Principal’s Report

Welcome back to Term 2. I look forward to another productive term and celebrating the achievements of our students here at Bray Park State School.

ANZAC Day March

Last week I sent home a reminder that our school will be joining our neighbouring State Schools in participating in the annual ANZAC Day March. I encourage all students to come along to this ceremomious occasion to pay respect for our fellow countrymen and women who have seen active service in keeping Australia the beautiful country it is today.

Our school Ceremony will be at 9.00am on Wednesday 24 April in the Hall. We are seeking donations of flowers from your garden to help make wreaths for our Ceremony and to then take to the ANZAC Day March on Thursday. All flowers can be taken to Mrs Adams classroom on Wednesday morning.

Interschool Sport

Many students from Years 5 to 7 participated in the first round of Interschool sport last Friday. All returned with big smiles and great stories to tell – tales of good sportsmanship and team spirit, scoring the winning goal and an entire squad winning their first matches. Well done everyone and continue to do Bray Park State School proud!

Winter School Uniform

As the mornings are becoming a little cooler, students will be wanting to wear something warmer to school. Our winter uniform includes plain black track pants and a plain black jacket. Jackets with our school logo are available from the Uniform shop. Please ensure that all clothing items are labelled with your child’s name as children tend to remove garments part way through the day as it warms up and we often have an array of items left out in the playground.

Please note that ‘leggins’ or tights, worn alone, are not acceptable as part of the winter uniform. Tights may be worn under a skirt or skort. I encourage all students to wear plain black shoes to school and in particular, on formal occasions at school, and when leaving the school grounds such as an excursion. Wearing our school uniform with pride fosters a sense of community and belonging.

2014 Prep Enrolments

We are now taking enrolments for Prep 2014. If your child was born 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 they are eligible for Prep in 2014. Please collect an enrolment pack from the Office. A Pre Prep Program will be offered to children in Term 4 who are enrolled to attend Prep at Bray Park State School in 2014.

Have a great week.

Maree Mortlock
PRINCIPAL
SPORTS NEWS
Welcome back everybody I hope you all had a wonderful Easter. Term two is a very busy term for sports at Bray Park. Throughout the term the students will be involved in a number of different competitions. These include:

- Pine Rivers District trials for soccer, touch, tennis, cricket and baseball.
- Pine Rivers District Schools cross country (held on the 10th of May at Pine Rivers Park)
- Our school’s junior and senior athletics carnivals (11th, 12th, 13th of June)
- Weekly inter school sport matches in rugby league, soccer and netball (every Friday this term).

Last week was the first round of fixtures for our school’s inter school sporting terms. The school’s soccer teams had a bye and worked on preparation for this week. Both Netball and Rugby league travelled to Francis road, sporting fields and from the student’s reports they had a great time. Rugby league played vs Strathpine West with the juniors recording a 20-12 win, while the seniors went down in a close one 30-18. Our netball girls played against Kallangur and Holly Sprit, with all four teams recording strong wins. Congratulations all our competing student.

Finally I have some great news regarding the annual cross country fundraising event. All money is now in and by now all the student should have received their prizes. There were some very happy faces when I was handing out prizes (I felt a bit like santa giving out all those presents). Final totals for the money raised are as follows:

- Total prize money earned = $6221.80
- Highest fundraising class goes to 1C = $751
- Highest student Grace Franklin $615

As you can see we have been very lucky and managed to raise a huge amount of money. On behalf of all the staff at Bray Park State School I would like to thank everyone who participated in the fundraiser. Your generosity has been overwhelming and the money we have raised will be used to upgrade and replace equipment throughout the school. Thank you again.

Yours faithfully
Matt Flannery
H.P.E Teacher.

MANAGING ALLERGIES
At Bray Park State School we have a number of children who suffer from Anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis is a severe and sudden allergic reaction. It occurs when a person is exposed to an allergen to which they are sensitive. The most common allergens or trigger substances that may cause anaphylaxis in school-aged children are peanuts, tree nuts, shellfish, eggs, cow’s milk, sesame, soy, insect stings, latex and certain medications.

