FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The P&C meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the Staffroom at 6.00pm

Volume 12 Principal’s Report

**30 July 2013**

**Award for Bray Park State School** - Many thanks to Mrs Averil Milne who put together a winning submission to the *2013 Dare to Lead Excellence in Leadership in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Awards* around the work our school is doing with Indigenous Education. Selected from a field of school applicants from across all states and territories, award recipients met the criteria to a high degree by demonstrating strategic approaches, data improvement and genuine community engagement, amongst many other positive attributes.

Bray Park State School was one of only three schools who were awarded a **High Achievement Award**, bringing with it a $5000 prize. Congratulations to everyone who is contributing to this program. There will be a formal presentation at the School Assembly on 27 August. This is something we should feel proud of and celebrate our accomplishments.

Visit the *Dare to Lead* web site to read the article about the wonderful things happening here at Bray Park for our Indigenous students.

**Facilities Update** - At the end of last term, a drainage consultant’s report was completed outlining the work required to eliminate the ongoing problems experienced each time we have heavy rain. Over the holidays much of the underground drainage work was completed – you will notice new drains in the areas which suffered the greatest in storms. Currently work is being undertaken to remove the cause of the drainage issues, this being the large trees that cover the roof line of many of our buildings. Years of leaf litter build-up has led to the deterioration of roofs, guttering and down pipes. Once the trees have been removed, the guttering and down pipes on buildings and walkways will be replaced. This should see our classrooms remain dry in periods of heavy rain and our walkways free from pooling water.

**Junior Sports Day** - A new date has been set for the Junior Sports Day – **Friday 16 August**. Put this date in your diary and come along to support your child as he or she competes in a variety of activities. The P&C will run a sausage sizzle and organise the ice cream van as we had planned last term.

**NED Show** - Thank you to all parents who supported the motivational presentation by Doreen from the NED Team. The purchase of the NED products helps fund the free presentations from school to school. All merchandise has now been returned to the NED team. Yo-yos must now be kept at home as the 5 day “safe NED area” has finished.

**EKKA Show Holiday** - A reminder to parents that schools in the Pine Rivers area have the EKKA show holiday on Monday 12 August. **Wednesday 14 August is a normal school day.**
2014 Prep Enrolment - Children born July 1 2008 to 30 June 2009 are eligible to enrol for Prep in 2014. I will be conducting Prep interviews in the later part of this term and into fourth term. The Pre-Prep program will commence in Week 1 of Term 4. Children must be enrolled in Prep (2014) at Bray Park State School to be eligible to attend the Pre-Prep program in Term 4. Children will be allocated a Pre-Prep group and letters sent home in Week 8. We look forward to working with you and your child throughout term 4.

Have a great week and enjoy the upcoming long weekend.

Maree Mortlock
Principal

PETITION FOR FLASHING SCHOOL ZONE SIGN

Seath Holswich, our local State Government member, is putting together a petition to have the school zone sign on Sparkes Road changed to a larger sign with flashing lights. If you would like to put your name on this petition, please see Kylie in the Office.

P&C NEWS

Fundraising - Last week the Cookie Dough Fundraising forms were sent home with the youngest from each family. Orders with payment can be left in the P&C box up at the Admin Office and are due back with payment no later than Wednesday 14th August. As you will see there are some yummy flavours and at $16 per 1.3kg tub works out to be very economical at either 31c or 16c per cookie, depending on the size you bake. The dough doesn’t need to be used all at once and can either be kept in the fridge for up to 4 weeks or re-frozen in smaller batches to be used at a later date. If you didn’t receive your order form there are spares available at the office.

Junior Sports Day - Subject to sunny weather conditions, the Junior Sports Carnival is scheduled for Friday 16 August. A sausage sizzle will be available on the day for Preps to Year 3’s only. The tuckshop will be open for first break only for the Year 4-7’s and those not wishing to participate in the sausage sizzle. The P&C will also be selling raffle tickets on the day for a fruit tray. We will be looking for helpers to assist so if you are available to help in any way please leave your details with either Kylie or Jane in the office. Any help great or small is appreciated.

Tuckshop – Just a reminder that the tuckshop operates at first break only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. New on the menu this term are Tacos and Burritos. These will be $4 each and contain mince, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, cheese, sour cream and salsa, YUM!!!

Father’s Day – A Father’s Day stall is planned for late August and our craft group would really appreciate any donations of coffee mugs, ply wood, old cd’s, scrapbooking paper, rope, fishing items (hooks, lures, line, sinkers etc), or extra help you can offer to get items completed in time to be sold at the stall. Unfortunately, if there are not enough items completed, limits will need to be applied on what students can purchase. The craft group meets on Tuesdays from 9am in the Parent Network Room, SI Block (near the Sparks Road staff carpark). There are a lot of talented people amongst our school community so please come along and share your ideas or just spend what time you can to help us reach our gifts target for the Father’s Day stall.

P&C General Meeting – The August P&C meeting will be held in the staffroom on Wednesday, 14 August at the new time of 6pm. Please come along and support the work of the P&C.

STUDENTS REQUIRING MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

From time to time, students require medication to be administered during school hours. The Department of Education and Training has a strict requirement for all medication, brought to school, to be accompanied by a signed “Request to Administer Medication at School” form. This form MUST be signed by a Parent/Carer and the student’s doctor to enable the medication to be administered at school. Staff cannot administer medication to your child without this form. This is a safety measure to protect students and ensure that the correct medication is administered. A "Request to Administer Medication at School" form can be collected from the school office or downloaded from the school website (www.brayparkss.eq.edu.au). To find the form on our website, go to Our School/Rules and Policies/Request to Administer Medication.pdf Please don’t hesitate to contact the office if you have queries regarding this procedure.
STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following students on being chosen as ‘Student of the Month’. You are a great example to the other students at this school and should be very proud of your achievements. Afternoon tea will be held for these students this week on Wednesday, 31/07/13 at 2.30pm.

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**Parents are reminded that afternoon tea for the ‘Student of the Month’ is now being held in the assembly hall**

MUSIC NEWS

This Friday the Advanced Ukulele Group, String Ensemble, Junior and Senior Choirs and Concert Band will be competing at the Ellaways School Music Competition at the Pine Rivers’ Show. Whilst there, the children will have the opportunity to have a look around at the school displays and other exhibits on offer. The children have all worked hard during rehearsals and should be proud of their efforts. I am looking forward to hearing them on Friday.

A little later on in the term the school choirs will be performing at the Moreton Bay Regional Council Teddy Bear’s Picnic - we are looking forward to entertaining the crowds with our teddy bears and of course our beautiful singing!

Towards the end of term both choirs will again be competing, this time in Choralfest - an Education Queensland schools choir competition. Plans are also afoot to have a ‘Meet the Instrument Concert’ at school. This concert is aimed at our junior school and is part of the classroom music program. Our Concert Band and String Ensemble will perform.

The pinnacle music event for our school community will be our annual music showcase evening held at the end of term 3! There has been a new date set for our Music night. Put Tuesday 10 September in your diaries now as an evening not to be missed. Last year our Beginner Strings stole the show with their performance - be prepared to join in with some singing as the school choirs have something special planned for us all.