

BRAY PARK STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Principal's Column

Welcome to Term 4, 2006

This is certainly the 'business' end of the year with many functions, assessments and educational and personal milestones filling our calendar. The pressures of the final term of any year is especially felt by our senior students. To our parents/carers of our seniors, please be mindful of the enormity of how unknown futures and the closure of formal education weigh heavily on our students, and of course the absolute excitement of closure and of being able to be acknowledged as adults. Parents/carers, please if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to ring the school.

Sports and Speech Nights

These two very auspicious occasions are occurring within this fortnight. Parents/carers of students receiving awards have/will receive invitations to attend. I would encourage all of our community to attend as this is when we showcase the sporting, academic and cultural achievements of our students and have the opportunities to congratulate them. Both of these celebrations present the year's commitment of our students, and in fact, comparing to the last few years, display an upward trend of numbers and quality of achievements. Well done to these young people.

Sports Night is this Friday 20th October, and we celebrate with a dinner, guest speaker, (Mr Geoff Trappett, Para Olympian), special guests and presentations. It is a fun and enjoyable night, with many families and staff attending.

Speech Night is Wednesday 1st November and traditionally more formal in proceedings and speeches.

Again I would encourage your support through attendance.

Leonie Kearney - Principal

P & C Presidents Report - October 2006

At the P&C monthly meeting held on the 16th October, many items were discussed. Below is a summary of items of importance which I would like to bring to the attention of our school community.

INTERNATIONAL TEACHER'S DAY

Parents are invited to join us for a morning tea which is being provided by the P & C Association for the Teachers and Support Staff of our school on Friday 27th October commencing at 11.20am in the School Common Room. We look forward to seeing you there.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM CHEQUES

Over the next couple of weeks, the P&C will be posting home cheques to parents who we have sold second hand uniforms for over the past 6 months. We ask that cheques are presented (Banked) as quickly as possible, thank-you.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE

On Friday 20th October, the P&C will present prizes to the three students who sold the most boxes of chocolates from the recent chocolate drive. Also a movie pass will be given to all students who sold chocolates from the winning House Group. At this stage, approximately \$5,000 has been raised for the purchase of Sport Uniforms. The sad reality of this project is that we still have \$2,500 worth of chocolates outstanding. If any parents have chocolates or chocolate drive monies at home, please return them to the school.

HALL UPDATE

The P&C Executive are meeting with Mrs Linda Lavarch, Attorney General and State Member for Kurwongbah on Friday 20th October to find out if the State Government will commit to this project. Both Local Government and Federal Government will

not make a commitment until the State Government makes a decision. On Wednesday 1st November at Speech Night, the P&C will be making an announcement regarding the future of this project.

GAMBLING COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

Our application for a specialized gymnasium was not successful in the September quarter; however this application will now be reassessed in the December quarter.

STATE GOVERNMENT'S SCHOOL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANT

The State Government has allocated the School Community \$78,100.

The P & C has supported the School in the following projects:

1. \$36,000 on new computer furniture
2. \$22,000 on a new kitchen in the Home Economics block
3. \$16,000 for three shade structures

Once firm quotes have been received, any additional monies will be spent on further shade structures and landscaping.

VOLUNTEER'S AFTERNOON TEA

On Tuesday 14th November at 2pm, the P&C will be hosting an afternoon tea in the School Common Room to thank parents or community members who have volunteered in our school through Working Bees, Tuckshop, Instrumental Music, RAP Program, Library, Chaplaincy etc. Please let Ms Lesley Cummings, our tuckshop convenor, know if you are able to attend for catering purposes. This afternoon tea gives us the opportunity to say thank you to everyone for the support they have given the school.

STATIONERY

This year the P&C have outsourced the packing of the Stationery Orders to a local company. The P & C will make 15% on all sales. Prices will be comparable to last year. Full details will be included in the order forms.

GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION

The P&C are pleased to advise that the Bank of Queensland have assisted with the Travel Insurance for the Geography Excursion to New Zealand in 2007. We would like to sincerely thank Mr Greg Ellis, Manager Bank of Queensland Warner for this kind donation.

FINAL P & C MEETING FOR THE YEAR

On Monday 20th November, our final P&C meeting for the year will be held. This meeting will commence at 7pm, and as is now the custom, we will be having a celebratory supper. Please come along and share this evening with us.

