

Newsletter

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Principal's Column

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. I hope all had a relaxing and safe school holiday. I am sure by now that you have heard that I have unfortunately broken my right wrist but it is truly amazing what can be achieved one handed. I hope though that you will forgive me if this column is shorter than usual for the next month or so. Bray Park High does have an exciting month ahead with Sports Presentation Evening on Friday 24th October and Speech Night on Wednesday 29th October. Do come to these nights as they are the official functions to acknowledge the efforts of our students. Our Instrumental students have their celebration evening on Friday 14th November while the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony will be held on Friday November 21st.

This year we are planning to have a shorter Speech Night with the emphasis on student awards and recognition rather than speeches. We are aiming for a two hour event. I hope that this will encourage you to come and applaud the efforts of your children.

Thank you to all parents and students who attended the Parent Teacher Evening on Tuesday 14th October. This is always a great evening as it strengthens the partnership between home and school.

I do appreciate the time given by parents and teachers to make school events such a success.

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.

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. Final date for purchase of tickets is Monday 20th
October.

**To avoid disappointment, please purchase your tickets now 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.

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

KURWONGBAH STATE SCHOOL FAREWELLS MR LARRY BURKE AFTER 19 YEARS

A 'BYO Plate to Share Afternoon Tea' will be held at the Kurwongbah School Hall on Sunday 26 October from 2:00 – 4:00pm. The P & C will be providing drinks and would appreciate an RSVP to 3481 4333. All past and present students and staff are welcome to attend. Mr Burke would love to see as many past 'Kurwongbahians' as possible.

INTERESTED IN PEOPLE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES? HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED BECOMING A VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILY?

Want to expand your knowledge of other countries, cultures, languages and cuisines? Then consider opening your door to an international exchange student.

World Education Program (WEP) is looking for Volunteer Host Families for International Students arriving in February 2009. Students from Belgium, Italy, Brazil, France, Germany, Japan and Switzerland are looking for families that are prepared to welcome them into their homes.

These young ambassadors are looking for life long friends and a place to call home during their stay. If you would like more information on becoming a Host Family, please contact our National Office.

Full support is provided to all host families and their students!

Nikki Medwell
Inbound Exchange Administrator
World Education Program

Toll Free: 1300 884 733
Email: wep@wep.org.au

An information pack can be sent on request which include student photos and profiles.
It's easier than you think & a fantastic experience for all!

PCYC'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER

PCYC's 60th Anniversary Gala Dinner will be held on Saturday 1st November 2008 at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre. Featuring Rhonda Burchmore, Anh Do and hundreds of young performers, please be sure to book early for the social event of 2008. Tables of ten cost \$1,650 and bookings can be made by contacting 3909 9558.

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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 4 – 2008

17 Oct	Year 9 & 10 Female Immunisation
17 Oct	Year 12 Exam draft out
18 Oct	Working Bee
20 Oct	Student Free Day
20 Oct	Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal 9 -10:30am
20 Oct	P & C Meeting
24 Oct	Sports Dinner
24 Oct	Blood Bank at School
24 Oct	Emu Parade
25 Oct	Music Festival Strings Ensemble
26 Oct	Music Festival Jazz Ensemble
29 Oct	Year 7 SEU Transition Program
29 Oct	Year 12 block exam published
29 Oct	Emu Parade
29 Oct	Speech Night
31 Oct	International Teachers' Day Morning Tea

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

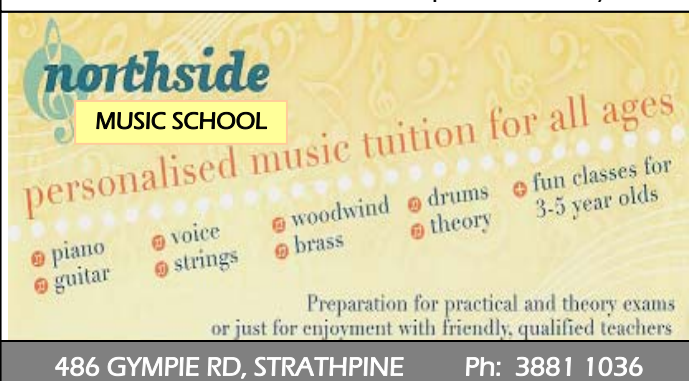
Change of Address Details
Please ensure your mailing address and
phone numbers are current with the school's
records. Any enquiries please call
BPSHS Student Services on
3881 6654

SCHOOL NURSE

Our new School Nurse will be at our school every Tuesday & Thursday and on alternate Wednesdays from 21st October

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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