



Principal's Column

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a busy term. The first two weeks have seen our students and teachers celebrating Bastille Day with local primary school students. On Thursday 24th the Brisbane Mall will hear our Concert and Stage Bands, while Friday is Bray Park's Track and Field Carnival. Saturday night at 7.30 p.m. is the P&C Trivia Night - an event not to be missed. If you haven't bought a ticket yet please do so before school in the Staff Common Room.

Next week on Wednesday night, 30th July, at 6.30 p.m. Bray Park High is hosting a community night to help all parents know about adolescents and drugs and alcohol. The School Nurse and the School Based Policeperson will answer all questions and present a short but vital information session. RSVP to Bray Park SHS on 3881 6666.

Bray Park students continue to excel:

Rhys Carman, a Year 11 student, has been selected for the third year running for Brisbane North Rugby Union. The team won the State Shield after playing the Gold Coast Cyclones. Rhys has now been selected for the Queensland Under 15s. Well done Rhys.

Mitchell Nilsson, Year 12, has been selected for the Under 19 Australian Baseball Team and is in Canada playing in the World Baseball Title. Mitchell's success in baseball is very impressive.

Semester 1 Report Cards were posted home on the holidays. Could I ask all parents to discuss student results and to commend students when they received an A or B for Effort or Behaviour. Many students work very hard to gain their results and often a C result for Academic is a hard earned result. I encourage parents to focus on the Effort and Behaviour marks along with Academic results to see the full picture. Last week and over the next couple of weeks students who aren't travelling well will be interviewed by the Deputies, the Guidance Officer and myself to see what further support can be offered. Extra tutorials are already being offered. The Guidance Officer will also be sending letters to parents asking them to come to meetings when students are experiencing severe academic difficulties. I know how busy parents are but I urge parents to find time to be part of the support.

Regards

Kate Abernethy
Principal



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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 3rd 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 NEWSLETTER JULY 2008

Welcome back to the second semester of 2008.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Trivia Night will be held on 26th July at 7.30pm in the Hall. Ticket sales are going well. I will be selling tickets each morning from 8am till 9am outside the Common room. Don't forget to nominate which Department you will be supporting on the night for the prize money.

It would be great if we could get help on Friday afternoon from 4pm and Saturday to help set up. We will also need help on Saturday night with coffee/tea etc.

We are also looking for prizes for the night.

If you can help, please let me know by contacting me on 0412 751 308.

The Trivia Night Flyer is on the following page if you would like more information.

CONSTITUTION

We have been advised by Education Queensland that we will have to adopt a new constitution by the end of this semester. They have provided us with a template. If you would like to have a say on the constitution, this will be discussed at a Special Meeting to be held at 6.45pm before our next P & C Meeting in August.

COMPUTERS

There have been articles in the newspaper advising that every high school student will be able to access a computer. As President, I will be following this up and finding out when Bray Park High School will be receiving them. I will keep you updated on this subject.

PRESIDENT POSITION

This is my 6th year as President and I feel it is time for a new direction. I will not be standing next year as I believe I have become stale, and the School now needs new blood at the top of the Parent body. Someone will need to take over and for that to happen, it is important that new parents start attending the P & C meetings to see what goes on. The position is challenging but rewarding and gives a great insight into what happens within the School community. It gives you an appreciation of the challenges our teachers and administration have to cope with on a day to day basis.

Our next meeting will be on the 18th August 2008 at 7pm in the Common room. Please join us.

Peter Mullins
President

UNIFORM SHOP UPDATE

Dear Parents and Students,

We are now entering Term 3 and Alinta Apparel is excited to see the students change to the warmer Winter Uniform.

We have enjoyed the challenge of Stage 1 – the production of the General, Sports and Senior Formal Uniform, summer and winter styles.

ORIENTATION AND STUDENTS REQUIRING UNIFORMS FOR 2009

This year the School Uniform Shop will not be taking orders manually (paper orders). To avoid long delays, we strongly recommend new and existing students requiring garments for 2009 should order and lay-by during term 4 during normal shop hours or at orientation week. The shop will be open for some time in January before school starts but this should only be used as a last resort.

Orders for existing students and new students commencing in 2009 can be placed by calling into the Uniform Shop or phoning during shop opening times. Payments can be made by EFTPOS, Cash or Cheques payable to Alinta Apparel.

Please note: The Bray Park School Administration will not be able to advise you on any Uniform purchase issues, so for any questions, please contact the Uniform Shop directly on (07) 3205 5330.

Best Regards,
Mark
Alinta Apparel

TRIVIA NIGHT!!



On Saturday the 26th 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 14th 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: _____ [\$5 a person]

Phone: _____

See you there!!





Senior Schooling news:

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

Community Forum – Youth Issues Focussing on Drugs and Alcohol

Date: Wednesday 30th 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 Friday 25th July, on 3881 6666. All enquires to Mr Frank Morris, School Nurse.

AN INVITATION TO ALL YEAR 11 MATHS B STUDENTS

What: Come to tutoring to revitalise your skills in number work and basic algebra. This will help you with your Maths B class work.

When: Every Thursday 2.30pm – 3.30 pm (longer if needed)

Where: MS02

RSVP: See Mr Simpson in the Maths Staffroom

As Head of Department of Mathematics, I recommend to parents that all current Year 11 Maths B students take up this offer.

Roslyn Saunders
HoD Maths

Southpine Community Kindergarten and Preschool Association Inc 200 Stanley St Strathpine 4500

We are proud to inform you Southpine Community Kindergarten and Preschool has been operating for 30 years this year with 21 years in our current premises. We would like to thank everyone who has supported us over the years.

