



Principal's Column

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move into the second part of the term, Bray Park has well and truly settled into the year. On Friday 22 February our school leaders officially took office before the Year 12, 11 and 8 students, parents and friends. Official guests included Mrs Linda Lavarch, State Member for Kurwongbah, Ms Kath Stevenson, representing Mr Peter Dutton, Federal Member for Dickson, Mr Graeme Ashwood, Councillor, Mr Dan McIntyre representing Senator Clair Moore, Mr Peter Mullins, P&C President, Mr Mick Gillam, Councillor, Mrs Jan Dann, Principal Strathpine West State School, Mr Mike Woodward, Principal Petrie State School and Executive Members of the P&C. The next page presents the School Leaders for 2008. Congratulations students.

School Uniform

The uniform shop now has extensive supplies. Thank you to parents for your ongoing patience. I believe ties are the only item in short supply.

The majority of students are now presenting in full uniform and look very smart. The new uniform has been very well accepted by students. I do ask that all parents read the School Uniform Policy. This policy as well as the Code of Behaviour can be found in the Student Diary. Every student in the school has been issued a diary and this must be brought to school each day. Shoes are an important item of the uniform and Workplace Health and Safety requirements enforce that students must not wear canvas or cotton style shoes at anytime. Full details of what is acceptable are in the Student Diary.

I would like to congratulate parents and students on their appearance. Despite the problems, Bray Park's uniform standard has remained very high.

Mobile Phone and Electronics Policy

I have never seen a policy so easily and quickly accepted by the whole school community. Very few students have breached the policy and no one has made a second offence. I believe we all understand the importance of the policy and its need, even in a safe school environment like ours. Thank you for the strong support.

Kate Abernethy
Principal



SCHOOL LEADERS - 2008

SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Emily Huckle, Tamsyn Minto,
Hiroya Ali, Brenton Holmes

PRESIDENT - STUDENT COUNCIL

Stephanie Beasy

VICE PRESIDENT – STUDENT COUNCIL

Catherine Pollinger

SECRETARY - STUDENT COUNCIL

Alexandria James

TREASURER - STUDENT COUNCIL

Joshua Park

SPORTS CAPTAINS

Jessie-Rae Kopara, Chantelle Middleton,
Kenneth Chew, Devon Mohi

SPORTING DEVELOPMENT SQUAD CAPTAIN

Liam Rose

STUDENT COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

CULTURAL

Christopher Humphreys

FUND RAISING

Francis Fitzgerald

MAGAZINE

Shannyn Carberry

SOCIAL

Krystal Duncanson

STUDENT WELFARE AND ENVIRONMENTAL

Emily Davis

HOUSE CAPTAINS

EARTH

Krystal Duncanson, Joel Banks, Grayson Bot,
David Dunleavy

FIRE

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

RAIN

Cassandra Patman, Caitlin Phair,
Hamish Nielsen, Tuputta Poppi-Kyle

WIND

Jessica Hanks, Jessica Scales,
Joshua Papworth, Robert Wright

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CAPTAINS

Eva Bevan, Luke Miller

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Lonneke Bevan, Kirsty Rowcliffe,

VICE CAPTAIN

Tiffany Rabbitt

BAND / STRING SECTION LEADERS

FLUTE

Jeanny Wong

CLARINET

Amber McBaron

SAXOPHONE

Eva Bevan

TRUMPET

Lonneke Bevan

LOW BRASS

Helen Iolamo

PERCUSSION

Jessica Mills

RHYTHM SECTION

Stephanie Beasy

UPPER STRINGS

Kirsty Rowcliffe

LOWER STRINGS

Courtney Fegan

PREFECTS

Hiroya Ali, Stephanie Beasy, Eva Bevan, Kirsty Blaik, Shannyn Carberry, Aaron Donnellan, Krystal Duncanson, David Dunleavy, Hayleigh Farlow, Francis Fitzgerald, Megan Fyfe-Soden, Jessica Hanks, Sara Harris, Brenton Holmes, Emily Huckle, Jamie-Lee Hughes, Christopher Humphreys, Alexandria James, Juanita Josiffe, Joshua MacPhail, Chantelle Middleton, Luke Miller, Tamsyn Minto, Vicrant Narayan, Joshua Park, Jessica Scales, Monica Smith.



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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.

