



Principal's Column

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week is State Education Week, a time when we celebrate and recognise the quality of our State Schools. Bray Park SHS is typical of this quality and we are having another great week where so much is happening inside and outside the classrooms thanks to amazing staff and students.

EXPO

I hope you came to EXPO last Monday afternoon. The day of the 26th saw staff and students setting up for a fabulous display of student work, community attractions, food and drink, talent shows and pets in all shapes and sizes. Students and staff proudly displayed what life at Bray Park High was all about - a community of learners who have fun while gaining knowledge and experience. The afternoon was the result of hard work. Thank you Mrs Marie Sharp and her band of helpers. Thanks also go to staff and students who have spent many hours making the event the success it was.

The Coffee Club Competition

Just as EXPO finished for the night, an Awards Presentation began at Strathpine Coffee Club. Bray Park SHS students represented the school with pride and excellence. Well done to all staff and students involved. I was delighted to be at the Awards Celebration and thanks go to The Coffee Club for their sponsorship.

Uniforms

Last week the Year 11 and 12 students had group photographs taken. I was proud that nearly all were in full formal uniform and only one or two students haven't got the message that Bray Park does not allow facial piercings to be worn at school. Our Dress Code is strict and parents have been very supportive of school rules and procedures. The cold weather has really started so I do ask parents to have students wear school jumpers. There is a ready supply at the Uniform Shop. Mobile Phone rules have also been well received and text bullying and class disruptions have decreased quite dramatically.

Regards,

Kate Abernethy
Principal



P & C PRESIDENT'S REPORT MAY 2008

We had a very lively meeting last Monday night which means that we are working hard to achieve our goals.

Some of the items we discussed at the meeting are following;

1. TRIVIA NIGHT

We are having a Trivia night on Saturday 26th July starting at 7pm in the Hall. Each table will be asked to represent a particular part of the School e.g., Home Economics, Drama, Soul Singers, HPE, Music, Maths etc.

The table that wins will win a monetary prize for their particular section of the School (used for purchasing new equipment). The more tables we have on the night, the more opportunities that are available for teams to win.

The theme for the night is the Olympics. Entry price is \$5 per head with 6 people per table. Tea and coffee will be supplied but you are welcome to bring your own food and drinks.

Tickets will be available from the School two weeks prior to the night, more details to come.

2. WARNER LAKES

We have been advised by Mick Gillam, our local Councillor, that the work being carried out across the road from the School is being developed for a Retirement village. We have asked Mick to find out when we will be getting traffic lights at the corner of Old North Road and Lavarack Road, which I believe is quite dangerous during certain times of the day.

3. SIGNS

Have you noticed the new signs around the School? They look very fresh and a big improvement on the old signs. You will notice a new fence going up in front of the School in the next few weeks.

4. GRADE 12 JERSEY

The P & C have approved the Grade 12's wearing their Jersey 5 days a week.

5. VICE PRESIDENT'S POSITION

Following the resignation of Robert Franklin, due to personal circumstances, Sharon Rabbit was elected as our new Vice President. We welcome Sharon back to our Executive Committee.

We are nearly at the half way mark of our School year; it just seems like yesterday when our children were starting the School year. Until next month, stay safe.

Peter Mullins
P & C President

JUNIOR SOSE NEWS

Several of the Year 8 SOSE classes are studying Ancient Egypt this term. Last week, 8C had a great time participating in the First Annual Year 8 SOSE Mummy Competition. The students had to get into groups and choose one person to be wrapped up and become a mummy. (We skipped the organ removal and the chemical mummification!) We used single-ply recycled toilet paper to wrap our mummies, and points were awarded for neatness and accuracy of wrapping, with no gaps allowed except for one breathing hole. Third place went to Emma McLucas (wrapped by Lauren Oakman and Lauren Maher), tied in second were Emma McLucas (wrapped by Pepi Samson) and Stephanie Hanks (wrapped by Kaitlyn Mittermaier) and in first place, our winning team was Henry Luxton, wrapped by Josh Bagby, Matthew Holmes and Blake Penny. Well done everyone! Tutankhamen would have been proud...



THE LAST MINUTE MATERIALS PROJECT – 11 PREVOCATIONAL MATHS

Students know themselves very well - especially about what they are like when preparing for an important event like an exam. The 11 Prevocational Mathematics students are attempting to assist their fellow year 12 students who are sitting for the QCS Practice Test next month and also in for the actual QCS test in September. These classes are producing stationery packs containing all the stationery items which are needed for the exam, except calculators, and year 12 students will be able to purchase them.

The Year 11s have researched the best prices available and purchased the equipment in bulk and are now beginning to assemble the individual student packs for sale.

This year's purchase price is CHEAPER- yes, you did read it correctly, in fact the packs are \$1.00 cheaper than last year! So the price for a pack in 2008 is \$7.50.

The packs will be on sale from Monday 23rd June 2008.

