Dear Parents,

Pine Rivers Show - Our school display at the show won Third Place. Congratulations to all of the students and teachers who submitted work for the show! Our Ukulele group, String Ensemble, Concert Band and Junior and Senior choirs all performed at the show last Friday. They all looked and sounded wonderful. The Ukulele group and the Strings Ensemble both won Encouragement Awards.

Support our P&C - The next P&C meeting is on Wednesday 14 August at 6.00pm in the staffroom. Come along and share ideas for enhancing our school community. The P&C is involved in a number of activities that you can support – Junior Sports Day sausage sizzle and raffle, cookie dough fund raiser and the Fathers’ Day stall. Your help with these activities will help to build a stronger P&C to support our school.

Parent Network Meeting- If you are unable to attend the P&C meeting, the Parent Network group meets on the last Monday of every month at 2.00pm in the Parent Room (classroom closest to the Sparkes Road car park). This forum provides parents with an opportunity to share ideas, voice any concerns and raise issues for the P&C to take up. The next meeting is Monday 26 August. I look forward to seeing you there.

Junior Sports Day - The weather has been beautiful and I hope it continues through to Friday. Children will assemble on the oval at 9.00am for the commencement of the morning’s activities. Preps and Year 1s will have their races in the first session followed by activity rotations. After first break, the Year 2s and Year 3s will have their races. All activities will be finalised by second break at 1.15pm.

Book Week Assembly
On Tuesday 20 August we will combine our Student of the Month Assembly with the Book Week Parade. The assembly will commence at 1.45pm. Come along and join in all of the fun!

Prep Enrolments
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. Children will be allocated a Pre-Prep group and letters will be sent home in Week 8.

We look forward to working with you and your child throughout Term 4.

Have a wonderful week.
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**

Cookie Dough order forms are due back with payment **no later** than tomorrow Wednesday 14th August. Orders with payment can be left in the P&C box up at the Admin Office. At $16 per 1.3kg tub it works out to be a very economical treat for the kids, or yourself. Depending on the suggested size cookie you bake it equates to either 31c or 16c per cookie. 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** - The Junior Sports Carnival is scheduled for this Friday 16th of August. A sausage sizzle will be available on the day for Preps to Year 3’s only. Unfortunately the Dippin’ Dots won’t be attending due to a family situation for the coordinator. 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 are in need of helpers on the day to assist with the BBQ and sales so if you are available to help in any way please leave your details with either Kylie or Jane in the office, or see us on the day. Any help great or small is greatly appreciated.

**Tuckshop** – Just a reminder that the tuckshop operates at first break only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

**Father’s Day** – There is a Father’s Day stall planned for later in the month and our craft group would really appreciate any extra help you can give in helping 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 situated in SI block (near the Sparkes Rd staff car park). 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 the 14th of August at the new time of 6pm. Please come along and support the work of the P&C. The minutes from the July meeting and this month’s agenda were emailed out last week to all current P&C members that provided their email address.

**GRADUATES OF BRAY PARK STATE SCHOOL ACHIEVING TOP ACADEMIC RESULTS**

Congratulations to the following graduates of Bray Park State School who achieved top academic results for Semester 1 this year:–  
- Year 11 – Jaymaya Hollywood
- Year 10 – Matthew Avery, Sam Watson

These students were recently presented at the Academic Presentation Assembly with the Certificate of Achievement. This is awarded to students who achieve at least 4 out of 6 VHA or A levels on a 5 point scale.

**CHAPPLAINCY TRIVIA NIGHT**

On Saturday 31st August at 7pm we will be having a TV and Movie themed trivia night here at school to raise vital funds for our chaplaincy program. It will be hosted by the local trivia king - Councillor Mick Gillam and will cost $10 per person to enter. There will be lots of raffles and prizes on the night (including a prize for best dressed for those who wish to dress to the theme). If you would like to register a team (of up to eight people) please contact Chappy Kirsty through the school office or by email: kirstyr@chappy.org.au

**BOOK WEEK INFORMATION**

- **Book Fair** will be at our library from Monday 19th August through to Wednesday 28th August. This fair has many wonderful books at greatly reduced prices. We’ll be open each day so come on down for some great book bargains!
- **Dress Up Day** will be held on Tuesday 20th August. Come to school dressed at your favourite book character or in the theme of Book Week “Read Across the Universe”. There is no cost involved, just a fun dress up day. I am coming as the main character from “The Pros and Cons of Being a Frog”. Be creative! Have fun!
- **Colouring Competition**. Your class teachers have the entry forms for this competition. Prizes of vouchers to spend at book fair will be given to the entries judged the best in each age grouping – Prep/1; 2/3; 4/5; and 6/7. All entries to be at the library by Wednesday 14th August. See your teacher for an entry form.
- **Poetry Competition**. Your class teachers have information about this competition. Your entry must be an Acrostic Poem on the theme of “Reading Across the Universe”. Entries are open to all year levels. Prizes will be awarded in the same age groupings as the colouring competition. All entries to be at the library by Wednesday 14th August. See your teacher or the library staff for more information.
PINE RIVERS SHOW SUCCESS!