The symptoms and signs of anaphylaxis, usually but not always, occur within the first 20 minutes after exposure but in some cases can be delayed up to 2 hours or more. Rapid onset and development of potentially life-threatening clinical effects are characteristic markers of anaphylaxis.

Schools have the responsibility to develop strategies to minimise students’ exposure to potential allergens. The Australian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy Inc suggest that - risk minimisation in schools may include asking parents of classmates not to send peanut, shellfish, egg or cow’s milk products if a class member in early primary years has severe allergies. This is due to the higher risk of person to person contact in younger children. This is not always able to be managed in large eating areas.

Children are educated not to share food as it may cause their friend to get sick, to wash their hands (and face when needed) before and after eating, and to wash hands after play activities. Please take the time to discuss with your children the importance of not sharing food and hygiene matters around washing hands regularly.

BOOK/UNIFORM SHOP
Opening hours have changed, please note the new times and days are: WEDNESDAY 2.30pm – 5.30pm, FRIDAY 7.30am –10.30am. If you have any queries please contact Mandy on Ph: 07 3480 7345.

Parent Network Meeting
Monday, 29 April at 2.00pm, Parent Room
See you there.
SCHOOL BANKING
With the public holiday this week, School banking day will be FRIDAY 26/4/13. There are new and exciting prizes available in Term 2 so keep saving those tokens. Also this Term, the CBA has some great competitions. To have a chance to win, just make three or more deposits during Term 2 and you’ll automatically be entered into the competition. 1st prize is a $5000 family holiday.

MUSIC NEWS
Bray Idol Finals - Many thanks go to the students, parents and staff who all contributed time (in some cases many hours of patiently listening to rehearsing students) in order to make Bray Park Idol the success it was. We had a great show for the Finals and the quality of the acts certainly made the Judges job difficult!

1st place was awarded to Melody M who wowed the audience with her beautiful guitar playing and gorgeous vocals.
2nd place was awarded to Cassie M and Aislinn H for their amazing contemporary ballet dance.
3rd place was awarded to Dar Say N for her beautiful a capella song. Well done to everyone who participated.

Instrumental Music - Our beginner brass, woodwind and percussion students have made such great progress on their instruments that Mr Lanham is asking them to join our school band. These children need to be at school bright and early on Thursday mornings for their regular band rehearsal. Please arrive at 7:30 so everyone can get tuned up and ready to play by 7:40. Please contact Mrs Gray if getting your child to school early is not possible, we may be able to organise a carpool with other parents. If you are able to pick up another child and bring them to rehearsal please get in contact with me!

The Junior and Performance Choirs are back in rehearsal mode, Tuesday for Junior Choir and Wednesday for Performance Choir.

Ally Gray
Music Teacher

COMMUNITY NEWS
Girl Guides Lawnton has vacancies in all units from ages of 5 through to 17. So if you would like to hang out with girls of your own age and like adventure, challenging yourself, developing leadership skills, doing arts & craft, enjoying the great outdoors but above all having fun in a safe environment, then Girl Guides is the place for you. Contact Debbie Lawrence 0422 878 073 or debnsteve22@bigpond.com for more details.

Lawnton Scouts Group - If you are between 6 and 26, love to have fun, are adventurous and would like to learn outdoor skills and make new friends then the Lawnton Scout Group would like to help. Our den is local, well equipped for all kinds of adventure and our leaders are fun and enthusiastic. Why not arrange to visit us? Contact Richard, our group leader, on 0409 477 686 or Scouts Australia QLD Branch 3870 7000. You’ll love it and you can even get the whole family involved! For more information go to http://www.scoutsqld.com.au/

PURPLE DAY
A big thank you to Ms Coonan (Prep B) for coordinating Purple Day at the end of Term 1. It was great to have so many students supporting the day. As a school we raised $400.20 on Purple Day and all money has been donated to Epilepsy Queensland.

BOTTLE TOPS NEEDED PLEASE
As part of NAIDOC week later in the year, we are going to be doing a creative artwork using plastic bottle tops. These can be from any size soft drink or water bottles, any colours are fine. We will be collecting throughout Term 2, so if you would like to start collecting at home the bottle tops can be taken to Mrs Milne in the Inclusive Learning Centre (Old Library, B Block).