Please support your students and year 11 Prevocational Mathematics.

WHAT TO DO:

1. Pay \$7.50 at the Finance Window.
2. Take your receipt to the Maths Staffroom to Mrs Saunders or Ms Knight.
3. Receive your stationery pack.
4. Be prepared for the QCS Test.



Sample of the QCS Materials Pack

Senior Schooling news:



Year 11 and 12 Work Placement

The next Work Placement block occurs in the last week of Term 2 (Monday 23 July to Friday 27 July) for Year 11 and 12 students. At present there are approximately 150 Year 11 and 12 students who will be in the work place during that week. **All signed Work Placement Agreement forms are due back to the school by Friday 6 June.** Any questions regarding work placement please contact our Work Placement Co-ordinator, Simone Schmierer on 3881 6666.

Practice QCS Test:

All Year 12 students who are sitting the QCS Test have a full practice on Wednesday 25 July and Thursday 26 July. The practice test will start at 9am and finish at 2.50pm on both days. The full practice allows students to experience what the actual test is like and develop their confidence in sitting it.

Coffee Club Catering & Hospitality Competition:

Bray Park State High School competed in The Coffee Club, Strathpine Pine Rivers Schools Hospitality Competition. Schools included: Bray Park State High School, Pine Rivers State High School, Dakabin State High School and Albany Creek State High School. The presentation cocktail evening was held on Monday 26 May at The Coffee Club, Strathpine. Our students were commended on their meal (Chicken, Mushroom and Asparagus Risotto) with one of the judges stating that, "he had eaten Risotto in some of the best restaurants in Australia and our student's Risotto was better than most of those he had tasted". Our Year 12 cooks: Shannyn Carberry, Krystal Duncanson, Jessica Hanks and Rebecca Dwyer each received a Furi Technics Cook's knife donated by Furi Technics (valued at \$80 each) and the Year 11 front of house: Bethany Miller & Katinka Scott each received a \$50 gift voucher from Westfield shopping centre. Mrs Stewart and Ms Booth and the Hospitality students must be congratulated on a job well done.

Karenne Haygarth
Head of Department Senior Schooling

2008 TITRATION COMPETITION AT QUT

Our senior chemists performed well at the 2008 titration competition at QUT. Kassia Earnshaw from Year 11 Chemistry and Lonneke Bevan, Josh Park, Vicrant Narayan and Brenton Holmes from Year 12 Chemistry, have proven that their analytical chemistry skills are amongst the best in South-East Queensland. They participated in the Royal Australian Chemical Institute Titration Competition on Saturday 17 May at the Queensland University of Technology, Garden's Point Campus.

They had been practising for two months, three times a week in the chemistry laboratory at Bray Park High prior to competing. Titration is a scientific analytical method used to determine the acidity of a solution. A strong base (such as sodium hydroxide) is added in measured amounts to an acid of known strength. If an indicator chemical (such as phenolphthalein) has been added to a sample of the acid, then a colour change will occur at the point when all of the available hydrogen ions in the acid have been neutralized by the base. The acidity of the base can then be determined in relation to how much base it took to neutralize the acid. The process is repeated in the competition to measure the strength of a sample of acetic acid.

Our students were in teams of three. Although they did not finish in the top 4 at QUT, they competed with pride, diligence and discipline. Josh Park was our best performer. He achieved a perfect score, calculating his sample of acetic acid to be 0.1031M, which was the actual concentration prepared by the resident scientists. This was an incredible feat. Well done Josh!

Certificates will be presented to the students on a Friday morning parade in August.

It was a good experience for our students to work in a university laboratory at a leading university. Early next year the school will be looking for six students from years 10, 11 or 12, not necessarily students studying Senior Chemistry, who would like to compete in next year's titration competition.

Edwin Pacey

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TOUGHLOVE Basics Workshop - Helping You, Help Your Kids

9.00am to 4.30pm - Saturday, 14th June 2008

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4th of June, 2008

No Charge

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Jinibara State School Hall

50 Cotton Tree Drive

Narangba 4504

R.S.V.P Wednesday, May 28

Please contact Jody Perry on (07) 5428 5529.

Leave your name and contact details if phone is unattended.

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

27-30 May	Year 12 Rec. Studies Camp
30 May	Year 8 & 9 Female Immunisation
03 June	Non Uniform Day (Free Dress)
04 June	Arts Council Year 10 English & Year 9 Drama (Per 1)
05 June	Junior Sport Finals
09 June	Queen Birthday Public Holiday
16 June	P & C Meeting
16 - 20 June	Education Week
	Year 11 & 12 Block Exams
23 – 27 June	Year 11 & 12 Work Placement
25 - 26 June	Practice QCS Test
27 June	Reports Posted Home
28 June–13 July	School Holidays
14 July	Student Free Day
	Bastille Day
14-18 July	Southern Cross Netball Competition

NEXT P&C MEETING
Monday 16 June 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

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