

Principal's Column

Dear Parents and Carers,

Trivia Night was a great success and thanks go to Councillor Mick Gillam and Mrs Anthea Minto for their running of the event. The P&C put on a night that was fun and a good fund raiser. The event was strongly attended by school staff and the winning staff table donated its winnings to the school chaplaincy.

Bastille Day was celebrated at school with students from our local primary schools and Bray Park SHS. The photograph below gives an idea of the fun that was had by all. Thanks go to Madame Washington for the great day.



Nathan Carberry, Ben Cox & Chris Rodman

On the 5th and 6th August Year 10 students experienced two days of learning about their choices for Years 11 and 12. On the Tuesday night parents came to the hall and also gained information so their children could make informed choices. Subject Selection forms are now due back on Friday 8th August.

Meanwhile our Year 11s are just back from their Biology Camp and are now on the Leadership Camp.

Regards,

Kate Abernethy
Principal



GOOD NEWS FOR LOTE AND MATHS C STUDENTS

Australian universities have recently announced that students who study a Language Other Than English and/or Maths C to Year 12 will receive two bonus ranking points when applying for university admission. This is an important incentive for students to study a LOTE or Maths C to senior level. Language departments around QLD are especially excited, because QLD currently has the lowest percentage of senior LOTE students: around 6%. This is in comparison with the national leader, Victoria, where around 22% of senior students take a second language. The ranking points system will apply to students entering university from 2009. More information on the scheme is available from the Languages Department.

Madame Washington

INSIDE THE NEWS FROM BASTILLE DAY

On the first Thursday of this term, the French-studying Year Sevens of the area joined our Year Eight students to celebrate Bastille Day, the French Independence Day. The activities we attended were French maths, soccer, French music activities, theatre sports, French lawn bowls, a croissant relay and French trivia games. All the activities were a lot of fun and the day was a great success.

By Stephanie Barber, Year 8

Bastille Day was so fun! We played lots of games and met lots of new people.

Kate McLucas Year 8

Bastille Day was awesome. We were able to play fun games and learnt some French history. Bastille Day ROCKS!

Kaitlyn Mittermaier Year 8

I thought Bastille Day was really fun. My favourite thing was theatre sports, because we played lots of fun games.

Lauren Maher Year 8

YEAR 12 ENGLISH COMMUNICATION CAREERS DAY

Last Wednesday, all of the EC students were involved in a Careers Day to help prepare them for job interviews and life in the workforce. We were visited by a panel of local professionals from various industries, who spoke to us about how they arrived at their current positions and the types of training they needed to do. The students heard from people working in sales, fitness training, nursing, childcare, administration and invalid care. Later on, they were able to speak individually to the panel members to ask questions about the work they do, and get a clearer understanding of what the workforce is really like. Several of the panel members were past students of Bray Park State High School, and were able to tell us exactly how they went from school-leaver to successful worker. The day was a great success. A big thank you and congratulations both to Miss Lefrancke for all her planning and organisation, and to the Year 12 students for their great attitude and participation on the day.



Joel Banks getting some great tips from childcare centre director Lisa George

Performing Arts

Instrumental Music

It has been an extremely busy start to the term with many of our ensembles being 'out and about' performing.

Jazzin' Up The Mall

On the 24th of July the Concert Band and the Stage Band performed in the busy Queen Street Mall. Despite the rain, the cold and the wind, both bands performed to an exceptional standard and entertained city workers during their lunch breaks. Many thanks to all the parents who came into the city and supported the bands. Special thanks to the parents who came with us on the bus to help supervise.



Ashworth House

The 30th of July saw the String Ensemble perform at Ashworth House Aged Care Facility in Zillmere. The residents of the facility thoroughly enjoyed the performances by both the ensemble and individual students. All students involved are to be congratulated on their professionalism and conduct shown at the performance.



Strings Evening

Bray Park SHS combined with Bray Park State School and Strathpine West State School in a combined Strings Concert on Monday the 4th of August. It was a very enjoyable evening and many thanks to the Instrumental Parent Committee who provided tea, coffee and cake for the evening.



What's Coming Up

8th August – Urban Upbeat permission form due
16th August – Urban Upbeat performance
26th August – Instrumental Parent Committee meeting
3rd September – Father's Day raffle tickets due
5th September – Father's Day raffle drawn

Instrumental Parent Committee

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th August 3:30pm in the office. All are welcome to attend.

Drama

Upcoming Performances

Please come along and support the Drama students at the following performances

Yr 12
'Courting Through the Ages'
28th August 7pm PA03

Yr 11
'The Importance of Being Earnest'
3rd September 6:30pm PA03

MUSIC CAMP TUTORIAL

In 2007, Graham Ashworth, who was then our local councillor for Pine Rivers Shire Council, gave his support for a grant of \$1000 to the school.

This grant was used to pay for two tutors to attend the annual three day music camp in April to work intensively with our students in a workshop. The benefits of this workshop were clearly evident when the Fanfare Competition was held a few weeks later and all of our music ensembles were successful; winning one silver and two gold awards with the String and Jazz Ensembles making it to the final heats.

The council has since become known as Moreton Bay Regional Council, with Mick Gillam now as our new local member and they continue to support our school community.

Students Report

In April, about 60 students arrived at school with their bags, ready for a three day instrumental music camp at Currimundi. Over the three days, the students from school's five musical ensembles practiced in order to improve their musical skills. During the camp there were two professional musicians who came up to Currimundi. They were Brendan Joyce and Malcolm Bell. They taught us new skills that were extremely helpful for our up-coming competitions. The time that they spent with us was very much appreciated by all who attended the camp.

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:

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.

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

VIETNAM VETERANS DAY 2008

There is a commemorative service being held in recognition of all those who served in the Vietnam War. This year will be the 42nd Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan and our local veterans would like to invite all teachers, parents and students down to this service being held on Monday 18th August at Pine Rivers Memorial Bowls Club at 5.30pm.



PINE RIVERS CRICKET CLUB

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Boys and Girls, 6-16 yrs wanted. All gear supplied, no experience needed.

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(5-a-Side Soccer)

Summer Sign On

Where: South Pine Sports Complex

Address: South Pine Rd, Brendale

When: Saturday August 9th

Time: 10am - 2pm

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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

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
18 Aug	Soul Singers at Royal Brisbane Children's Hospital
18 Aug	P & C Meeting
19 Aug	Year 11 Geography Field Trip
	Year 12 Multi Strand Science Excursion
20 Aug	Year 8 into 9 subject selection
21 Aug	Year 9 – 10 subject selection
	Year 9 – 10 Parent Night
22 Aug	Brisbane Band Festival – Strings
23 Aug	Brisbane Band Festival – Wind & Jazz

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

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

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UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

During School Term from Monday 4 Feb 2008

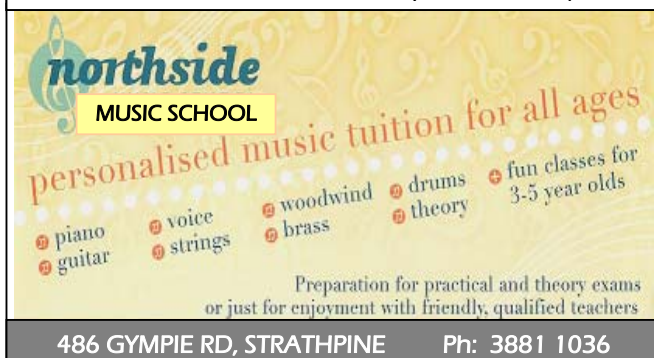
Monday and Friday 8.15am - 10.15am

Wednesday 1pm - 3pm

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