



Principal's Column

Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 3 is coming to a close and term 4 is just around the corner. Mrs Kate Abernethy is currently on well deserved leave and will be back next term.

Currently our enrolments for year 8 in 2009 are 'right on track'. During this week, numerous parents/carers have been interviewed to ensure our 2009 year 8 students have a good start to their high school experience. It has been wonderful to see the excited young faces eagerly looking forward to next year. As this process commences, year 10 and 11 students also become involved in the peer support program as well.

Mr Scott Bowden, Deputy Principal is also well on the way to creating the timetable for 2009. Student choices have been entered and lists displayed to ensure student choices have been met. This complex task will be ongoing over the coming weeks and Heads of Department have already commenced interviews with students (and parents/ carers) for students who they are concerned about.

Next term, many events are already scheduled. Some of the main events at the start of the term are

- Over the first three weeks, the school computer operating system will be upgraded. During this time school computers will 'be down' for some time. Administration computers may be down for several days and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause at this time.
- Parent Teacher Interviews on Tuesday 14th October in the school hall.
- Working Bee Saturday morning 18th October.
- Sports Dinner on Friday 24th October at the Pine Rivers bowls Club.
- Awards Night on Wednesday 29th October in the school hall.

Term 4 is a very busy term and year 12 students go into block exams on Thursday 6th November. For our year 10, 11 and 12 students, this term is very important and they need to plan carefully to ensure they are adequately prepared for their assessment. Now is the time to make these plans.

I hope that one and all have a safe and enjoyable September vacation and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 6th October 2008.

Ken Evans
Acting Principal.



Bray Park State High School's Annual Sports Presentation Night



- Date:** Friday 24th October 2008
Time: 6.00pm for 6.30pm start
Venue: Pine Rivers Memorial Bowls Club,
Cnr Sparkes & Francis Rds, Lawnton
Cost: Adults - \$20.00
Students/Children - \$18.00
Menu: Finger food platters
(Bar available at extra cost)

Tickets available for purchase at the Finance Window
in the School Office

**To avoid disappointment, please purchase your tickets early as
there is limited seating**

SPEECH NIGHT 2008

Wednesday 29th October, commencing 7.00pm in our School Hall

To assist in shortening the length of Speech Night this year, it has been decided to publish the criteria for awards in newsletters over the coming weeks.

The criteria for Academic Awards are as follows:

Years 8, 9 and 10

For students to receive an Award of Academic Excellence, in Year 8 they must gain four A results and in Years 9 - 10 they must gain three A results in either Semester; all with no subject result less than a C result in any Semester.

Students who gain an Award of Academic Excellence will receive a medallion and a certificate. Subject Award winners are those students who gain first place in a subject with a B result or better, and they will receive a certificate.

Students who receive an Award of Merit are students who have gained B results in over half their subjects in either Semester; and have no subject with less than a C result in any Semester. These students will be presented with their certificate at Special School Assemblies to which parents will be invited.

Years 11 and 12

For students to receive an Award of Academic Excellence they must gain three A results in either Semester, with no subject result less than a C result in any Semester. Vocational Education and Training subjects are no longer assessed using Level of Achievements, so a rigorous criteria has been established for students in VET subjects to qualify for Awards of Academic Excellence. Subject award winners are those students who gain first place in a subject, with a B result or better or the VET equivalent.

Students in Year 11 who gain an Award of Academic Excellence will receive a medallion and a certificate and First Place or Vocational Education Award recipients will receive a trophy and a certificate. Students in Year 12 who gain an Award of Academic Excellence, First Place Award or Vocational Education Award will receive a glass plaque and a certificate.

Students who receive an Award of Merit are those who have B results in over half their subjects in either Semester and no subject with less than a C result in any Semester. These students will be presented with their certificate at Special School Assemblies to which parents will be invited.

Please note that because Speech Night occurs in October, student results for award eligibility are reviewed for 12 months and cover Semester Two of the prior year.

