Dear Parents,

We have reached the mid-point of the term – how quickly this has come about! Thank you for ensuring that your child was ready for last week’s NAPLAN testing program. I am proud of the effort all students put into doing their best. These tests are a point in time measure. Your child’s report card will give you a more rounded view of their progress over Semester 1.

P&C Matters
Last Friday a Special Meeting of the P&C was held to welcome new members and fill vacant Executive Committee positions. The meeting was very successful and we now have a new Executive Committee. Michael Griffiths is now the P&C President. Michael has a daughter in Year 1 and is the Director of a child care centre and a chef. I am sure his leadership of the P&C will see positive advances for our school. Evanthia Smith and Kelly Clayton sit in the positions of Vice President. Both Evanthia and Kelly have children at our school, Kelly operates her own business and Evanthia is a Teacher Aide here at school. Adrienne McTavish has the position of Treasurer. Adrienne has a daughter in Year 1 and has an extensive background in the world of finance. Matthew Best fills the Secretary position on the executive Committee. Matthew has a son in Prep and is a teacher at a local school. The Executive Committee met briefly after the meeting and despite the current financial circumstances of the P&C, the Committee is positive about moving the P&C forward with the support of the school, families and wider community.

Fancy Dress Dance
The first fund raising venture for the P&C will be a Fancy Dress Dance to be held on Thursday 20 June. Put this date aside in your diary to support the P&C. We will have a raffle running in the weeks prior to the dance, to be drawn on the night of the dance. A café will operate during the dance for parents to have an opportunity to socialise and form networks.

Prep to Year 3 dance will run 5.30pm to 6.30pm and the Year 4 to 7 dance will be from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. The sausage sizzle will commence at 5.00pm. Drinks and chips will also be available. There will also be the flashy, glowy things that children like to purchase at a dance.

Come along and be part of growing our community spirit! I look forward to seeing lots of our families enjoying the dance.
Advance Notices
With the changes to our upper school, now having many Year 6 students as well as our Year 7s moving to the high school at the end of the year, we have adjusted the schedule of the last two weeks of the school year. Note these dates in your diary:

Best of the Best Assembly, which includes the announcement of 2014 Student Leaders, will be held on Wednesday, 4 December 2013.
Student Leader Handover Dinner will be on Thursday, 5 December 2013.
Carols by Glow Stick will be held on Monday, 9 December 2013.
Farewell to Primary School ceremony, dinner and dance will commence at 5.00pm on Wednesday, 11 December 2013.
Year 6/7 Break-up Day at the Lawnton Pool is Thursday, 12 December.

Chappy Week
It is Chappy Week this week in support of School Chaplaincy. Chappy Kirsty does a wonderful job around our school supporting students in so many ways. The fund raising activities of this week help to keep Chappy Kirsty at our school. Students have taken home raffle tickets for the meat, seafood, fruit and cupcake trays. Please remember to return raffle tickets by 28 May ready for the draw on Assembly. On Thursday 23 May (this Thursday) there is a Free Dress Day with a gold coin donation. All proceeds are going to chaplaincy funds. Chappy Pancakes will be on Friday morning.

Uniform Reminders
Our winter uniform is a plain black jacket or the school jacket with the gold stripe along the sleeve. Plain black track pants may be worn. Coloured sweat shirts, hoodies, leg-ins, jeans and tights (on their own) are not suitable as part of the school uniform. Tights can be worn under the school skirt/ skort. Please encourage students to wear their school uniform each day.

Have a great week.
Maree Mortlock
Principal

STUDENT ABSENCES
Parents and Carers are requested to phone the Student Absence Line on 07 3480 7633, to advise the Office if your child is going to be away from school. Messages can be left on this service at any time, 24hrs. Please note, Office staff will contact parents when a student has had three or more consecutive unexplained absences, so that is where we have not received a phone call explaining the reason for the student’s absence. Thank you for your cooperation.

CHAPPY’S CHAT
This week, schools across the state are celebrating Chappy Week. At our school we are celebrating by having a Colouring in Competition for Prep - Yr 4 (winners from each year level will be announced on assembly) and a Staff vs. Students Touch Football Match for Yrs 5 - 7 (which will take place Wednesday at first break).

We are doing some fundraising over the week through our Reef and Beef Raffle and tickets are due back at school this Friday. We are also having Chappy Pancakes before school this Friday - $2 for 2 pancakes, syrup and a popper.

Students are able to wear free dress on Thursday this week, for a gold coin donation. Please remember our school rules for free dress – no singlets, no short shorts, no thongs, and closed in shoes for safety please.

Thanks so much for your support!
Chappy :)

TUCKSHOP
Please remember, the Tuckshop opening times are currently to Monday / Wednesday / Friday for 1st break only.
BOOK/UNIFORM SHOP
Opening hours changed recently. Please note the new days and times are: WEDNESDAY 2.30pm – 5.30pm, FRIDAY 7.30am – 10.30am. If you have any queries please contact Mandy on Ph: 07 3480 7345.

MUSIC NEWS
Thank you to everyone who has braved the cool mornings to get their musician to rehearsal on time. It is very much appreciated! I am still looking for parents who can spare a couple of hours in the coming weeks to outfit our string, band and performance choir in their music uniforms. Don't be shy, the job is quite straightforward. I teach Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the best time to come and see me is before school. Drop in if you would like some more information.

Many Thanks
Ally Gray, Music Teacher

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN
Thank you to everyone who has brought in their Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers so far, our box in the office is filling fast! Keep collecting, the promotion runs until Sunday, 9 June 2013. Stickers that are brought to the office don’t need to be put onto a sticker sheet, just pop the loose stickers into the box. Thank you for your support!

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, water or milk 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).

FATHER’S DAY STALL
The Father’s Day Stall will be going ahead this year and we are in great need of donations. If you can supply any of the following items listed here it would be greatly appreciated – coffee mugs, ply wood, old cd’s, scrapbooking paper, rope, fishing items (hooks, lures, line, sinkers etc). Please drop all items into the Office. Thank you, Raeliee 😊

PINE RIVERS NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE
The Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Centre is hosting some upcoming courses - “Understanding Children’s Behaviour” on Wednesday 5 June, and “Families in Transition” 1 August - 19 September. Both courses will be located at Undurba State School Community Hall, Ogg Road, Murrumba Downs. For more information and to book your place please contact the Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Centre on 07 3205 2955 or email to anitap@prnc.org.au Some flyers with further information have also been placed in the school noticeboards (near Tuckshop, Bookshop and SEP - J Block).

COMMUNITY NEWS
Tae Kwon Do classes held at Bray Park State School on Thursday’s from 4.40pm – 5.30pm. All ages are welcome. Please phone Daisy or Damian on 07 3886 0967 or 0438 860 967. Sign up for two months and receive a free uniform. All classes are supervised by an instructor with a Blue Card.

Is your child eligible for Prep in 2014?
Children born July 1 2008 to June 30 2009 are eligible to attend Prep in 2014.
Contact the Office on 07 3480 7333 for an enrolment pack.
The Pre Prep program commences in Term 4 for children enrolled for Prep at Bray Park State School in 2014.
Enrol early to secure a position.