



Principal's Column

Dear Parents and Carers,

Four weeks into the term and staff and students are working well together. Assignments have been set and marked, excursions have occurred and sport is underway. On 7th February the School Swimming Carnival was held. We were very lucky to have a fine day after torrential rain the day before. As usual, staff and students had a great day and students dressed loyally in house colours. Congratulations to Earth for their win on the day. Thanks go to the HPE teachers, House Coordinators and other staff for a well organised day. The Student House Leaders showed school spirit and all school leaders worked together to make the day a success. The District Swimming Carnival on Friday 15th February also allowed Bray Park students to excel at their sport.

The Year 8 BBQ on Wednesday 13th February was an excellent opportunity for parents of year 8 students to meet staff in an informal atmosphere. Thanks go to all students, staff and parents who made the afternoon such a pleasant time. Valentine's Day on 14th February allowed students to have fun and the singing tributes will be long remembered by the recipients. This Friday 22nd February is the Senior Leaders Induction and I know the whole school community joins with me in wishing them a successful year. They are a fine group of young people and their leadership will make 2008 a great year for Bray Park State High School. On the 12th and 14th February Leadership Training Days were held at QUT [Kelvin Grove Campus] and at Anam Cara. These days allowed the student leadership group time to get to know each other as leaders and to set goals for the school year.

The first four weeks have also seen success for our students.

Stephanie Beasy, Student Council President, was named Student Ambassador for The Smith Family and her ABC radio interview demonstrated her well honed speaking skills as well as her sincerity and commitment.

Mitchell Nilsson has made the papers by securing a six year contract with major US Major League Baseball Club, Cleveland Indians. Mitchell was a member of the Queensland Under 18 side that won the National Titles and he has represented Under 16 Australian Schoolboys twice. A training camp in Florida will be later followed by Mitchell contesting in the Rookieball Season in 2009.

Mobile Phone and Electronics Policy

Thank you for your support with this policy. The draft that was published in the last newsletter has now been ratified by the P&C. The policy will come into full operation on Monday 25th February 2008.

In order to maximize the learning opportunities for every student, the following guidelines are to be followed by all students at Bray Park State High School

- Mobile phones must be turned off and are out of sight during school hours inclusive of lunchtimes. This means students are required to have their phones off and out of sight from 8:30 – 3:00pm.
- Students are not permitted to receive or make phone calls, send or receive text messages or to take video or photographs during this time or during any other school-related activity on or off campus.



- All contact with or from parents/guardians/carers (emergency or other) must be made through the school office. It is absolutely essential that the school is aware of any changes to a student's routine during the day so that it can carry out its duty of care. This includes having information about whether a student uses the bus to go home at the end of the day. Students are not permitted to use their mobile phones to contact parents/guardians/carers on occasions when they are ill. All phone calls of this nature must be through the school office to ensure the student's health and safety.

Storage of Mobile Phones

- Phones are to be switched off between the hours of 8:30am – 3:00pm. Phones should be stored either on the person or in their bags. (please note that bags may or may not be in a secure position)
- Students who bring mobile phones to the school are solely responsible for this property at all times. Bray Park State High School does not accept responsibility for the theft or damage of the mobile phone.

Electronic Devices

It is also recognised that electronic devices play a large role in students' education however it has become apparent that electronic devices such as ipods, mp3s and digital cameras are impacting negatively on students' learning environment and their right to privacy.

Students are not permitted to use the above listed electronic devices between 8:30am-3:00pm or during any other school-related activity on or off campus.

Consequences

- Students who misuse mobile phones or electronic devices at school will be sent to the office to have them confiscated. Students can be sent to the office by any staff member of Bray Park State High School. (This includes teacher aides, pre-service teachers, supply teachers, office staff etc)
- These consequences apply to any sighting of mobile phones or electronic devices between 8:30am – 3.00pm.
- Should a student repeatedly use a mobile phone or electronic device in school hours, the matter will be treated as wilful disobedience or harassment and school consequences will apply.

1st Time referred with mobile phone or electronic device in class or in playground (no warnings)

- Teacher gives student a referral form for students to complete.
- Student takes item along with paper work to the office.
- At office student places item in envelope. Referral form is attached to envelope.
- Student returns to teacher with signed paperwork from office.
- After school, item is picked up and form signed by student on collection.
- Student takes form home to parents regarding initial confiscation of item.
- Form is filed with student notes by the LEC.

2nd Time referred with mobile phone in class or in playground

- Teacher gives student a referral form for students to complete.
- Student takes item along with paper work to the office.
- At office student places item in envelope. Referral form is attached to envelope.
- Student returns to teacher with signed paperwork from office.
- Parents or carers will have to contact the school and negotiate an arrangement for collection of the item with Admin or Year Co-ordinators and form is signed on collection.
- Form is filed with student notes by the LEC.