APOLOGY FROM ALINTA APPAREL

My name is Mark Pinchbeck and I am the Director of Alinta Apparel. My company underestimated the overwhelming number of garments required to fill the large number of orders that were placed for the new uniform. Once realized, we immediately ordered urgent stock to be manufactured which has now been supplied.

I understand the shortage of uniforms has caused a lot of anger and disappointment, especially when a lot of the uniforms were prepaid in late 2007. I am also aware that the recent wet weather has caused more work at homes given some uniforms had to be laundered more often because of the limited number of garments.

I apologise to the school community including students, carers, volunteers, teachers, P & C Committee and school administration staff for all the inconvenience caused by the delay in uniform supply. Please be assured processes have been put in place to supply outstanding items as quickly as is humanly possible. Your P & C will continue to be kept fully informed of the actions we are taking to fulfil, and hopefully exceed our obligations to the school community.

I hope that the school is able to accept this apology.

Should you wish to give us a call and provide personal feedback, Alinta's phone number is (02) 4321 0433.

Yours Most Sincerely,

Mark Pinchbeck
Director of Alinta Apparel

Successful Practice of Lock Down Procedure

Every term, our school practises a Lock Down or a full school Evacuation to ensure the safety of our school community. During the lock down, all staff and students practise the procedures of locking windows and doors, lights off, sitting on the floor out of sight and awaiting an all-clear signal. The siren runs continually while the 'threat' is present and under these circumstances, a Lock Down is normally ended with an 'all clear' by the Police.

Our Lock Down practice on Wednesday 28 February was very well done. Our school community responded instantly to the drill and the school was completely locked down within minutes. An inspection of the school during the practice resulted with staff 'wondering' if any students were even at school on the day as they all were out-of-sight. Well done to all. We recognise that this was only a practice, but it is great to know we can have such an immediate response.



Senior Schooling News:

Bray Park State High School is a consortium member of **Youth Works Association Inc.** Other consortium members include: Pine Rivers State High School, Dakabin State High School, Albany Creek State High School, Pine Rivers Special School, Mt Maria College and North Lakes State College. The Youth Works Association Inc is a Local Community Partnership funded by the Federal Government, Department of Employment, Science and Training (DEST). The funding assists each school provide maximum opportunities for all young people aged 13 – 19 years to explore and access support for career development, transition through school and with the identification of educational pathways.

Students who complete a Vocation Education subject at Bray Park State High School are provided with the opportunity to complete Work Placement, this is one of the programs operating in the school through the Youth Works Association Inc. Work Placement is an essential part of completing a Certificate level course.

Through the other two programs students are provided with current, relevant and accurate career and transition advice. Currently all Year 12 students are being invited to work through a careers program with the Guidance Officer on three laptops which are result of Youth Works funding.

The school is also networking with local industries to engage in partnership activities between schools and industries. The Mathematics Department worked in partnership with Northside Trusses in 2007 and the project is continuing in 2008. The Hospitality Department are working with The Coffee Club at Strathpine. A student cooking competition between the local State High Schools is currently being organised.

School Based Traineeships:

Information for parents: Parents' responsibilities through school-based apprenticeships and traineeships (SATs)

Family support is vital to ensure young people succeed at balancing the school, work and training involved in a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship (SAT).

SATs allow students to work for an employer and train towards a recognised qualification, while they are still at school. They are a great way for young people to explore their career options and develop skills and confidence in their areas of interest.

Parents have an important role to play in enabling young people to successfully make the transition from student to employee.

Legislation requires that school-based apprentices and trainees aged under 18, and who are under the care and control of a parent or legal guardian at the date of signing their training contract, must include a parent or guardian's details and signature on the contract.

In cases where the parent or guardian is a party to the training contract, the parent/guardian must ensure that the school-based apprentice or trainee upholds all of the responsibilities attached to the contract.

How parents can help

- Talk with your child about their career goals and the apprenticeship or traineeship which will best support these goals.
- Seek support through their school to discuss how a SAT may assist with QCE points, gain TAFE credits and underpin tertiary study.
- Develop strategies to balance the additional workload of school, work and training.
- Consider and discuss transportation - how will your child get to his or her workplace?
- Discuss the responsibilities involved in being a paid member of the workforce.
- Talk to your child about their day at work and discuss how school subjects relate to their job.
- Encourage your child to talk about issues they may be facing during their SAT and devise possible solutions.

For more information, visit www.apprenticeshipsinfo.qld.gov.au or phone the Apprenticeships Info hotline on 1800 210 210.