Bray Park State School is very proud to announce impressive results in the recent Pine Rivers Show. Our school display came 3rd with a score of 48/50. A great achievement in an extremely tight field. Staff and students were very proud to see the yellow ribbon for their work. Many thanks must go to Harcourts Noterom at Burpengary for their donation of the boards on which the display was mounted.

We are extremely proud of how our school music ensembles performed as well. The Ukuleles impressed the whole crowd and got everyone singing - the judges were obviously impressed and we were given an Encouragement Award. Our String Ensemble also received an Encouragement Award for their efforts. Our Choirs and Band performed at a very high level as well, but did not pick up an award this year. Thanks go out to all our fantastic parents who helped supervise children throughout the day.

Our lower school students have again shone in the Handwriting and Colouring competitions. 2A scooped the pool in the Handwriting section - 1st Holly, 2nd Lexie, 3rd Tavana. In the colouring competition, the following students were awarded places:

- PREP - 1st Phillip (Prep C), 2nd Latisha (Prep C), 3rd Eden (Prep C), Highly Commended Cadence (Prep A)
- YEAR 1 - 1st Mya (1/2E), 2nd Cherami Mya (1/2E), 3rd Michael (1/2E), Highly Commended Emily (1/2E)
- YEAR 2 - 1st Holly (2A), 2nd Tavana (2A), 3rd Zoe (2A), Highly Commended Brandon (2A)
- YEAR 3 - 1st Taneisha (3B), 2nd Janaya (3B), 3rd Lauren (3B), Highly Commended Lauren (3A)

MUSIC NEWS

Thank you to all the parents and staff who helped out at the Pine Rivers Show on August 2. The children all had a fantastic time. Well done to all of our ensembles who represented our school beautifully.

This week Ms Cahill will be on tour with Pine Rivers SHS so there will be no strings lessons on Friday 16 August.

Below is a list of upcoming performances for both our choirs:

- Tuesday, 27 August - perform on assembly - wear music uniforms
- Monday, 2 September - perform at Choral Fest - wear music uniforms
- Wednesday, 4 September - perform at Moreton Regional Council Teddy Bears’ Picnic - wear music uniform.

More information about the performances in September will come home soon.

Bray Park School Cleaner almost calls it a day………..

Most of you would not see or hear her walking quietly around the school diligently carrying out her cleaning duties. She would rise around 4.00 am and enjoy a cuppa before going to work at 6.00 am. In the cold of a winter’s morning or at sunrise on a summer morning, she would be here. While most of you were sleeping Maria would be working around the school buildings, cleaning classrooms with her colleagues, preparing the rooms for another busy school day.

Maria has almost ‘called it a day’ and will take leave that will take her through to early 2014 and then retirement. A farewell breakfast was held in recognition of her dedication and commitment to this school for the past 32 years and a tear or two was shed by all. Maria will not be able to enjoy any form of relaxation during her leave and eventual retirement as we have been informed she will have a busy schedule looking after her husband and grandchildren. Maria, we wish you all the best for the future. You will be sorely missed.

MEET BINDI IRWIN ON SUNDAY AT STRATHPINE

Lawnton Scouts Fundraising event at the Coffee Club Strathpine. Date: Sunday 18 August, Time: 2pm – 4.30pm, Cost: $20 per head, Guest Speaker: Bindi Irwin. Lots of raffles and prizes. Bookings are essential as there are limited seats available. To book contact Kerry 0421 476 611 or Jeanette 0410 504 434.

Playing Your Part In Building Resilient Children Workshop

- Date: Tuesday 3rd September 2013
- Time: Workshop registration and information stalls from 9am
- Workshop from 9:30am – 2:30pm
- Venue: North Pine Baptist Church, Ogg Rd, Murarumba Downs (opposite Undurba State School)
- Cost: $5 payable on the day to go towards the cost of the workshop plus $7 for light lunch
- RSVP: Monday 26th August for catering purposes