Subsequent referrals will be dealt with by Administration as student is refusing to comply with school policy.

School Uniform

It has come to my attention that some of the new uniform ties are short. If you have bought a short tie please return it to the uniform shop so that it can be exchanged.

Finally I would like to acknowledge "Sorry Day" with our Indigenous Community. Wednesday 13th February was an historic event which will be long remembered.

Kate Abernethy
Principal

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There are two items which I would like to talk to you about this month. But firstly I must say that it was great to see three new parents attending the first meeting for the year. It would be great if a few more could come along so we can have new ideas.

Our local Councillor, Graeme Ashworth, is retiring from the Pine Rivers Shire Council on the 15th March 2008. Graeme has been involved for many years with Bray Park State High School; firstly as a parent, a member of the P & C and then as our Local Councillor. Graeme and his wife, Betty-Anne, are heading to China for 12 months teaching English. We wish them all the best for the future and thank them for their past support.

UNIFORMS

We acknowledge that our Uniform orders have not gone to plan. Slowly, we are receiving more stock and it is hoped by the end of February we will have all orders filled and will be able to fill all other requests. It has been frustrating for the P & C as we also have children that have not had orders filled. Please accept our apologies. We are in regular contact with the supplier getting updates on what is happening with our orders.

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The P&C Annual General meeting will be held at 7pm on 17th March, 2008 in the School Common Room. We will be electing a new committee at that meeting, so the following positions will need to be filled -

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, QCPCA Representative, Fund Raising Chairperson, Committee members.

Any person wishing to be a member of the P&C must either attend the Annual General Meeting or, if that is not possible, two general meetings. If you are unable to attend the AGM you can write a letter and ask to be a member which will enable voting rights straight away.

If you would like to be on this very active committee, please fill out the nomination form below and return it to the school by 3pm 17th March, marked President Bray Park State High School P&C Association.

Peter Mullins
President Bray Park State High School P & C

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NOMINATION FOR THE BRAY PARK STATE HIGH SCHOOL P&C COMMITTEE 2008

I hereby nominate.....for the position of

Nominated by (Signature).....

Seconded by..... (Signature).....

Accepted by (Signature).....

SENIOR SCHOOLING NEWS

School Based Traineeships/ Apprenticeships (SAT):

Currently there are 14 Yr 10, 11 and 12 students completing a School Based Traineeship. A SAT involves a student (15 yrs and over) to complete a Traineeship (Certificate 2 or 3) or start a School Based Apprenticeship (Certificate 4) while at school. The student goes to work 1 day a week and completes 5 subjects while at school. The student's timetable is adjusted to accommodate the day at work; this is achieved in consultation with the Guidance Officer.

To find a SAT can involve:

1. Checking the notice board outside the Guidance Officer's room for vacancies that come into the school from Group Training Companies.
2. Completing an expression of interest form with a Group Training Company, eg. MIGAS, MEGT, Sarina Russo, Busy at Work, BIGA Training, East Coast Training etc.
3. Cold canvassing for an employer willing to take on a SAT, work experience can help here as well.

The Queensland Government has also created an internet gateway site for **School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships**. The site provides a single location for young people, parents and employers to access everything they need to know about SATs.

<http://www.apprenticeshipsinfo.qld.gov.au>

Work Placement

All students who have selected to undertake a Vocational Education subject in the Senior Phase of learning (Year 11 and 12) are required to participate in Work Placement. Work Placement is an essential part of completing a Certificate level course. Within the subject students learn the theory side to a Certificate course while learning the practical components at the work place.

Students undertaking the following subjects are expected to complete Work Placement if they are to meet Bray Park State High School's requirements of school participation:

Year 12:

1. Hospitality – Certificate II in Hospitality (Operations)
2. Recreational Studies - Certificate II in Community Recreation
3. Automotive - Certificate I in Automotive
4. Furnishing - Certificate I in Furnishing
5. Engineering - Certificate I in Engineering
6. Business Studies & BCT - Certificate II in Business
7. Information Technology - Certificate II Information Technology

Year 11:

1. Hospitality – Certificate II in Hospitality (Operations)
2. Recreational Studies - Certificate II in Community Recreation
3. Automotive - Certificate II in Automotive
4. Furnishing - Certificate II in Furnishing
5. Engineering - Certificate 1 in Engineering
6. Arts – Certificate II in Visual Arts and Contemporary Craft
7. BCT – Certificate II in Business
8. Information Technology Systems - Certificate II in Information Technology

The Year 12 work placement blocks are:

Block 1 - Monday 31 March to Friday 4 April, 08

Block 2 – Monday 23 June to Friday 27 June, 08

Block 3 – Monday 11 August to Friday 15 August, 08

The Year 11 Work Placement blocks are:

Block 1 - Monday 31 March to Friday 4 April, 08

Block 2 – Monday 23 June to Friday 27 June, 08

Block 3 - Monday 13 October to Friday 17 October, 08

Senior Phase of Learning (Year 10, 11 and 12 Lifeskills):

Year 10 and 11 Lifeskills students are working towards Certificate 1 in Work Education. To complete the full Certificate, students must be competent in the core competencies and complete 2 weeks of work placement. Achieving this Certificate can gain 2 points for the QCE.

