

# BRAY PARK STATE HIGH SCHOOL

# Newsletter

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## Principal's Column

Dear Parents and Carers,

As this is our last newsletter for the year I wish all a safe and happy holiday. Thank you for a great year at Bray Park State High School. I thought it appropriate to devote this page to the student leaders for 2008:

**School Captains** Hiroya Ali, Brenton Holmes, Emily Huckle, Tamsyn Minto

**Student Council President** - Stephanie Beasy

**Secretary** - Alexandria James

**Treasurer** - Joshua Park

**Year 11 Vice President** - Catherine Pollinger

**Sport Captains** Kenneth Chew, Jessie-Rae Kopara

Devon Mohi, Chantelle Middleton

**Sporting Development Squad Captain** Liam Rose

**Instrumental Music Captains** Eva Bevan, Luke Miller

**Instrumental Music Vice Captains** Lonneke Bevan, Tiffany Rabbitt, Kirsty Rowcliffe

**Section Leaders** Stephanie Beasy, Eva Bevan, Lonneke Bevan, Courtney Fegan, Helen Iolamo,

Amber McBaron, Jessica Mills, Kirsty Rowcliffe, Jeanny Wong

### House Leaders

**Earth** Joel Banks, Grayson Bot, Krystal Duncanson, David Dunleavy,

**Fire** Shannyn Carberry, Megan Fyfe-Soden, Jarryl Iti, Timothy Kasapis,

**Rain** Hamish Nielsen, Cassandra Patman, Tuputta Poppi-Kyle

**Wind** Jessica Hanks, Joshua Papworth, Jessica Scales, Robert Wright

Enjoy the break! All students commence school on Tuesday 29 January 2008.

Regards,

*Kate Abernethy*  
*Principal*



**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT OFFICE HOURS ON FRIDAY  
14 DECEMBER WILL BE 7.30 AM TO 3.30 PM**



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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Formal 2007

The Year 12's at Bray Park State High School finished their year and schooling life with their formal on 16<sup>th</sup> November. Pre-formal drinks were held in the school hall prior to the formal so that friends and family could attend. Then it was off to the Cricketer's Club at the Gabba, where students were treated to the opportunity to view the hallowed grounds under lights without the crowds. Staff at the Gabba commented on how the students were one of the best groups that they had ever had.



## Australian Awarded Author Visits Bray Park State High

Last Wednesday renowned young people's author and Brisbane local, Michael Gerard Bauer, visited Bray Park State High School to undertake some intensive workshopping with students and teachers alike. As a part of the development of their Gifted and Talented program, Year 8 students from the focus specialised music class were invited to partake in an Enrichment Day.

During the day Michael discussed his award winning novels with the class, inviting them to provide suggestions for his upcoming books. The students had been studying both the 2007 Children's Book Council Awards short listed novel *Don't Call Me Ishmael* and his latest in the *Ishmael* series, *Ishmael and the Return of the Dugongs*.

"He was funny and interesting and I found the way he spoke about his ideas really exciting," commented Brock Lamke.

Later in the day, teachers had the opportunity to workshop with Michael about his 2005 CBCA winning novel for older readers, *The Running Man*, where they gained ideas from the former English teacher about engaging the reluctant reader and insights into the characters in his novels.

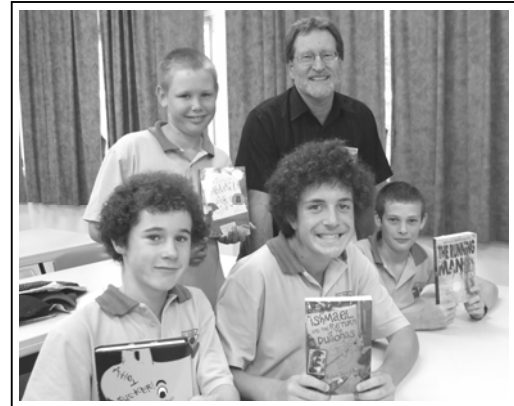
"He's extremely dynamic and easy to listen to," said English teacher Krystal Lefrancke. "It was a rare opportunity to be able to learn how he developed the ideas for his stories and how many characters were based on actual people from his life."

Supporting the day was funding from Education Queensland Sunshine Coast South District, Gifted and Talented Committee.

