan) which includes the Year 11/ 12 **subject selection form, this must be returned to the office by Friday 8 August**.

Karenne Haygarth  
Head of Department Senior Schooling

## SOCIAL SCIENCE NEWS

### **National Geography Competition Results**

Bray Park State High School students challenged their geographical skills and knowledge in the annual Australian Geography Competition. This year, 90000 students from across Australia entered the competition and once again students from Bray Park State High School achieved commendable results.

The Social Science teachers have a real passion for Geography and this excitement is transferred to students and the outstanding results achieved. "We always do well in this competition and this year is no exception. Students really excelled with 40 % of students who entered receiving a higher award: Either a Credit, Distinction or High Distinction," said Ms Makings HOD Social Science.

All up, two students received Credits, three students received Distinctions and an outstanding five students received the highest award, a High Distinction. The students who received High Distinctions are: Kirbie Gilchrist, Sam Sharp, Christopher Willersdorf, Evan Wong and James Dun. Well done!

Congratulations to all students who participated in the competition and we look forward to continued great success in 2009.

Katrina Makings  
HOD Social Science

### ***Instrumental Music***

What a fantastic couple weeks for the Instrumental Music Staff and Students. Two Golds and One Silver at the Fanfare Regional Heats and both the Strings and Jazz Ensembles got through to the regional finals. Although the top prize eluded us this year, all should be proud of the achievement thus far. Many thanks go to all parents and staff who came to show their support for the bands and their conductors.

Next term we look forward to performances at Jazzn' up the Mall by the Concert and Stage bands and Urban Beats for the Jazz Ensemble. Please note that band rehearsals start first week back after the holidays and it will be lessons as usual.

The Instrumental Music Parent Committee are looking for interested parents who would like to join the committee. If you would like to join the committee please complete the attached form and indicate which meeting time works best for you and return the slip to the Performing Arts Staffroom by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July.

Annette Fanning  
HOD The Arts (Acting)



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### **Instrumental Music Parent Committee Form**

Yes I, \_\_\_\_\_ am interested in joining the parent committee.

My contact details are \_\_\_\_\_

The meeting time that is most suited to me is:

Tuesdays  3:30pm  5:30pm

**Please return this section to the Performing Arts Staffroom by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July.**

## **Community Forum – Youth Issues Focussing on Drugs and Alcohol**

Date: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2008  
Venue: Bray Park State High School Library  
Time: 6.30 pm.

**'Come along and find out up to date and accurate information relating to Drugs and Alcohol.'**

Parents and carers of Bray Park SHS and local primary schools are invited to attend Bray Park State High School's Community Forum – Youth Issues, Focussing on Drugs and Alcohol. This informative evening will encompass topics such as:

- Recognition and identification of drug substances
- Warning signs and behavioural patterns of children suspected of using drug substances
- Common drug substances available to children
- Help and assistance available to parents/carers if children are suspected of using drug substances
- What measures can be undertaken to protect our children
- And closing with Question and Answer time.

Guest speakers from Queensland Police and Queensland Health will speak for approximately 1 hour. Please RSVP to Bray Park State High School Office by Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, on 3881 6666. All enquires to Mr Frank Morris, School Nurse.



### **SHAFT (Mon 30 June – Fri 11 July 2008)**

Skirmish, Go-Karting, Bowling, Cheerleading, Hip Hop & Break Dancing and much more – it's all part of a 10 day program presented by Moreton Bay Regional Council for young people looking for low cost, fun activities over the holidays.

SHAFT, Super Holiday Activities for Teenagers program, is open to school students in Years 8 to 12 living or attending school in the Pine Rivers District. The program will be held from the 30 June to 11 July 2008 (bookings open Tuesday 17 June).

Bookings are essential, as there are limited places. For more information visit [www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au](http://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au)

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### **SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS IN-SERVICE**

All parent volunteers and staff employed by the Bray Park SHS P&C are invited to an in-service on Student Protection.

Two sessions are available:

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm or Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 5.45pm

The sessions will be held in the library and run for an hour.

RSVP- 3881 6666 before 14<sup>th</sup> July to the office.



**Queensland Association for Gifted and Talented Children Inc.**  
**CHILDREN'S CONFERENCE**  
**8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> July 2008**  
 An Event NOT to be missed!!