To close, it has been a pleasure having the support of a group of dedicated parents and teachers who attend our P&C meetings each month so that decisions like the above can be made. Without their support, none of the above would happen. Thank you to those parents and teachers.

Peter Mullins - President

Bray Park State High Schools Annual Sports Dinner and Awards Presentation Night

Friday 20th October - in the Assembly Hall.

The evening will commence at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm sit down dinner.

There will be a guest speaker on the night!

Tickets are on sale from the office: Adults - \$22 / Students - \$18 / Children Under 10 - \$8

BPSHS Annual SPEECH NIGHT and PRESENTATION of AWARDS

Wednesday 1st November at 7.00 pm in our School Assembly Hall

All parents, students and friends of the school are invited to attend this evening.

This is the most important event in our school year!

International Teacher's Day

Invitation to Morning Tea - Friday 27th October at 11.20am - School Common Room

Parents are invited to join us for morning tea provided by the P & C Association for the Teachers and Support Staff

We look forward to seeing you there!

Senior Phase Schooling - Planning for Careers

Planning for careers can be a challenging time for our senior students and their families.

As part of the Queensland Government's Education and Training Reforms for the Future, schools are developing Senior Education and Training (SET) Plans for students.

Senior Education and Training (SET)

SET Plans map out students' career and education goals as well as the learning options available to them in the Senior Phase of Learning.

The SET plan may include learning at school or TAFE, through an employment program, an apprenticeship or traineeship, or a combination of these.

The plans can be changed if necessary and they provide a way for students to review what they have done, identify individual strengths and weaknesses, and plan for the future.

Parents of students in Year 12 can play a key support role by helping their child to choose appropriate career pathways.

Career markets and university open days are excellent ways of finding out information about the opportunities available. These are open to parents and students and are held regularly throughout Queensland.

Some senior students may not be ready to make long-term career decisions. This is not uncommon and some students may benefit from a period of employment or travel that allows them more time to explore options.

In all situations, parents can provide positive encouragement and support by making it known to their child that they are available to listen and talk with them about their career options.

Noosa Jazz Festival

On Friday 1st September, members of our School Jazz Ensemble travelled to Noosa to play in the annual Noosa Jazz Festival. The weekend-long event showcases a number of school bands on the opening day of festivities. Our band played an hour of exceptional music and included a standout vocal performance from Reece Temple singing "Moondance".

Special Education Unit News

We have had a change around of teachers this term.

- Vicki Ford now teaches on Thursday and Fridays
- Kimberley McDonald is now full-time
- Kirsty Patterson teaches on Monday, Thursday and Friday

We also welcome Kelly Klibbe to replace Sue Solari and be part of our great team.

Year 7 students have commenced a Transition Program in the Special Education Unit. They will be attending each Wednesday from 9am to 12 noon and be experiencing some subjects and seeing how a high school works.

Three of our students have received a certificate for achieving sporting excellence in an out of school setting. Belinda Harris and Richie Goodacre for Bocce and Matthew Pascoe for athletics. Well done in setting an example for all students to follow.

Have a great 4th Term!

Sue Raymond - Head of Special Education Services

Medieval Fayre

at Bray Park State High School

Bray Park State High School stepped back into the Middle Ages on Thursday 7 September, when their Year 8 students partook in a Medieval Fayre. The Fayre was the culminating activity of the students' integrated task for the term where they had been studying this era across all subject areas. The students organised and ran their own activities which included mock battles, rat throwing, wandering minstrels and juggling competitions. Medieval group, Das Torichte Leben also provided a stall and activities for the day. Every student was allocated the status of nobility or peasant and dressed accordingly with some very realistic plague children appearing on the day.

Year 7 students from Bray Park State School also attended and commented on how fantastic it was. "It was great to see the high school and meet some of the teachers to see what you do here," one student said. The day was a wonderful success. The students learnt a lot about the Middle Ages and also developed their skills in team work. I must also thank our teachers and great Year 8's for making this day a fun experience for all!

Katrina Makings - HOD – SOSE

Have you got your passport organised?

We have twenty students going on the "Nine Day - New Zealand Social Science Study Tour next April (10-18) 2007"

If you are participating in this tour, you need to organise your passport now if you have not already done so.

Bank of Queensland will be providing students with free travel insurance. The staff and students organising the trip are very grateful for this and would like to take the opportunity to publicly thank Bank of Queensland for this kind gesture. Students will need to fill in the insurance forms very soon!

