



Bray Park

State High School

Principal's Column

Dear Parents and Carers,

REPORT CARDS

Semester One, Interim Report Cards will be posted on the last day of the term. This report is an indicator of how your child is travelling and it gives A to E ratings on Academic Industry, Homework, Behaviour/Attitude and Individual Progress. It is a progress report for students and parents. At the beginning of Term 2 all students will be issued booking sheets for the Parent/Teacher Evening on Tuesday 22nd April, 3.30 to 7pm.

All parents and Caregivers are invited to attend this evening and it is always better to have the student present at the interview. If the subject teacher indicates that an interview is requested please do attend so that the concern can be addressed while still early enough in the year to turn results around.

2008 P&C

We welcome back Peter Mullins as our P&C President and our Vice Presidents, Robert Franklin and Gordon Elledge. The school community is fortunate to have such great people dedicating their time. We say goodbye to Alison Hagaman and Sharon Rabbitt in terms of P&C Executive but we are very happy indeed that Mrs Rabbitt is still in Admin and will be continuing her excellent efforts with finance, events and data. As Treasurer we welcome Alison Park while Narelle Rowcliffe, a member of Bray Park Staff, takes over the position of Secretary.

The P&C of Bray Park SHS of 2007 were an amazing group of people who worked hard to make our school even better. I welcome the 2008 Executive. I know they will be great for our school. I ask parents to support them by attending P&C meetings and by getting involved in school events such as the Working Bee on Saturday 19th April.

UNIFORMS

Uniform products are now fully available from the uniform shop and students and parents are to be commended for how the school is presenting. The formal uniform worn by Year 11 and 12 on Mondays and Fridays provides instant recognition that these are our Senior students and we view them with pride.

Have a happy and safe break,

Kate Abernethy
Principal



National Assessment Program for Year 9 Students Literacy and Numeracy

13 – 15 May 2008

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests will replace the Queensland Years 3, 5, and 7 Literacy and Numeracy Tests and, for the first time, will include Queensland Year 9 students. The tests will be conducted on 13 – 15 May 2008 for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across Australia.

All Year 9 students will sit for the required tests during this period in accordance with the set conditions prescribed by the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs.

The NAPLAN is designed to test the skills of students in literacy and numeracy. The specific purposes of the 2008 NAPLAN are:

- To collect data from the population of Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students for reporting to parents/carers and schools and for systematic reporting.
- To accommodate the assessment of students against national benchmark standards.

In fulfilling these purposes, items selected for the tests comply with the following national documents:

- *Statements of Learning for English*
- *Statements of Learning for Mathematics*

Student, class and school reports will provide objective performance information for parents/carers and schools that can be used to:

- Monitor growth of individual student performance over time.
- Assist with future planning for individuals and schools.

Statewide performance data are provided to school authorities and through the report to the Minister for Education, Training and the Arts. The benchmark results will be reported publicly in the *Annual National Report on Schooling in Australia 2008*.

Parents and caregivers of Year 9 students will be provided with a separate letter containing specific information about the test and details re student participation, parent withdrawal and exemptions from the program in the near future. Trial testing will also be undertaken prior to the test at Bray Park SHS during the dates April 21 – May 2.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Year 9 tests please contact Mr. Ed Gordon, HOD Middle School on 38816666.

Year 9 testing timetable:

Tuesday 13 May	Wednesday 14 May	Thursday 15 May
Language Conventions – spelling, grammar, punctuation (45 minutes) Writing (40 minutes)	Reading (65 minutes)	Numeracy 2 X 40 minute tests (80 minutes) Test 1 – No Calculators Test 2 – Calculators allowed

YEAR 8 CAMP

Recently, over 100 year eight students enjoyed an exciting two days at Camp Warrawee. I was thrilled with the behaviour of the students which was excellent. I have received very positive feedback from parents and students, even the camp food got the nod of approval – not always an easy thing with young teenagers!

The students participated in a range of activities and pushed their personal boundaries with activities such as high ropes, giant swing, the vine and one of the favourites, the flying fox. It was terrific to see many of the staff also taking an active part in these high energy activities.

A new activity was introduced this year thanks to Ms. Tong who supplied canoes and her expertise for a fun paddle on North Pine dam. It is fair to say that most of the students ended up wet but undoubtedly they loved the experience.

There was also fun in the swimming pool, rock wall climbing and the challenges of the low ropes course. As you can see, it was an action packed two days with the students very tired by the time we departed camp.

Our evening consisted of a lovely meal before the action of a fun disco which was followed by a relaxing movie on the big screen.

A special mention of thanks to the staff who attended camp; it is really appreciated by the whole school community to have such dedicated teachers give up their own time for their students.

Well done again to our year eight campers on their excellent behaviour and wonderful manners. You should be very proud of your efforts.

Ed Gordon
HOD – Middle School

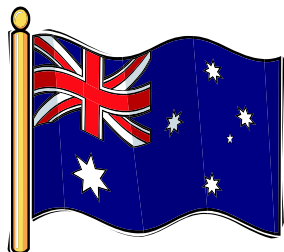
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Congratulations to Brendan Coulter, Adam Frauenfelder, Rebecca Jenkins, Jake Matthews and Alyce Taylor for their involvement in the Pine Rivers Combined Bands Concert Band. This band competed in the National Band Championships and won 3 of the 4 sections and came 1st overall. How lucky we are to have such wonderful musicians in our school.