*Pictured from left to right are-*

*Back: Brock Lamke and Michael Bauer*

*Front: Jake Matthews, Dylan Lucas and Brendan Coulter*



## Child Safety Awareness at Bray Park State High School

Bray Park State High School held their annual Child Safety Awareness Program on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December revisiting the tragic events surrounding the disappearance of Daniel Morcombe on December 7<sup>th</sup> 2003. Students wore red t-shirts and purchased the Daniel Morcombe Foundation red wrist bands raising \$480. As a part of the program Constable Trudy Ayres and Constable Burnage from the Petrie Police Station spoke to all year 8 and 9 students about protective behaviour. This year the school took on a holistic approach to child protection using the Day for Daniel DVD as a cornerstone to promote child safety awareness, discussing the events of four years ago and how Daniel would now be 17 years of age.

"This was our most successful year to date," said Middle Phase Coordinator Mr James Roche. "It's pleasing to see that Bray Park State High School and its wider community align with the vision for future child safety that the Daniel Morcombe Foundation promotes."

## POSITION VACANT

Junior required for Newsagency in Kallangur area over the Christmas holidays. Person must be motivated, well groomed, honest, polite, able to work in a team environment and be flexible with hours. If you have these qualities see Mr Robinson in the school Special Needs Department.

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## Staff Farewell

It is with sadness that Bray Park says farewell to Mrs Fay Gundy, Mrs Kay Robinson, Mrs Deb Murray and Mr Phil Murase. These wonderful staff are retiring. We wish you well and thank you for your enormous contribution to the school over the many years. You will be missed. Ms Yolanda Cavey is off to North Lakes as HOD of English – a very exciting new direction for her but sad for us. We also say goodbye to Ms Jenny Muir, Ms Julie Chapman-Smith, Ms Katrina Hooper, Mr Bob Neiht and Ms Deb O'Neill. Staff taking leave are Ms Carly Walmsley and Ms Jenny Johnson.

## Science Report

A lot has been happening in the Science Department lately. Our Science Ambassador, Vicrant Narayan, helped organise a CSIRO Student Research Scheme placement for a Year 10 student, Jeanny Wong, during the last school holidays. Jeanny's report on her experiences is included below.

We received a donation of eight brand new fishing rods and reels from Nudgee Beach Environmental Education Centre. This was in acknowledgement for our efforts through the Year 12 Multi-Strand Science program. Students went on a field trip recently to investigate the problems of overfishing and stock depletion in Moreton Bay. Activities included fishing, crabbing, boating, plankton sampling and bait netting. We hope these students will take this knowledge with them in the future, and help create a sustainable future for fishing on the bay.

The local Science Cluster met recently. Consisting of local primary and secondary school teachers, it is promoting science education in schools with the writing of new work units and an easier transition, between Years 7 and 8, for primary students.

## SUMMER READING CLUB

It's Summer Reading Club time again. Join the fun at the your local Pine Rivers library this summer holidays – all participants receive their own free library bag which includes vouchers, an activity booklet and suggestions to keep the whole family occupied during the holidays. There are also great prizes to be won!! Open to children to ALL ages. See your local Library for more information.

## GOOD NEIGHBOURS

All students are asked to remember that Bray Park State High School has neighbours. All students coming and going to school must respect the properties they pass on the way to school. Do not litter or break branches off trees. Show the Bray Park Spirit by saying hello and by being a good neighbour.

## Textbook Collection

### Textbook return procedure for End of Year:

- Students are to hand their Textbook/s to Mrs Barton or Mrs Stubbings personally.
- They will mark the Textbook/s off the computer system while you are with them.
- They will tell you immediately if you have returned all your books or whether you have any books outstanding.
- You are responsible for returning the exact textbook that was issued to you.
- If you hand in someone else's book, it is your responsibility to locate and return your textbook.
- Collect any textbook/s that you may have kept in a classroom and return it/them to Mrs Barton or Mrs Stubbings.
- If you have lost your textbook, you must pay for that textbook.

## Resource Hire Scheme Fees 2008

Your student should have brought home the Resource Hire Scheme, Terms and Conditions forms for 2008. Please return these forms and payment by the last day of school, **Friday 14 December 2007** to take advantage of the discount. Please remember that all outstanding school debts need to be paid before entering new contracts.

## Club SWOSH

### Position Vacant

**OSHC Assistants x 2 to start work in January 2008**  
At Strathpine West State School Outside School Hours Care "Club SWOSH"

If you have finished Year 12 and would like to work with children, here is a great opportunity.

#### Requirements:

- Proven ability to work in a team and must have a passion for working with children of all ages.
- Demonstrated organisational ability.
- A proven/practical understanding of food handling.
- Certificate 3 or equivalent or studying a qualification that meets current legislation requirements.
- Ability to be flexible and multi skilled.
- Would be an advantage to have current drivers licence.