Karenne Haygarth
Senior Schooling Head of Department

NEWS FROM HPE &SPORT

Bray Park has had one busy month since the start of the school year, especially in the Physical Education Department. In the second week back the department held the annual School Swimming Carnival at Albany Creek Leisure Centre and from the action seen on the day there was not a lot of leisure taking place! During a period of heavy and sustained rain the sun came out and caught many by surprise as could be seen by the amount of red skin at the end of the day, reminding us once again that we must always slip slop slap when outside. At the conclusion of the carnival, Earth walked away with the first house victory of the year setting the challenge to the others.

This carnival was followed by the District Carnival the following week, which Bray Park was responsible for organizing. Huge congratulations must go to all the staff for the work they put in to have an extremely successful carnival for the seven schools of the district. Congratulations must also go to Amy Russell, Jake Matthews and Lakehm Aiono who swam fantastically to make it through to the Pine Rivers District Swim team.

The success continued to flow since returning to school with the announcement that Mitchell Nilsson, the two times Sporting Development Squad Athlete of the Year, put pen to paper and signed with the Cleveland Indians Major League Baseball team. He will join them on completion of his school commitments at the end of the year. Congratulations Mitchell and best of luck. Success was also to be had with Guy Price making the Open Metropolitan Baseball team along with Mitchell, and Jake Price who was selected as a shadow member as a 15 year old.

If this were not enough, the Bray Park Development Squad, along with the ARL Development Foundation, hosted a Mini/ Mod Refereeing course. This is the second year in a row that the Squad has hosted this event. This year we were joined by 8 visiting Caboolture High students who made the journey to Bray Park to complete the course. The Bray Park students who completed the course along with last year's graduates will referee the local Primary Schools' competition, allowing this competition to run smoothly and effectively.

All this in just the first month! Wow, what can be in stall for the rest of the year? No doubt many more successes.

Derek Cliff
HPE & Sporting Development Squad Coordinator



Students across the globe will unite in their quest to set a world record in answering mental arithmetic questions on **WORLD MATHS DAY** 5 March 2008.

Every student who studies Mathematics at Bray Park SHS has been registered in this activity. During class time in the junior classes, students have been given an opportunity to practise and beat students from all over the world at mental arithmetic, AND even the seniors think it is FUN too!!!!

Students can log on to the site and continue to play at home. On 5th March, we need as many as possible to log on. Later in the year, Bray Park will be competing in the Murrumba District Teams Tournament. At least 4 teams will be entered. Students should let their teacher know if they are interested. Also, we will need some parent supervisors for the day (May 21st). Please phone me on (07) 3881 6666 to register your interest.

Students are also encouraged to enter the Australian Mathematics Competition on July 31st. Nominations will be called a little later on. Watch out for it!
Enjoy the challenge,

Roslyn Saunders
HOD Maths

FREE Parent & Carer Video Mornings

Pine Rivers Child and Youth Mental Health Service (CYMHS) is taking the mystery out of mental health issues through a series of free parent and carer 'video mornings'.

TOPIC FOR MARCH 2008:

'Fighting their Fears: Child and Youth Anxiety'

Anxiety motivates us to get things done, but for some people, anxiety is not a driving force. For many children, anxiety disrupts everyday life, interfering with their ability to make friends or go to school. This DVD will explore the causes and symptoms of anxiety, and its impact on family and treatment.

SESSION DETAILS:

10:00am Wednesday 12th March 2008

The session will be held at the Pine Rivers Community Centre – 568 Gympie Road, Strathpine.

UPCOMING SESSIONS:

10:00am Wednesday 30th April 2008 – Dealing with Parental Mental Illness

10:00am Wednesday 18th June 2008 – Cannabis Abuse

10:00am Wednesday 30th July 2008 – Anxiety, Phobias and Panic Attacks

10:00am Wednesday 20th August 2008 – Explosive Child

All Sessions will be held at the Pine Rivers Community Centre – 568 Gympie Road, Strathpine.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact Jennifer on (07) 3817 6380

EXCHANGE STUDENT

Bring a cultural change into your family; enjoy sharing our culture with a student from overseas!

If you would like to share your family and our culture with a student, please feel free to contact Margaret on (07) 3204 2156.

We have students from Italy, France, Germany, Denmark and other countries with interests including Swimming, Guitar, Computers, Horses and Dancing.

The students will attend a High School in your area.

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

TERM 1 – 2008

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
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
BPSHS Student Services on
3881 6654

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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