



Principal's Column

Dear Parents and Carers,

National testing for all Year 9 students

On 13, 14 and 15 May, more than 200 000 students across Queensland will take part in the first national literacy and numeracy tests.

The tests will see all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sitting the same tests as their interstate counterparts, replacing the previous state-based tests.

It is also the first time Queensland Year 9 students are involved in the testing.

The test results will provide useful information about how all state and non-state school students are performing in literacy and numeracy at their year level in comparison to their peers across Australia.

The literacy assessment will focus on areas of reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar while the numeracy testing will cover measurement, chance and data, space, working mathematically, algebra function and pattern.

Results from the tests will be used for reports to parents, school reporting to their communities, and reporting by states and territories to form a national overview.

The tests will also help teachers identify key areas for learning during the rest of the school year.

While it's important that students perform at their best, it's also important that students are not unduly stressed. Here are some general tips for beating test nerves:

- Get at least eight hours sleep
- Take time out from test preparation to do something relaxing and enjoyable
- Exercise and eat healthy meals regularly
- Develop a time management plan for studying
- If feeling anxious, take a few moments to breathe deeply.

For more information on the national testing, visit www.qsa.qld.edu.au

School Events:

Working Bee

On Saturday 19th April 34 students, staff and parents turned up to make Bray Park SHS an even better place for our students. Seats and walls were painted, gardens were weeded and mulched, chewing gum was stripped off and gutters were cleaned. Over 100 work hours certainly make a difference. While we are very fortunate to have Mr Constable and Mr Lee as our Janitor and Groundsman, working bees allow the school community to tackle small jobs in a big way. Thank you to all who came.



Parent /Teacher Night

Another successful night was held on Tuesday 22nd April for parents, students and staff to discuss academic progress and ways of supporting students to do their best. Thank you

Anzac Day March

Bray Park High School is part of a community and this was very obvious on Anzac Day when many of our students and staff made the annual walk through the streets of Kallangur to commemorate those who have served their country. The school ceremony held on Monday 28th April was a memorable and sincere occasion for our school as we have many family members, present and past, who have gone to war or served in the Armed Forces.

Relay for Life

Three fabulous teams of Year 11 and 12 students ran and walked on 26/27 April to raise funds for Cancer Research. Parents and Staff supervised the groups who stayed overnight. It is a great community event and all must be thanked for giving their time on the weekend and in the administrative lead up to it.

Our Year 11 S.W.A.T. Team won the prize for best baton. An amount of \$2397.65 was raised for this worthwhile cause.

Congratulations to the following students, teachers and parents whose efforts are appreciated:

Year 12 - Bray Way Elementals

Team Captains - Krystal Duncanson and Shannyn Carberry
Joshua Allen, Stephanie Beasy, Kirsty Blaik, David Dunleavy, Jessica Hanks, Brenton Holmes, Emily Huckle, Juanita Josiffe, Jessica Scales, Ms Jenny Elford and Ms Krystal LeFrancke.

Year 11 - S.W.A.T. (Students With A Target)

Team Captains - Tiffany Rabbitt and Mark McDougall
Lonneke Bevan, Alec Darby, Maranda Griffin, Sky Hopkins, Julian Hayden, Jessica Mills, Eloise Mullins, Dale Wilson, Mr Peter Heazlewood, Mr Peter Mullins and Mrs Sharon Rabbitt.

Year 11 - Super Savers

Team Captains - Jessica Coogan and Alexander Kelly
Shaun Curson, Courtney Fegan, Amber McBaron, Mickaela Harris, Emily Kennedy, Hagan Osborne, Tamika Page, Kirsty Rowcliffe, Amanda Williams, Ms Abbie Cawthorne and Ms Katrina Meehan.

Instrumental Music

On 29th and 30th April our String and Wind Ensembles competed in the Queensland Youth Music Awards. These young musicians and their teachers deserve to be congratulated for their dedication.

School Uniforms

Thank you to parents and students for slipping into the winter uniform so easily. While there are a few students wearing incorrect jumpers and long trousers, most are wearing the uniform very well. The Bray Park Dress Code is being implemented and all students are aware of consequences. The uniform shop has stock and students say they like the new winter jumpers.