We will be celebrating our 30th Anniversary with an afternoon tea and it is our pleasure to extend an invitation to you to come and join us. We will be holding a roll call for past students of our Kindergarten. Our celebrations will be held on Sunday 3rd August at our premises at 200 Stanley Street Strathpine from 1pm to 4pm.

Please contact either of our Directors Joyce Duncan or Kay Murphy on (07) 3881 1183 to advise of your attendance. We look forward to hearing from you and hope to see you on the day.

SPORTS CARNIVAL – FRIDAY 25th JULY 2008



This Friday is the School Sports Carnival. Please be aware that this is a school day and all students are required to attend.

All students who participate will gain points for their House Group.

Please come dressed in your House Group colour and join in the fun!

SCIENCE ON SATURDAY!



Science on Saturday is a fun, hands-on program for children aged 7 to 14. Each week there will be a new 1 ½ hour session of awesome science; come to one, or come to all six! Children who attend all six sessions get a cool magazine (*The Helix* or *Scientriffic*) to take home. Check out these fabulous topics:

Apprentice Scientist (2/8/08): Learn about the scientific method as you come up with hypotheses, and use constants and variables in experiments. Don't know what they are? Come along and find out!

Healthy Humans (9/8/08): What keeps humans healthy? How do our bodies work? Learn body facts, what's good and bad for you, and how your senses work.

Water Wise (16/8/08): Explore the water cycle and the properties of water, as you experiment with solutions, water quality and water treatment.

Forensic Investigation (23/8/08): Put your detective hat on as you enter the field of forensics to solve a crime. Examine evidence such as fingerprints, blood groups and handwriting to help find the culprit.

Working with DNA (30/8/08): Extract real DNA and learn some fascinating DNA facts as you discover how it's studied and why it's so important.

Energy Expert (6/9/08): What is energy? Investigate various types of energy and the different ways we can get energy for everyday living.

This activity runs for 2 hours, so in this case the junior session is 9:30-11:30 and the senior session is 12:30-2:30

Cost: \$6 per child per session if paying in advance (\$9 if paying on the day)

Times: 10:00-11:30am for 7-10 year olds (*children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult*)

12:30-2:00pm for 11-14 year olds

Venue: Pine Rivers State High School, Gympie Road, Strathpine

Sessions are limited to 25 children so bookings are essential!

For more information and bookings: www.csiro.au/SOS

Or call 1300 302 649 during business hours and quote your location, your child's name and age, and which activities you would like to book.

PCYC OPEN DAY

Pine Rivers PCYC is holding an Open Day on Saturday 26th July to celebrate PCYC's 60 year anniversary! This event will be held from 10.00am to 1.00pm.

There will be a variety of activities on display including Rock climbing, Low Ropes Course, Weights/Cardio Area, Martial Arts, Badminton and Kangabop (for the under 5's). We will also be having

a free sausage sizzle and bouncing castle. 100 free junior PCYC memberships will be given out on the day.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL

Get your child moving with our Active After School program run by Kids Sports.

Every Wednesday (6, 13, 20, 27) in August from 4 till 4.45pm.

Pine Rivers Park, Gympie Road, Strathpine – the area adjacent to the play equipment.

Non competitive fun for all ages from toddlers through to grandparents!

For more info, call 3480 6666 or www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

Especially for Under 5's!

Be sure of a great surprise at the Teddy Bears' Picnic!

Where: Pine Rivers Park (the area adjacent to the play equipment), Gympie Road, Strathpine
When: Wednesday 20 August, 2008
Time: 10am – 1pm

They'll be plenty to do including an interactive story telling in the park, a bear hunt obstacle course, a teddy bear's parade, a visit by Blazer the Bear and lots of crafts and giveaways!

For more info, call 3480 6666 or www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au



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- MACKAY – Sun 5 Oct – 108 Juliet St, Mackay – BOYS & GIRLS ONLY

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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 3 – 2008

25 July	Inter-House Track & Field Carnival
26 July	P & C Trivia Night 7pm for a 7:30pm start
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
04 Aug	Year 10 Geography Field Trip (One class)
05 Aug – 06 Aug	Senior Year 10 Pathways Day
05 Aug	Year 10 SAT Night
05 Aug	Year 10 Parent Night
06 Aug – 08 Aug	Year 11 Leadership Camp
09 Aug – 16 Aug	Ski Trip
11 Aug	Ministerial Brisbane Show Holiday
11 Aug – 15 Aug	Year 12 Work Placement
12 Aug	International English Competition
13 Aug	Student Free Day

NEXT P&C MEETING
Monday 18 August 2008
at 7.00pm

Chaplain - Tim Sweetman
Phone 0403 192 847
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
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

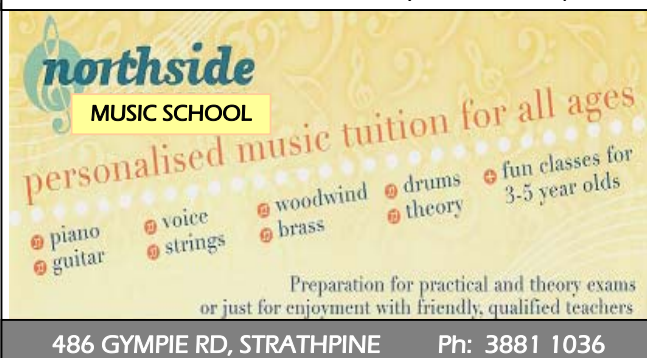
Change of Address Details
Please ensure your mailing address and
phone numbers are current with the school's
records. Any enquiries please call
BPSHS Student Services on
3881 6654

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
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