The criteria for Service and Cultural Awards are as follows:

Students must either achieve a specified amount of points or have achieved in one area with commitment and success that enables Principal recognition after endorsement by staff to obtain Gold Laurel, Gold, Silver or Bronze Awards. Recipients of our prestigious Gold Laurel Awards receive a Glass Plaque and a certificate, Gold Award recipients receive a medallion and a certificate, while our Silver and Bronze Award recipients receive a certificate. Silver and Bronze Awards will be presented at Special School Assemblies to which parents will be invited.

SCIENCE

The Year 8 Students are being offered the opportunity of visiting the Brisbane Planetarium at Mount Coot-tha next term. This is part of their course work on "Our Solar System". Unfortunately, due to the capacity of the Planetarium, not all students will be able to go. Places will be allocated on a "first come first served" basis on order of payment. Students have been given permission slips and hand outs. The cost including transport is \$13.50 and payment can be made to the office window. 8A, C, D and E will go on Tuesday October 14th and 8 B and F on Thursday October 16th. Thanking you, Tony Parry (HOD Science)



Senior Schooling news:

The University of Queensland's Enhanced Studies Program (ESP)

The UQ Enhanced Studies Program (ESP) provides high achieving high school students with an opportunity to extend their studies in an area of interest and to 'test drive' university life. Students accepted in the program can study one course in Semester one of Year 12 in 2009.

Courses on offer in 2009 include mathematics, history, journalism, psychology, accounting, business management, environmental management, political science and languages.

Year 11 Students who are interested need to collect an application form from Ms Haygarth. Applications close Friday 24 October, 2008.

Year 11 Work Experience

Year 11 students will be participating in a week of work experience, week 2 of Term 4, Monday 13 October to Friday 17 October. All students who undertake a Vocational Education course (VET) must complete at least 2 weeks of work experience. Students who have not returned their signed Work Experience Agreement form need to do so before the end of Term 3.

Karenne Haygarth
Senior Schooling Head of Department

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy test results

In May, all students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 across Australia participated in the first common national tests for reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy.

The results are now in, and the Queensland Studies Authority is in the process of distributing results to schools across Queensland. These reports are now being distributed via schools to parents and carers.

Every student who participated in these tests will receive an individual report containing their results.

This report provides a range of information about each child's relative performance on the literacy and numeracy tests. It also contains a detailed guide on how to interpret these results. Parents and carers are encouraged to thoroughly read the report and the explanatory notes.

These literacy and numeracy results are used by schools and schooling systems to monitor school performance to ensure that they are meeting the educational needs of students.

While these tests are important 'point-in-time' indicators or 'snapshots', the results should be considered, along with other information collected by our school about your child's performance.

If you have any questions or concerns about the national testing, please contact our school.

QUT Students with Potential Awards

QUT equity section wants to encourage all students to consider tertiary study so they contacted us to seek nominations of students who the school felt had potential for tertiary study. Teachers nominated several of our year 10 students for the award. Winners received a gift voucher of \$100 to be used at any Westfield store. They were also presented with a certificate and invited to a luncheon at QUT on Sunday, 14 September.

The five students from our school to receive the award were Evan Wong, Joanne Beasy, Kirbie Gilchrist, Ellie Roberts and James Dun.

Pat Hersey

IT Department News

Bray Park will be converted to a new computer system early next term. The system known as MOE which is short for Managed Operating Environment is a centrally controlled computer system designed to better provide student learning and school management of student learning. The conversion will be starting on Day 1 next term (6 October) and is scheduled to be completed by Day 11 (20 October).

Parents can assist with the conversion by ensuring their student has backed up anything they require on the current school system as it is not being copied to the new system. All students have or should have a USB flash drive and should have already copied their important school work onto this drive.

There will be some disruption during the conversion as all computers in the school will be out of action for at least a week. All departments are aware of this and have made alternate arrangements to minimise the impact on student learning.

UNIFORM SHOP

Students attending Bray Park State High School in 2009

Dear Parents and Students,

This year, the Bray Park State High School Uniform Shop will not be taking orders manually (paper orders). To avoid long delays, we **strongly** recommend students to order and lay-by during term 4 during normal shop hours or at Orientation week (December 8th – 11th).