Regards,

Kate Abernethy

Principal

P & C PRESIDENT'S REPORT MAY 2008

During the past few weeks, there have been a number of School Activities that allow Parent/Carers to be involved.

WORKING BEE

A lot was achieved on the Saturday morning 19th April at the working bee. Jobs included were painting seats, painting water pipes and cleaning gutters. In total we had 34 Students, Staff and Parents helping on the day. We had a great morning tea provided by the Principal, Mrs Abernethy, which allowed us some time getting to know each other.

TEACHER/PARENT INTERVIEWS

It was great to see so many parents attending to discuss with teachers the progress of their children. Don't forget if at any time you have issues to talk to the staff/teachers about, they are only a phone call away. In my 8 years at the School, I have always found that it is better to sort out the issue early.

ANZAC PARADE AT KALLANGUR

It was great to see our students at this very important event. They looked great marching behind the School flag.

RELAY FOR LIFE

3 teams from our School attended this great event. It was moving to be at the Lawnton Showgrounds seeing so many people that have survived cancer and were involved in the walk.

At 6pm, everyone at the event had the opportunity to light a candle and place it inside a bag which had a name of a loved one that had passed away from cancer. It makes you realise how many mothers, fathers, brothers, and sisters etc that are affected by cancer. The oval had hundreds of candles which reminds us of how many families have suffered.

The students that were there on the night can be proud of their achievement. Thank you.

ANZAC PARADE CEREMONY AT THE SCHOOL

On Monday the 28th April, the School had a very moving ceremony to remember the soldiers that lost their lives during War. Our Chaplain, Tim Sweetman shared his thoughts with us on what ANZAC means to him, which was very touching.

Members of the Bray Park RSL also attended and presented the School with a new book for the library, which is much appreciated.

To all the parents that attended any of the above events, Thank you.

EXPO/OPEN DAY

This event will be held on the 26th May from 3pm to 7pm. It is an opportunity to have a look around the school and see the work and activities our students do at school. There will be plenty of food and drinks on sale.

TRIVIA NIGHT

At the last P & C meeting, we decided on holding a Trivia night on August 1st to raise much needed funds for the School. More details will be available over the next few months.

VICE PRESIDENT

Our very hard working Vice President, Robert Franklin has had to resign due to personal reasons. Over the past 5 years, Robert has put a lot of effort and time into many activities at the School. He was the chairman of the Hall Committee for a number of years which was endeavouring to upgrade our Hall.

He was involved with the Uniform change, we had a lot of issues along the way but, Robert kept at it and we now see the results. The students look great in the new uniform.

Robert, on behalf of the Parents of the School, I would like to say Thank you for your time and effort. You have been a great friend to me during some challenging issues we have had to deal with over the past 5 years. We will miss you.

Nominations for Robert's vacancy will be called for at our next meeting on the 19th May.

Peter Mullins
President



Senior Schooling news:

University of Queensland (UQ) parent information Evening

Wednesday, 25 June 2008, 5pm – 7.30pm

UQ Centre Lecture Theatre, Building 27A, Union Rd, St Lucia Campus

The UQ parent information Evening will provide parents of prospective students with an opportunity to speak with staff from admissions, faculties, scholarships and student services about university entry requirements and programs available.

Sunskills EXPO 2008

Sunskills EXPO 2008 will be held at the Sunshine Coast TAFE Mooloolaba and Nambour campuses on 22, 23 and 24 July 2008. The EXPO has been designed to offer a visually stimulating, hands-on experience including:

- gym and fitness activities
- food and beverage service
- photography
- building and construction
- hair and beauty

Coffee Club Catering & Hospitality Competition:

Bray Park State High School is competing in The Coffee Club, Strathpine Pine Rivers Schools Hospitality Competition. The schools include: Bray Park State High School, Pine Rivers State High School, Dakabin State High School and Albany Creek State High School. The Competition is being held at the Coffee Club, Strathpine. The competition involves 4 Hospitality students cooking a main meal and 2 Hospitality students providing the service of the meal. Judges will select a winning school and each student will receive a Certificate and each cook will receive a Furi Technics knife donated by the Coffee Club. Ms Booth and Mrs Stewart with Year 11 students: Bethany Miller & Katinka Scott and Year 12 students: Shannyn Carberry, Krystal Duncanson, Jessica Hanks and Rebecca Dwyer competed on Monday night the 28th. April. The Year 12 students were the chefs for the evening and our Year 11 students served the meal to four guests and three judges, one of the guests being our very own Chappy, Tim Sweetman.