If any other businesses or organisations would like to provide sponsorship for the trip – please call Katrina Makings on 3881 6607. We would like to have uniform T-shirts (perhaps with a logo or slogan on them) that we could all wear as a group.

Katrina Makings - HOD – Social Science

"PLEASE SUPPORT US"

WE NEED TOYS! PUZZLES! BOOKS! ETC...TO FILL OUR SANTA BAGS!

ARE YOU ABLE TO DONATE ITEMS TO THE SOUL SINGERS?

WE ARE VISITING THE ROYAL CHILDRENS HOSPITAL ON THE

23RD NOVEMBER – AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY DONATION OF TOYS! BOOKS! PUZZLES! BOARD GAMES! TO HAND TO THE CHILDREN AFTER THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT.

SANTA CLAUS WILL BE PRESENT HANDING OUT ALL DONATED ITEMS.

ANY QUERIES PLEASE PHONE BILL or MARIE SHARP - 3881 6666 -

If you are able to donate please deliver to Bray Park High administration block or phone Bill / Marie to arrange for pick up.

THANKYOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Invitation

Bray Park State High School Volunteer's Afternoon Tea

Tuesday 14th November at 2pm - School Common Room

Working Bees, Tuckshop, Instrumental Music, RAP Program, Library, Chaplaincy Volunteers

Please let Ms Lesley Cummings, our tuckshop convenor, know if you are able to attend for catering purposes.

Provided by Bray Park State High School P & C Association

Health News

Parents and Teens

Parents of young people often get frustrated by trying to make conversation. Here are some tips from "Teen Matters - Autumn 2006".

How to Converse . . .

1. Ask open-ended questions to avoid one-word responses. (Who, why, what, how, when, where).
2. Give some extra information when they ask you a question.
3. Share a confidence about yourself. (Keep it light, keep it simple and keep it real).
4. Pick the right time. This can make or break the potential for a good conversation.
5. Persevere. Don't give up if the conversation goes flat. Try again when the time is right.

Sandi Phillips - School Based Youth Health Nurse - At Bray Park SHS on Monday and Thursday

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 4 – 2006

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| 16-20 October | Year 11 Work Placement |
| 19 October | Old School Music Festival |
| 20 October | SPORTS DINNER - Friday |
| 23 October | Student Free Day |
| 23 October | QLD School Music Festival |
| 24 October | Year 11 Performance Evening - 6pm |
| 25 October | Year 11 Drama Excursion |
| 27 October | Year 12 Multi-Strand Trip Nudgee Beach |
| 27 October | Year 9 into Year 10 Subject Selection Forms due back to school |
| 27 October | Old School Music Festival |
| 30 October | Soul Singers and Senior Students to visit RBH |
| 31 October | NON UNIFORM DAY - Tuesday |
| 1 November | SPEECH NIGHT - Wednesday |
| 3 November | Year 12 Return for non essential Texts |
| 6-10 November | Year 12 Block Exams |
| 13-16 November | Year 12 Alternate Program |
| 13 November | Year 12 Return all Text books |
| 14 November | Year 12 Special Assembly at 9.30am |
| 14 November | Volunteers Afternoon Tea – 2pm (P&C) |
| 14 November | Stationery and Uniform orders close |
| 15 November | House Winners - Dreamworld Trip |
| 16 November | Year 10 and Year 11 Special Assembly |
| 17 November | Year 12 Last Day - Graduation Ceremony and Formal |
| 20 November | P & C MEETING |
| 24 November | Year 10-11 Return non essential Text books |
| 27 Nov to 1 Dec | Year 10-11 Block Exams |
| 29 November | Christmas Concert at Anam Cara |
| 30 November | Year 8-9 Special Assembly |
| 1 December | Year 10-11 Last Day - Return all Texts books |
| 4-5 December | Peer Support Training |
| 5 December | Year 8-9 Return all Texts books |
| 6-14 December | Year 8-9 Alternative Program |
| 11 December | Year 7 Orientation Day |
| 15 December | LAST DAY OF SCHOOL |

Trashy Trivia

Saturday Night 4 November 2006 Lawnton Community Centre

Cnr Todds Rd & Ellis St Lawnton

7.00pm for 7.30pm start - \$10.00 per adult (Children Free)

Table of 6-8 people or join a table of new friends

PRIZES – FUN – RAFFLES

Includes light supper – bar facilities available

Bookings Essential - Ph 3205 8674 - **EVERYBODY WELCOME**

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