



Principal's Column

Dear Parents and Carers,

This last fortnight has highlighted the success of Bray Park State High School students:

On Friday 24th October, Sports Night acknowledged our amazing athletes. The guest speaker, Mr Sam Simpson, had the audience listening intently as he told us of his Olympic experience as Australian Gymnast earlier this year in Beijing. We learnt of Mr Simpson's gruelling training and of his commitment to his sport. The night continued with awards being presented to our finest athletes. It was an enjoyable evening with the Sports Captains of 2008 hosting the event with aplomb.

The Festival of Music, held last weekend, resulted in three Gold Awards – an outstanding effort. The Wind Ensemble conducted by Allan Lanham, the Jazz Ensemble by Bruce Hamlin and the String Ensemble by Michelle Jones are to be congratulated for their excellent performances. I would also like to congratulate Mr Bruce Hamlin for his Honourable Mention by the adjudicators as an outstanding conductor.

Speech Night on Wednesday 29th October recognised and awarded Bray Park's students for their academic success and citizenship. As promised it was a shorter night than in previous years and was focussed on our students rather than on speeches. I hope students, parents and staff found the night rewarding and pleasant to attend. As at Sports Night, the 2009 Student Leaders were formally introduced to the school community.

Throughout this fortnight Bray Park State High has also implemented the new Managed Operating Environment [MOE] as well as 'One School', a suite of computer programs which, amongst other things, will create student report cards in the same general format across the state.

Regards,

Kate Abernethy
Principal



SCHOOL LEADERS - 2009

SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Catherine Pollinger, Tiffany Rabbitt
Mark McDougall, Liam Rose

PRESIDENT - STUDENT COUNCIL

Sky Hopkins

VICE PRESIDENT – STUDENT COUNCIL

Nicole Langham

SECRETARY - STUDENT COUNCIL

Kirsty Rowcliffe

TREASURER - STUDENT COUNCIL

Stuart Barclay

SPORTS CAPTAINS

Lorissa Funnell, Eloise Mullins
Luke Boardman, Samuel Martens

SPORTING DEVELOPMENT

SQUAD CAPTAIN

Sinaumea Taufao

HOUSE CAPTAINS

EARTH

Timothy Anderson, Christopher Chivers
Stephanie Bliesner, Lonneke Bevan

FIRE

Julian Hayden, Raveen Gunasekara
Kassia Earnshaw, Helen Iolamo

RAIN

Joshua Lang, Emily Kennedy
Jessica McAuliffe, Isabella Lene

WIND

Joshua Worthington, Sean Taylor
Samantha Robson, Katinka Scott

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CAPTAINS

Courtney Fegan, Tamika Page

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC VICE CAPTAINS

Ellie Roberts, Daniel McKeown,
Ariana Wain

BAND / STRING SECTION LEADERS

FLUTE

Tiffany Rabbitt

CLARINET

Amber McBaron

SAXOPHONE

Ellie Roberts

TRUMPET

Lonneke Bevan

LOW BRASS

Amanda Williams

PERCUSSION

Jessica Mills

RHYTHM SECTION

Kirsty Rowcliffe

UPPER STRINGS

Annette Mills

LOWER STRINGS

Tamika Page

**Nominations have just been called for Student Council Committee Chairpersons.
Nominations for Prefect have not yet been called.**



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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 Report October 2008

The year is fast coming to a close but we still have plenty of functions before we finish the School year. We have Sports Dinner, Speech Night, International Teachers Day, Volunteers Afternoon Tea, Tuckshop break-up Function and Graduation. I will comment on a couple of items further down my report. Hopefully, I will get a chance to meet up with a lot of parents over the next few months.

FINANCIAL POSITION

Currently we have approximately \$30,000 available for the new committee next year which they can spend on resources they believe will enhance students' learning.

OLD SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have decided to donate the remaining old School uniform stock to a School in a third world Country. Once we have made contact with a school and worked out how we will get the uniform to them we will let you know.

NEW UNIFORM

If you have any issues please refer to the note after my report from the suppliers. If you don't get satisfaction from the supplier, please put your complaint in writing to the P & C.

There is plenty of supply of uniforms for next year; we will not be having the same issues as last year.

We have agreed to have a School scarf next year for winter; supply of these will be in the Uniform shop early next year.

INTERNATIONAL TEACHERS DAY

On the 31st October we will be celebrating their day with the teachers. We will be putting on a morning tea to say thank you to our hard working teachers and support staff. All parents are more than welcome to come along at 11.20am on the morning.

2nd HAND UNIFORMS OF THE NEW UNIFORMS

What a heading!!! If you have the new uniform and will not be needing it next year you can donate it to the School who will use it to assist families in need. Or you can go to the Tuckshop and they will give you a card so you can sell the uniform privately. There is a notice board near the tuckshop which will be used for people to place their advertisement (free).

WORKING BEE

Only one parent turned up on the day for the working bee; however we did get a good turnout of students on the day. Thank you to those who turned up on the day. It was very much appreciated.

VOLUNTEERS AFTERNOON TEA

To all the volunteers that help in any way around the School, e.g. Music, reading, tuckshop, committee member we are holding a afternoon tea for you all to say Thank You.