The students demonstrated a high degree of expertise in cooking and service of the meal (Chicken, Mushroom and Asparagus Risotto). Well done students and teachers!! The presentation evening will be held on Monday 26th May, at The Coffee Club, Strathpine.

Year 12 Lifeskills - QCS Test 2008:

Currently in Year 12 Lifeskills, students who will be participating in the QCS Test are starting an intensive QCS Test preparation program. This term students will sit a practice Writing Task and also a full QCS practice test on Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 June. Students not sitting the QCS Test may leave the school at 12.30pm on a Thursday for Term 2 and 3 only. All Year 12 students will participate in Lifeskills in Term 4.

Year 10 Lifeskills:

Year 10 students in Lifeskills are starting Certificate 1 in Work Education. This Certificate provides employers with the knowledge that the student has completed competencies to become work ready. The Certificate if completed also gives 2 credit points towards obtaining the QCE (Queensland Certificate of Education). Students continue the competencies in Year 11 Lifeskills and they also need to complete 2 weeks Work Experience in Year 11 and/or 12.

Queensland Studies Authority (QSA)

Year 11 and 12 students:

Did you achieve a result for studies in 2006 or 2007 for music, drama, singing, dance or sports officiating from any of the following providers:

- Trinity College London (TCL)
- Swimming Queensland
- Royal Academy of Dance (RAD)
- Queensland Rugby Union
- Commonwealth Society of Teachers of Dance (CommDance)

- Cecchetti Society of Australia
- Australian Speech Communication Association Inc.
- Australian Music Examination Board (AMEB)
- Australian Guild of Music and Speech (Guild Music)
- Australian College of Music
- Australian and New Zealand Cultural Arts Ltd (ANZCA)
- Associated Board of Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM)

This result may be eligible for credit towards your Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). To find out check the subject lists available online at <http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/certificates/1083.html>. If you find the achievement on one of these lists take your award or certificate to Mrs Sharon Rabbit in the office and ask for it to be recorded in the QSA Student Data Capture System (SDCS) **before Friday 30 May 2008**. This applies to eligible QCE candidates with 2006 and 2007 results only. Other arrangements have been made for recording of 2008 results.

Karenne Haygarth
Senior Schooling Head of Department



Instrumental Music

Our Instrumental Music students have been hard at work already this term in preparation of the Queensland Youth Music Awards competition and Fanfare. Our students spent 4 days at Currimundi Recreation Centre working with specialist tutors Malcolm Bell, Ron Edwards and Brendan Joyce on their technique and musicality. Our camp concluded with a performance at Bray Park State School and was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to our teachers Bruce Hamlin, Michelle Jones, Kari Richter, Louise Arthy, Allan Lanham and Robert Adamson for their tireless efforts in organising and running the camp.

Our Instrumental Music Parents Committee will be meeting in the Performing Arts block on Tuesday 13th of May at 3:30pm and is open to all parents who would like to be involved. This committee is involved in organising our raffles and uniforms and we thank the ladies for all their hard work.

Annette Fanning
Acting HOD The Arts



VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Do you have a spare bed? Then consider opening your door to an exchange student. Expose your family to another culture, cuisine and extend your family unit on an international level.

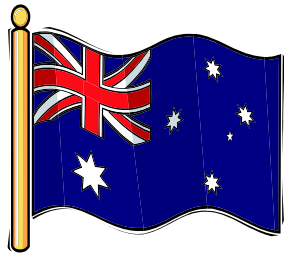
World Education Program (WEP) is looking for Volunteer Host Families for International Students arriving in July 2008. Program lengths vary from 8 weeks, 12 weeks, 5 months or a full academic year. Students from Belgium, Italy, Brazil, France, Germany, and Sweden are looking for families that are prepared to welcome them into their homes as a family member. These young ambassadors are looking for life long friends and a place to call home during their stay. If you would like more information on becoming a Host Family, please contact our National Office. Full support is provided to all host families and their students.

