Principal’s Report
The first two weeks of school certainly have flown by and it has been lovely to have so many students come up and tell me all about their holidays and what fun they are having in their new classrooms with their new teachers.

Our first P&C Meeting is coming up this week on Wednesday 13 February. The meeting is held in the Staffroom which is located in the Administration Block and commences at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and attend the meeting. Nomination forms for membership of the P&C will be available on the night.

In addition to the P&C, our school has a School Council which meets each term to discuss matters of governance. Currently we have two parent vacancies on the school Council. If you would like to nominate for a position on the School Council, application forms are available from the Office. Applications close 3.00pm Monday 11 March.

For those parents who are unable to attend the P&C meetings due to family commitments, our school also runs a Parent Network. These meetings are held on the last Monday of the month. We discuss matters raised at the P&C meetings as well as any concerns parents would like taken to the P&C meeting. We meet in the Parent Room which is the classroom closest to the Sparkes Road entrance. Our first meeting will be Monday 25 February at 2.00pm.

Parent Information Evenings
Our parent evenings will be conducted over two nights to allow parents who have children across the school to meet and hear from their child’s teacher. The information evenings will commence in the Hall with a brief introduction to the school and its programs, followed by individual classrooms open for information sharing from class teachers. I remind parents that this is not a parent/teacher interview situation, it is a general discussion of the expectations for the class.

Prep – Year 3: Monday 18 February 5.30 – 6.30pm
Years 4 – 7: Tuesday 19 February 5.30 – 6.30pm

Parking
I have worked in many schools and it does not matter whether the school is large, small or somewhere in between – parking is always an issue. Schools are built in residential areas that do not allow for major car parks to be constructed.
There are 2 minute parking zones designated around the school. These are specifically for “drop and go” – not park and leave the vehicle. Our local Police Beat Officers have been monitoring these areas and several cars have been issued with parking infringements. The 2 minute zone applies at both morning and afternoon with our local police officers patrolling during peak periods.

The Sparkes Road entrance to the school is also not a car park. This area is restricted to parents of students with a disability, taxis collecting students from our Special Education Unit and the After School Care bus. Parking in this area endangers the lives of students as our students move through this area when arriving and leaving the school grounds.

**Uniforms**

I have noticed several girls wearing “bike shorts” to school. These are not part of our school uniform and should not be worn to school. Girls are permitted to wear shorts that cover the thigh or a skort. Wearing our school uniform is very important in creating a sense of community.

**House Vice Captains**

On Monday morning ten students from Year 6 addressed their peers seeking the position of House Vice Captain. All students from Years 4 – 7 then voted for House Vice Captains.

Armstrong – Kobe Aiono
Barnard – Aislinn Hicks
Fraser – Ashleigh Mumby
Sutherland – Tana Vaeagi

Congratulations to these students. I am sure they will do an outstanding job supporting their House Captains.

Have a wonderful week.

Maree Mortlock
Principal

**PAYMENT OF MONEY TO THE OFFICE**

A reminder regarding money being paid at the office. Please place all money into a sealed envelope with your child’s name, class and the purpose for the money. This will ensure loose money given to students to hand in is not lost along the way to school. Please place envelopes containing money into the box labelled ‘School’. This is secure and locked at all times. Parents are welcome also to make payments via EFTPOS and Credit Card at the Office.

**WORKING BEE – PARENT HELP REQUESTED**

If any parents can assist this weekend on Saturday from 8am-11am, a community working bee is planned, and we’d appreciate your help. We want to tackle three aspects:

1) The front entrance to the school and the Prep C playground needs a tidy-up.
2) We have about 20 koala trees (that we managed to save despite the heat wave over Christmas) that need planting, and framed/staked with shade cloth for protection. This will be part of a new koala corridor between the cricket wicket nets and the tennis court. (Our intention is to hire a hole digger in to save back-breaking work, unless any school family can help us out with equipment.)
3) The Year 6/7 garden areas need to be weeded and freshened up so we can get the vegetables growing.

Please spread the word among families as the more helpers we get, the earlier we can finish. All volunteers will need to sign on at the Hall, be given a brief safety talk, and then be allocated to each of the three tasks. Looking forward to a great roll-up.

**TERM BY TERM CALENDAR (UPDATED)**

A new Term by Term calendar was sent home with students yesterday (Monday), it is printed on Pink paper. Please disregard the calendar issued last week (Blue paper) as a number of amendments have been made. Please check with your child regarding the new calendar and if you haven’t received one please collect a copy from the Office.
SCHOOL PHOTOS – FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2013

School photos will be taken on Friday, 22 February 2013. Last week a photo pack from Silver Rose was sent home, one with each student. Please ensure your child brings the order form and money on photo day. Forms and money do NOT need to be sent to the school before photo day. Sibling photos are unable to be taken on the day, however Silver Rose are happy to take family photos at their studio. Please contact them (07) 3262 5788 to arrange a sitting, there is no fee for this.

P&C NEWS

The first P&C meeting for the 2013 school year will be held on Wednesday, 13th February at 6:30pm in the Staff Room located in the Admin Building. We love seeing new faces, so come along and see what is happening at Bray Park State School.

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: 07 3480 7345

DENTAL VAN

The Dental Van is open Monday – Wednesday while it remains here at the school. If students have dental emergencies on Thursdays and Fridays, please contact the Call Centre on 1300 365 997.

SCHOOL BANKING

Our banking day is THURSDAY. Please bring all deposit books to the Office (side window please) in the morning. Information from the Commonwealth Bank went home to students from years Prep to 3 last week. We’ve now received some more envelopes from the bank and these will go home to the older grades this week. Student Dollarmite 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.

MOBILE PHONES UNCLAIMED

There were a number of student mobile phones that were not collected from the office at the end of Term 4. Please come to the office if your child is missing theirs and identify their phone.

SPORTS NEWS

CHEERLEADING - Cheerleaders Wanted.... Do you want to have fun, get fit, build strength & make new friends?? Bring it on... Classes at the Pine Rivers PCYC. From 2 years to adult. No experience necessary - beginners to advanced. For more info call Bek Mob 0404 474 340.
BMX - Pine Rivers BMX Club is having a "Come and Try Day" on 23rd February, 2 sessions 10-12pm or 1-3pm, First 25 riders for each session receive Free 2hrs coaching plus showbag. To book your spot contact Simone 0418 718 322 or secretarypineriversbmx@gmail.com Pine Rivers BMX Club is situated at England Park on Leitchs Rd, Brendale.

YEAR SIX

A reminder please to all parents of Year 6 students. If you are interested in enrolling your child at Bray Park State High School for Year 7 in 2014, please return your Expression of Interest Form to the Office as soon as possible.

Student Leader Induction Ceremony

When: Tuesday 19 February, 2.00pm
Where: School Hall
You are invited to attend our School Leader Induction ceremony next Tuesday afternoon in the Hall. Student Leaders will receive their badges and undertake their pledge to uphold the school rules and represent their school to the best of their ability.

Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realise they were the big things.

~ Robert Brault ~