Term 2 brings for our students in Instrumental Music their camp at Currumindi from the 21st -24th of April. We are looking forward to the time together in preparation for the Queensland Youth Music Awards in late April early May.

Thank you to everyone involved in the Instrumental Music Program and we look forward to enjoying the talents of our students throughout the year.

Annette Fanning
HOD The Arts (Acting)



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If you think you've got what it takes – place your name down outside Performing Arts Staff room.

Keep eyes & ears out for daily notices in Term 2 – Audition Dates.

Be a part of our Australian Expo / Open Day – so much is happening on Monday 26th May 2008 from 3-7pm. Official opening is on the Main Stage at 4:30pm. Come and have fun, enjoy great food, listen to the fabulous entertainment, enter your pet into the PET SHOW and collect plenty of information from our faculty displays. Keep an eye out for our clowns – and make sure you are at Main Stage for the major prize draws....

Fun! Fun! Fun!

Any queries phone Mrs Marie Sharp on (07) 3881 6666

UNIFORM SHOP

'Attention School Community'

There is an amendment to the Uniform Shop Trading Hours. The new hours are as follows:

MONDAY: 8:15am – 10:15am

WEDNESDAY: 1:00pm – 3:00pm

FRIDAY: 8:15am – 10:15am

READING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

- Do you have time to spare?
- Do you want to help students to read/learn?
- Do you want to develop your interests?
- Do you want to share skills and hobbies?
- Do you want to be appreciated and welcomed?
- Do you want to meet other volunteers?

Bray Park State High School has commenced its 2008 Reading Assistance Program which involves volunteers working with selected students on a one to one basis.

The purpose of the program is to assist and support students who want to improve their reading. The volunteer tutor, a parent or a member of the local community, makes a regular commitment to work with students on a Tuesday. As a RAP volunteer you will be a vital part of our school community.

For more information, please phone Di Hodge (Tuesday only) or Pat Hersey on 3881 6666.

RELAY FOR LIFE CANCER FUNDRAISER



The school is entering three teams in the Relay for Life Cancer Fundraising event. This event will be held at the **Lawnton Showgrounds** from **3.00pm Saturday 26th April until 9.00am Sunday 27th April**. Thirty-seven Year 11/12 students have volunteered to participate in this event.

Any parents who would like to make a donation (large or small) to this Relay for Life Cancer Fundraiser, please see Mrs Sharon Rabbitt at the school office. All donations \$2.00 and over are tax deductible.

QAGTC Inc. ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CONFERENCE! **8th & 9th July 2008 - Clayfield College Brisbane**

Attention all students looking for a challenge! You are invited to an exciting two-day program of holiday activities that will extend you beyond the regular school curriculum. Programs include Music Composition, Broadway, PC game design and Forensic Science, Animal Physiology and dissection. Check out www.qactc.org.au/cc2008 for more information. Book early as places are filling fast!

AEROSOL CANS AND ASTHMA

All parents are asked to check that students are not bringing aerosol spray cans to school. We have many students with asthma and several are highly sensitive to such sprays. We continue to call ambulances for students who have collapsed because someone has used a can near others. Such attacks can be life threatening.

School Assemblies and Daily Notices have informed students that all aerosol cans are banned at Bray Park State High School. They are just too dangerous to have around students. Confiscated aerosols cans may be collected from the office by parents. Please substitute the aerosols for roll on products for use at school.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange, an Australian not-for-profit organisation specialising in international student exchange programs, is URGENTLY seeking volunteer host families for high school students scheduled to arrive in Australia in July 2008 from Germany, Austria, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Finland and Holland.

Host families can choose from students staying for a range of either 3, 5 or 10 months and they all attend their local high school whilst they are in Australia. The main purpose of cultural exchange is to challenge youth towards international understanding and tolerance, encourage further learning, self knowledge and awareness - invaluable characteristics in today's world.

We organise all the flights, schools, transportation, insurances and support systems. Call Southern Cross Cultural Exchange now toll free on 1800 500 501, visit www.scce.com.au or email sceaust@scce.com.au

FREE ONLINE TUTORING SERVICE

Caboolture Shire Libraries have a free online tutoring service!

This is available for school students from Year 4 to 12. Real tutors will assist you Monday to Friday from 4:00pm – 7:00pm. Subjects include: Maths, English, Science & Research.

Ask library staff about this service by calling (07) 5420 0290 or visit <http://library.caboolture.qld.gov.au/>

WINTER CRICKET

Players needed to fill U14 and U16 teams for Winter Cricket. This is a REAL competition with finals!

Matches are played on Saturday afternoons from 11:45am – 4:30pm with qualified umpires. Full coaching and bowling machines are available for training.

Season starts 1st Saturday in May and finishes in August 2008.

If anyone is interested in playing Winter Cricket, please contact Barry Horne on (07) 3283 6168 or 0404 071 017.

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

05 April-13 April School holidays

TERM 2 – 2008

14 April	Student Free Day
16 April	Year 12 Drama Excursion
19 April	Working Bee 8am- 12noon
21 April	P & C Meeting
21 April-24 April	Instrumental Music Camp
22 April	Parent – Teacher Interviews
25 April	Anzac Day Public Holiday
	Anzac Day March at Kallangur
26-27 April	Relay for Life
28 April	Anzac Ceremony Assembly & Period 1

NEXT P&C MEETING
Monday 21 April 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
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