**Hours: Up to 16hrs with increased hours as required**

**Rate of Pay: As per Childcare Award**

**Closing Date: 15 December 2007**

**Contact: Raelene Beazley – phone 3480 6143**

**Send in Resume to: PO Box 3308 Warner 4500**

## UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

### Term 4 - 2007

Mon 10 Dec	8.15am – 12noon (Orientation Day)
Tues 11 Dec	8.15am – 10.15am
Wed 12 Dec	8.15am – 10.15am
Thurs 13 Dec	8.15am – 10.15am
Friday 14 Dec	Closed due to stock take

- No uniforms available for pick-up in Orientation Week
- Try on sample uniform and orders

### Week before school resumes 2008

Mon 21 Jan	9am – 12.30pm
Tues 22 Jan	9am – 12.30pm
Wed 23 Jan	9am – 12.30pm
Thurs 24 Jan	4pm – 7.00pm
Friday 25 Jan	9am – 12.30pm

- New uniforms ready for pick-up from Mon 21 Jan 2008

### When school resumes 2008

Tues 29 Jan	8.15am – 11.15am
Wed 30 Jan	8.15am – 11.15am
Thurs 31 Jan	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Friday 1 Feb	8.15am – 10.15am

- There will be an express lane for pre-paid orders

### Normal Uniform Trading Hours from Monday 4 Feb 2008 will be:

Monday	8.15am – 10.15am
Thursday	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Friday	8.15am – 10.15am

## SHAFT

### Monday 7 to Friday 18 January 2008

Straddie Adventures, Archery, Cable Skiing, Gladiator Challenge, Surfing, Cheerleading, Sailing and much more – it's all part of a 10 day program for young people in the Shire looking for low cost, fun activities over the holidays.

SHAFT, Pine Rivers Shire Council's Super Holiday Activities for Teenagers program, is open to school students in Years 8 to 12 living locally and will be held from 7 January to 18 January 2008.

**If you start Year 8 in 2008, you are eligible!**

Bookings are essential, as there are limited places.

To make a booking call 3480 6543  
(lines open December 12, 2007). For more information visit  
[www.pinerivers.qld.gov.au](http://www.pinerivers.qld.gov.au).

## AFS

**Always wanted to experience a new culture in your own home? Perhaps put into practice a language you've learnt for years?**

Why not host an AFS student? A great way to bring the world into your home! Not only can you experience another culture firsthand without leaving your doorstep, you can also practice a new language with a native speaker! We are looking for families for students coming in February next year.

Students from as far away as Russia and Paraguay are coming to study in Queensland to learn about what it is like to live as an Australian student. AFS host families come in all sizes and shapes; we look for secure, open minded, understanding and loving families who are willing to volunteer to share their lives with an enthusiastic young person from the other side of the world! Hundreds of Australians host AFS students from other countries each year for periods of 4 weeks to 11 months. Our extensive knowledge and careful work with host families tells us that their AFS experiences are incredibly rewarding.

With a long history and impeccable reputation for excellence in program support, AFS ensures peace of mind for host parents and students before, during and after the experience. In 1989, the United Nations awarded AFS a special testimonial citation for outstanding services to youth. AFS is the only student exchange organisation to be recognised by the United Nations for services to world youth. For more information, please contact AFS South Queensland Coordinator, Sarah Lovell on 0424 504 607 or email [sarah.lovell@afs.org](mailto:sarah.lovell@afs.org). More information on AFS Intercultural Programs and its sixty-year history can be found at [www.afs.org.au](http://www.afs.org.au).

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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 – 2007

5-13 December Year 8/9 Alternative Program  
10 December Orientation Day for Year 7's  
14 December LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

### SCHOOL VACATION

Monday 17 December 2007 to Monday 28 January 2008

School resumes on Tuesday 29 January 2008



## TERM 1 – 2008

28 January Australia Day Holiday  
29 January School resumes – All year levels  
5 February Newsletter  
4-5 February Leadership Camp  
7 February Swimming Carnival  
8 February School Photos  
**18 February P&C Meeting**

### SCHOOL NURSE

**Vicki Giarratuto** will be at our school on Mondays only

### SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

From 8.00am to 4.00pm – Monday to Friday – During School Term

**NEXT P&C MEETING**  
Monday 18 February 2008  
at 7.00pm

### Chaplain - Tim Sweetman

Phone 0403 192 847

[tim@bridgeman.org.au](mailto: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](http://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  
Thursday 2pm - 4pm

### 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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