The 2008 Children's Conference is an exciting two-day program of educational activities designed for Prep to Year 12 students seeking enrichment beyond the regular school curriculum. All workshops offered are fast-paced, rigorous and involve challenging activities pitched at individual ability rather than chronological age. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to meet other children of like mind and create quality friendships. The courses are presented by those with a keen interest in gifted education, experts in their field who aim to design programs to stimulate the interests and curiosities of gifted children. Clayfield College, Brisbane, is pleased to offer their campus as the 2008 Children's Conference venue.

**YEARS 6-10 PROGRAMS OFFERED:**

Year	Arts/Other	English	IT	Maths	Science
4-6	-Printmaking -Best Ever Broadway Production -Discovering Percussion Instruments -Ball Sports of all Sorts	-Shakespeare Meets Clay Animation -Best Ever Broadway Production	-Learn how to Flash.... Macromedia Flash that is....	-Construction & Bridge Building -Maths Mania -Think About It	-Eco Village -Light & Electricity -Deadly Australians
6-8	-Dreamtime Aboriginal Art -Printmaking -Music Making	-Hot Stories -Shakespeare Meets Clay Animation	-Introduction to Robotics -Introduction to Game Making in Flash	-Mathematics -Think About It	-Light & Electricity -Animal Physiology & Dissection
8-10	-Music Technology & Composition -Ditching Parents (yr 10-12)	-Magic of Myth -Legal Studies	-Robotics		-Forensic Science -Animal Physiology & Dissection

10:00am – 3:00pm Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2008

Clayfield College

23 Gregory Street, Clayfield

Complementary afternoon tea is provided for all students from 3:00 – 3:30pm

Students in Years 1 to 10 are invited to register for free before- and after- program activities (8:30 -9:30am and 3:30 - 4:30pm both days)

Parents are invited to enjoy 'Coffee with the experts' from 10:00 – 11:00am both days, an opportunity for information and support on the nature of giftedness and gifted education.

**Zinc 96.1 THE GYMPIE SPECIAL SCHOOL JUMBO FUN DAY!**  
 The Gympie special School JUMBO Fundraising Day June 30th!  
 Come join Jamie and the Zinc Morning Zoo broadcasting live from 6am till 9am and Agro will be coming to visit!  
 There'll be rides, games, stall, prizes, a BBQ breakfast, Alpacas, lots to entertain the Kids, just too much to mention!!!  
 What a great way to start the school holidays, have FUN and support YOUR local community! - be there from 6am!  
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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 – 2008

28 June–13 July School Holidays

## TERM 3 – 2008

14 July	Student Free Day Bastille Day
14-18 July	Southern Cross Netball Competition
17 July	Junior Winter Sport Starts
21 July	P & C Meeting
22 July	Year 11 BCT Excursion
25 July	Inter-House Track & Field Carnival
26 July	P & C Trivia Night 7pm
28 July	Ski Trip Parent Night
29 July	Year 11 Multi Strand Science Excursion
30 July	Community Information Night
31 July	Australian Maths Competition
31 July – 1 Aug	Year 11 Biology Camp

**NEXT P&C MEETING**  
Monday 21 July 2008  
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**

**BPSHS Web Site**  
[www.brayparkshs.eq.edu.au](http://www.brayparkshs.eq.edu.au)  
Newsletter produced fortnightly and is on  
the school Website

**UNIFORM SHOP HOURS**  
During School Term from Monday 4 Feb 2008  
Monday and Friday 8.15am - 10.15am  
Wednesday 1pm - 3pm

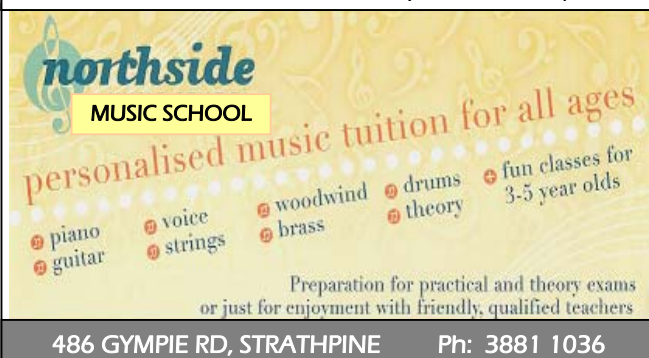
**Change of Address Details**  
Please ensure your mailing address and  
phone numbers are current with the school's  
records. Any enquiries please call  
**BPSHS Student Services on**  
**3881 6654**

### SCHOOL NURSE

Frank Morris will be at our school every Tuesday & Thursday and on alternate  
Wednesdays

### SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

From 8.00am to 4.00pm – Monday to Friday – During School Term  
From 7.30am to 3.30pm – Last day of School Term



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