It will be held at 2:30pm on 19th November in the Common Room. Please let Lesley in the Tuckshop know if you are coming for catering purposes.

COMMITTEE

It is important that new parents attend P & C meetings because a majority of the existing committee will be retiring at the AGM in March 2009. The future of the P & C now lies in the hands of 600 parents that are currently not turning up to meetings. P & C's are an important part of the School life and without the association the tuckshop will not be able to operate. The tuckshop makes approximately \$30,000 profit per year which is then used to purchase additional resources for the School.

Our opinion is often sought by the School on many matters to assist them in the running of the School. So please make a positive decision to be part of the future P & C committee.

Will you be a part of the P & C next year?????

Our next and last meeting for the year will be held on the 17th November at 7pm in the Common Room.

Until next time, stay safe.

Peter Mullins

P & C President

Dear Parents & Students

With the end of the school year fast approaching, Alinta Apparel would like to thank the school community for your continued support.

Please be advised that the Bray Park SHS Administration will not be able to help with any Uniform issues. For any queries regarding your School Uniform, please contact Megan Farlow at the Uniform Shop directly on **(07) 3205 5330**.

Alinta Apparel

THE ARTS

So much to share about the Arts this term with last week's REV FEST being an absolute success. Many thanks to all students and staff who showcased their talents and to those who attended. Your support was greatly appreciated.

The Year 11 Drama students are busily working towards their final performance of the year which is being held in Performing Arts 3 on Wednesday 5th November. Students have been studying Political Theatre and have devised their own performances. Come along at 6:30 and enjoy the show.

Congratulations to staff and students of our Wind, Jazz and String Ensembles for the Gold Award Winning efforts at this year's Festival of Music at Iona College. You are an asset to our school. Instrumental Music Students are reminded to return their attendance forms to our end of year break-up by Monday the 3rd of November.

Also, we remind students to bring in non-perishable items for the Christmas Hampers by Friday 7th of November to the PA staffroom.

This week we say good-bye to Miss Megan Diezmann who has been on internship with us this term. Congratulations on completing your studies and good luck at your new school.

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

It's not too late for university scholarships.

Any year 12 student who is thinking of going to university next year should apply for an equity scholarship, preferably before the end of October.

These scholarships are specifically targeted at students who might struggle with the costs of study; they are available at all universities; there are many thousands available; and there's only one form to fill out (on the QTAC website).

(For example, at QUT alone, there will be about \$9m in scholarships and bursaries for low-income students in 2009, and over the last 2 years, about 80% of scholarships applicants have been successful.)

Go to www.qtac.edu.au and click on the scholarship tab.

It's not too late for the QUT OP bonus.

If any year 12 student has QUT listed as one of their choices for next year, they should apply for an OP bonus (of an additional 3 OPs).

Called the Q-Step program, QUT advises that applications are still being taken and that they are keen for you to make contact. Email gstep@qut.com; phone 3138 3731; website – go to www.qut.edu.au and search for “Q-Step”.

(Application forms are also available from the Guidance Officer.)

As well as the OP bonus, successful Q-Step applicants are also guaranteed a scholarship at QUT.

'Be safe and watch your mates' Schoolies 2008 Information Booklet

The Queensland Government has developed the 'Be safe and watch your mates' Schoolies 2008 Information Booklet for Queensland Year 12 students.

The free booklet contains important information that graduating students should be aware of before attending any Schoolies occasion, to help keep themselves and their friends safe.

Focusing on health and safety, alcohol and drug awareness, personal responsibility, and young people's rights as consumers, the booklet is a useful tool for teachers and parents to engage in conversation with Year 12 students and encourage healthy behaviour.

Year 12 students should receive a copy of the booklet from their school, or alternatively a copy can be ordered by calling 13 13 04 by on the Queensland Government's official Schoolies website: www.schoolies.qld.gov.au

More useful information is available for parents and students on the Schoolies website, including this year's top safety tips, key contact numbers, and important topics for parents to discuss with their teenager before they finish school.

Spending time reading this information now and talking with your teenager about how to safe stay can help to ensure that Schoolies is a time to remember for all the right reasons.



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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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This information is correct at time of printing. Please check future Newsletters for any alterations or additions to these Dates

TERM 4 – 2008

31 Oct	International Teachers' Day Morning Tea
05 Nov	Year 7 SEU Trans Program
05 Nov	Year 11 Drama Evening
06 Nov – 12 Nov	Year 12 Block Exams
07 Nov	Year 10 & 11 Draft Exam out
12 Nov	Year 7 SEU Trans Program
14 Nov	Dreamworld Trip
14 Nov	Instrumental Music Break up
17 Nov – 20 Nov	Year 12 Alternate Program
17 Nov	Year 12 Text book Return
17 Nov	P & C Meeting – Final meeting for 2008
18 Nov	Graduation Rehearsal
18 Nov	Year 12 Special Assembly (1:50pm)
19 Nov	Year 7 SEU Trans Program
19 Nov	CPR All Year 12
19 Nov	Year 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 Special Assembly
19 Nov	Volunteers Afternoon Tea 2:30pm
21 Nov	Last Day Year 12's
	Graduation Ceremony
	Formal

NEXT P&C MEETING
Monday 17 November 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

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