Nikki Medwell – Inbound Exchange Administrator
World Education Program
Toll Free: 1300 884 733
Email: wep@wep.org.au

An information pack can be sent on request which include student photos and profiles.

It's easier than you think & a fantastic experience for all!

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Australian Expo & Open Day



Monday 26th May 2008 3:00pm – 7:00pm

SO MUCH IS HAPPENING

- OFFICIAL OPENING AT 4:30PM
- CAKE STALL
- FACULTY DISPLAYS
- OUTSIDE DISPLAYS
- FOOD / ENTERTAINMENT
- JUMPING CASTLE
- PET SHOW PRIZES
- SAMPLE BAGS
- SCONES / CREAM
- SIDE SHOW ALLEY
- TALENT QUEST

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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

PET SHOW ENTRY TEAR OFF SLIP

Please fill in and bring with your pet to our Pet Show.

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PET SHOW



JUDGES ONLY

Choose A Category:

- Most Clever Pet
- Most Unique Pet
- Best Behaved Pet
- Largest Pet
- Cutest Pet

- 1ST
- 2ND
- 3RD
- 4TH

Certificate

Judge's Name: _____

Animal Type: _____ (Cat, Dog, bird etc..)

Pets Name: _____

Owners Name: _____



BREASTSCREEN QUEENSLAND



FREE BREAST CANCER SCREENING FOR WOMEN OVER 40 YEARS OF AGE
BREASTSCREEN QUEENSLAND IS VISITING STRATHPINE NOW!

**Thinking about having a mammogram?
Due for nearly two yearly breastscan?**

BreastScreen Queensland's Relocatable Mammography Service is now at Strathpine until November. **Why not take the opportunity to attend for your FREE breastscreeing?**

Who can attend this free service?

- ✓ Women 40 years of age and over are eligible to attend
- ✓ Women aged 50 years and over are especially encouraged to attend **as age is the biggest risk factor in developing breast cancer**

Where at Strathpine?

Pine Rivers Community Health Centre
568 Gympie Road
Strathpine Qld 4500

Parking Available

PHONE 13 20 50 for an Appointment

EARLY DETECTION SAVES LIVES

DID YOU KNOW?

- ❖ One in 11 Queensland women will develop breast cancer at some stage in their lives.
- ❖ Finding cancer early gives the best chance of successful treatment and recovery.
- ❖ Having a breastscan every 2 years is the best way of detecting cancers early – even before you or your doctor could feel anything.
- ❖ The risk of developing breast cancer increases with age. Most breast cancers occur in women over the age of 50.
- ❖ 9 out of 10 women diagnosed with breast cancer have no family history of the disease.
- ❖ An appointment only takes 30 minutes; it's one on one with a female health professional.
- ❖ **You don't need a doctor's referral. IT'S FREE!!**

Miss Holy Spirit Mini Fair!

Pine Central Holy Spirit Football Club
Les Hughes Sporting Complex
Francis Road, Lawnton

17th May 2008

Jumping Castle

Putt Putt

Ring Toss

Trackless Train

BBQ

Cake Stall

Drink Stall

Sno Cones

Fairy Floss

And much more!!

Come in and join the fun!!!

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!

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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 2 – 2008

01-02 May	Year 9 SOSE Excursion
05 May	Labour Day Public Holiday
07 May	Metropolitan Sport Finals Start School Social
08 May	Year 11 Hospitality Excursion Soul Singers Roadshow
12 May	Soul Singers Roadshow
13 May	Year 10 Drama Excursion Year 12 English Excursion P3/4
13 May-15 May	Year 9 National Testing
13 May-16 May	Year 12 Rec Studies Camp
15 May	Year 12 English Exam
19 May	P & C Meeting

NEXT P&C MEETING
Monday 19 May 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

Frank Morris will be at our school every Tuesday & Thursday and on alternate
Wednesdays

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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