Year 12 Lifeskills:

All Year 12 students will complete Term 1 QCS Test preparation. At the end of Term 1 non OP eligible students may select not to sit the QCS Test. Students sitting the QCS Test remain in Lifeskills classes and continue with QCS Test preparation in Term 2 and 3. Students not sitting the QCS Test may go home period 4 on a Thursday in Term 2 and 3, students may also select to do work placement during this time.

In Term 4, all Year 12 students must complete Lifeskills, period 4 on a Thursday as the program covers: the RACQ Free to go program, Drink Driving and speed kills program from the Qld Fire and Rescue and Responsible Service of alcohol.

Karenne Haygarth
Head of Department Senior Schooling

QSA information seminars for parents

The Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) is holding an information evening for parents and community members on Wednesday 12 March at Aspley State High School, 7 to 8pm. This information evening will provide an overview of the implementation of the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). To register a Registration form can be obtained from our office or email: events@qsa.qld.edu.au. Parents of Year 10 and 11 students are encouraged to attend.

Karenne Haygarth
Senior Schooling Head of Department

Science Report

During the year 8 and 9 Special Program run at the end of Term 4 last year, the Science Department was pleased to welcome our own adopted "Scientist in Schools" scientist Mr Phil Valencia of the CSIRO. Phil will work with us on occasions over the next year. He specialises in electronics and satellite technology, and gave us a great presentation on virtual music making and how to keep cattle in a virtual field, amongst other items. Here he is talking to Mr Heazlewood about his work. We welcome him to our school and hope his work with us stimulates more students to take up science.

Mr Parry (HOD).



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2008

It is that time of year again!! This 35 minute competition is open to ANY student who is interested in the Social Sciences. Bray Park students gained outstanding results in 2007 with 12 students receiving Credits, 8 students receiving Distinctions and an outstanding 10 students receiving the highest award: High Distinction.

This is a great opportunity for students to compete for great prizes and certificates to add to their portfolios as well as see how they compare to other students across the nation. Why not give it a go?

COST IS \$2.50

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE SEE MRS BALLANTYNE IN GS BEFORE FRIDAY 22/02/08.



ANZAC DAY 2008 – MANUSCRIPT COMPETITION

“ATTENTION BUDDING WRITERS AND HISTORIANS”

The Pine Rivers RSL in collaboration with the Norths Leagues Club is inviting schools within the Pine Rivers Shire to participate in a competition that will bring recognition to the individual, school and community.

The topic for the Anzac Day Manuscript Competition is: **“What is the significance of ANZAC Day, and what does it mean to me?”**

To compliment their achievements, the winners of each category will receive a financial reward of \$300 with a further \$200 being awarded to their school library. There is also a \$100 Encouragement Award. The Grand Winner will present their winning manuscript at the next ANZAC ceremony at the Pine Rivers Memorial Gardens in Kallangur.

Entry into this competition is FREE.

See Mrs Ballantyne in General Studies for more information.



GIRL GUIDES

Would you like to do something that is for **“Girls Only”**? Then, **“Get into Girl Guides at Lawnton”**.

We have age groups from 6 to 18 and for those 18+ why not become a Leader or Unit Helper, no experience is necessary and we supply all the training and support.

For more details contact Denise Rodwell (3285 2612), Sylvia Milner (3205 5964) or Debbie Lawrence (3205 6373).

Girl Guides, skills you keep for life!

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.

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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 1 – 2008

22 February	Senior Leaders' Induction
27 February	Metro North Swimming Trials
07 March	Year 8 Male & Female Immunisation
10 March	Year 11 Legal Studies Excursion
14 March	Year 9 Female Immunisation
	Year 10 Female Immunisation
17 March	P&C Annual General Meeting
18-20 March	Year 8 Camp
21 March	Good Friday Public Holiday
24 March	Easter Monday Public Holiday
26 March	School Social
31 March-04 April	Year 11 & 12 work placement
05 April-13 April	School holidays
14 April	Student Free Day

NEXT P&C MEETING
Monday 17 March 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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the school Website

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS
During School Term from Monday 4 Feb 2008
Monday and Friday 8.15am - 10.15am
Thursday 2pm - 4pm

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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