Principal’s Report
A very warm welcome to all students, parents, staff and volunteer helpers on the commencement of the 2013 school year. A special welcome to all of our new families, staff and students who have relocated to our wonderful school. I know you will enjoy your time here at Bray Park State School.

Having the school closed for Day 1 is not my ideal way of starting the school year, but we can only deal with those matters that fall within our circle of influence and despite wearing the badge that says Principal, I cannot control the weather or what Mother Nature throws at us.

My thanks to all staff who spent Tuesday cleaning up the remains of the storm damage across the school.

Parking is always an issue at the busy ‘drop off and pick up’ times. Please be patient and safety aware whilst dropping off and collecting children in and around the school grounds.

School Uniform
As it is the commencement of a new school year, it is timely to remind parents of our School Uniform Policy. The school uniform comprises our Bray Park State School polo shirt, black shorts or skort, white socks and black shoes. Shorts must be mid-thigh to knee length. Denim shorts or jeans are not acceptable. A broad brim black hat is required for all outdoor activities. Plain sleepers or studs are permitted for pierced ears and a simple watch may be worn. For reasons of safety, other jewellery items are not permitted. Make-up is not permitted. The wearing of our school uniform creates a sense of community where we all feel that we belong. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform each day.

Every Day Matters
A very important message for the beginning of the year - every school day matters. It is so vital we have students here every day that they are well enough to attend. Something special occurs in every classroom every day. As much as your child would like to tell you at times that they learnt “nothing” today, that doesn’t happen. Every day teachers are expecting learning to occur and we are expecting your child to be here every day to be a part of that learning.
Believe, Achieve, Succeed

I am a firm believer in children working towards, and achieving, their full potential. Research tells us that here at school our teachers contribute 40% to student achievement and 10% can be attributed to school, peers and Principal. By far the largest impact, 50%, on student achievement is the influence from the family. The value you place on your child’s education is paramount in determining his or her success. Our school motto, Believe, Achieve, Succeed flows into the home – if you Believe that your child can Achieve, then they will Succeed. Talk to your child about what they have been doing at school. Show an interest in their homework tasks. Always speak positively about school subjects (even if you didn’t like a particular subject!).

Day 8

Day 8, which is Friday 8 February, is the day in which our final staffing will be determined based on our enrolments on that day. If you know of any family that has moved to the area and has not enrolled, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible. Classes will remain in the current formation until Day 8 when we can assess class sizes and make more informed decisions. With most classes currently at maximum capacity, there is no room for movement across classes and therefore requests for movement are unable to be met at this point in time.

Parent information evenings will be scheduled after Day 8.

I look forward to working with you and your child throughout 2013.

Have a great week.
Maree Mortlock
Principal

NEWSLETTERS GOING HOME

Newsletters go home with the youngest student in the family. Please make sure that you check with your child each Tuesday fortnight; if your child is absent, please obtain your copy from your child’s teacher. A copy of the newsletter is uploaded to the school website each fortnight.

ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS CORRECT?

The New Year is a good time to update your contact details with the school. This is vital in the event of emergencies to enable us to reach you quickly. If any of your details have changed since 2012 please come into the Office and complete a ‘Change of Details Form’.

BOOK/UNIFORM SHOP

The opening hours for the remainder of this week are: THURSDAY – Open 2.30pm – 5.30pm
FRIDAY – Open 7.30am – 10.30am
Phone: 3480 7345

STUDENT MEDICAL INFORMATION

Bray Park State School is committed to supporting students’ health and wellbeing. We would appreciate parents/carers providing the school with any relevant health information that is required to support the student at school. This information is also collected at enrolment but needs to be updated regularly, or if a new health condition develops.

Information about medically diagnosed conditions such as allergies, asthma, diabetes and epilepsy and other health conditions that may require school staff to provide support to students, including administering medication and performing health procedures, should be provided to the school. Additionally, any health need that may impact on school activities such as sports, outings (including camps) should also be discussed with the school.

Information should be provided in writing, and any specific health plans (only to be completed and signed by the medical practitioner) should be included. Please contact the school to discuss any specific requirements. Please inform the school office staff of any changes to contact details or the contact details of the people nominated as emergency contacts.

Thank you for your assistance in this regard. All information is kept confidential and only disclosed to the relevant staff required to supporting your child. For any enquiries, please contact the school office on telephone 3480 7333 or download the document from the school website https://brayparkss.eq.edu.au
‘Get Started’ — Funding to help kids participate (vouchers available online)

Vouchers of up to $150 available for young people who want to play sport but are limited financially. Parent or young person needs to have a healthcare card to qualify. Note: Applications are on line only – remember you can access computers at your local library if you haven’t the internet at home

Follow the link for all information and application process and form http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/funding/getintheback/or/getstarted.html

What is Get Started?
Get Started is one of three funding programs that comprise the Queensland Government's Get in the Game initiative to support sport and recreation at the grassroots level. Get Started assists children and young people who can least afford or may otherwise benefit from joining a sport or recreation club.

- Eligible children and young people can apply online for a voucher valued up to $150 online, which can be redeemed at a sport or recreation club registered with Get Started.
- The vouchers for eligible children and young people will be available from 9am on 15 January 2013. For further information, refer to the links below.

Who can apply?
The following applicants are eligible for a Get Started voucher:

- children and young people from the age of five and under the age of 18 who hold or whose parent, guardian or carer holds a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and are residents of Queensland
- other children or young people identified by two referral agents.

Interested in playing basketball? Become a Dragon and join a club with a strong association with the PCYC. Catering for players from under 8 through to Seniors, Sign On Day for North Brisbane Basketball Assn (Dragons) will be at our clubhouse, Hills District PCYC, 2nd February, 2013 from 10:00am to 2:00 pm. For further information, email nbba@northbrisbanebasketball.com.au or visit our website www.northbrisbanebasketball.com.au.

Are you aged 6 to 11 and want to learn FUNdamental Basketball skills? Dragons Club is again conducting their highly successful B.L.A.S.T.™6eleven non-competitive skills development program from Saturday February 9. Now in its sixth year, over 300 children have participated in B.L.A.S.T. since inception. Numbers are strictly limited and filling fast. For further information, email blast@northbrisbanebasketball.com.au or visit our website www.northbrisbanebasketball.com.au.

Hello Parents,
Pine Rivers Pumas Rugby Union Club prides itself on coaching young boys and girls (girls up to the age of 12) in the game of Rugby Union. And we must be doing something right as the list of our past representative player is quite long, check our web site Pine Rivers Pumas Rugby Union. So bring your son or daughter to the Rugby Club and let our qualified coaches bring the rugby out of them while they have fun and keep fit. Our sign on days are February 2nd, 3rd, 10th, 17th 9am to 2pm at the club house at Les Hughes Sports Complex. Baker St Bray Park. Or phone Shane Robbie Registrar on 0427 731 881 Wally Anderson President on 0409 895 703. Thank you Wally Anderson.

SCHOOL BANKING
Commonwealth Bank school banking will commence next week. The first banking day will be Thursday 7th February. Each deposit made will earn a silver tokin, and rewards can be redeemed once you reach 10 tokins. There are some exciting new rewards for 2013! Student Dollarmites accounts can be opened at your local Commonwealth Bank of Australia branch. Don’t forget to take your child’s birth certificate with you into the branch.