During this week, the shop will be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8am – 12pm and Thursday from 2pm – 6pm.

The shop will be open the week before school resumes in 2009, but this should only be used as a last resort as the queue will be long.

Orders can be placed by calling into the Uniform Shop or phoning during shop opening hours.

Payments can be made by EFTPOS, Cash or Cheque payable to **Alinta Apparel**.

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

Thank you,
Megan Farlow
Uniform Shop



SHAFT (Mon 22 September – Fri 3 October 2008)

Skirmish, Go-Karting, Bowling, Straddie Adventures, 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 22 September to 3 October 2008 (bookings open Tuesday 9 September).

Bookings are essential, as there are limited places. For more information visit www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au.

FORMAL DRESSES FOR SALE

Several Formal dresses for sale – Some have never been worn. Sizes 8 – 10. Colours and lengths vary. For more information call Kelly on (07) 3205 7609.

BRAY PARK STATE HIGH SCHOOL



Rockin' Out Recipes Is Coming...

Look out for it in the coming weeks.



Young Achievers

Redcliffe State High School is 50 in October!!!

If you are a past student, present student, present staff member, former staff member or simply a Redcliffe High supporter

the **RSHS Alumni Association**

would like you to participate in the celebrations.

Friday Oct 24 Wine and Cheese

Sat Oct 25 Open Day and Dinner Dance

*****MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION*****

<http://www.redcliffshs.qld.edu.au/RSHS/Celebrating%2050%20Years.html> or

contact the school 3897 1111 or

RSHS Alumni President David Lergessner

3880 2541 or legs99@hotmail.com

CLUB SWOSH

Strathpine West State School Outside School Hours Care (Club SWOSH) will be holding a Warehouse Shopping Trip as a fundraiser.

The funds raised from this event will be going towards some much needed outdoor equipment.

Club SWOSH

Warehouse Shopping Trip

Saturday 25th October 2008

8am – 5.30pm

Cost \$42.00 – including Morning Tea

BYO Lunch

Enquiries Ph: Raelene Beazley

Co-ordinator on (07) 3480 6143

**HAVE A HAPPY AND
SAFE HOLIDAY**

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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

19 Sep Last Day of Term 3
20 Sep – 05 Oct School Holidays

TERM 4 – 2008

06 Oct First Day of Term 4 for ALL year levels
08 Oct – 10 Oct Year 11 Rec Camp
09 Oct Junior Recreation Sport Season Starts
10 Oct Year 8 Male & Female Immunisation
13 Oct – 17 Oct Year 11 Work Placement
13 Oct Music Festival – Wind Ensemble
14 Oct Parent-Teacher Interviews
14 Oct Year 8 A, C, D, E – Brisbane Planetarium
16 Oct Year 8 B & F – Brisbane Planetarium
16 Oct Year 12 Multi-Strand Science Excursion
17 Oct Year 9 & 10 Female Immunisation

NEXT P&C MEETING
Monday 20 October 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

SCHOOL NURSE

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

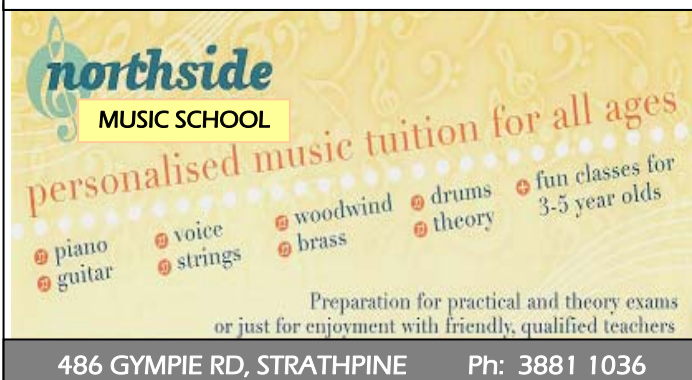
SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

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

Change of Address Details

Please ensure your mailing address and
phone numbers are current with the school's
records. Any enquiries please call

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