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Principal’s Report

Dear Parents,

It is at this time of the term teachers are gathering assessment data to complete end of year report cards. Please ensure students arrive at school for the commencement of each day prior to 9.00am. Our “get ready” bell goes at 8.45am which enables students to organise themselves to be ready for learning at 9.00am.

Swimming - Over the next two weeks, students in Prep to Year 3 will be undertaking swimming lessons at Lawnton Pool. Students need to wear their school uniform to school and bring their swimmers, towel, thongs, cap and goggles to school in a separate bag. **All items should be clearly named**. Students will get changed at school prior to leaving for the pool. All non-swimmers will remain at school.

2014 Classes - Later this term, we will be looking at classes for 2014. If your family is not returning to Bray Park State School in 2014, please complete the tear off slip at the end of the newsletter and return to the Office as soon as possible. This will enable us to make more accurate predictions on the number of classes and class sizes for next year.

Prep enrolments continue to increase, which is great for growing our school numbers. Once again, if you know of families with children of Prep age – born 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, please encourage them to enrol now so that children can attend the Pre Prep program and we have a better idea of Prep classes for next year.

P&C Meeting- Our next P&C meeting is next Wednesday 13 November at 6.00pm in the staffroom. It is our final meeting of the year and it would be great to have parents sharing ideas for 2014 and beyond. We are currently putting together a parent skills register. This register gives the school an idea of the variety of skills that are shared among our parent body, which is extremely useful when you are seeking advice in a particular area. Please return your form as soon as possible.

One of the possible activities mooted for next year, or the following, is a fete or spring fair. This is a huge undertaking and requires a cast of many to be successful. You don’t require any particular skills to join the fete committee – just enthusiasm! So come along and join up and see what an extraordinary event Bray Park State School can put together.

Have a great week!
Maree Mortlock
Principal
IMPORTANT CHANGES TO DATE CLAIMER

- Carols by Glowstick will now be on Monday, 9 December, commencing at 5.30pm.
- Years 3 – 7 Swimming Carnival has been rescheduled to Tuesday, 10 December due to pool bookings.

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ST NICHOLAS CEVA SCHOOL IN ENGLAND LINKS WITH BRAY PARK

Parents and students are advised that through the efforts of the Councillor Mick Gillam and Mr Len Matthews from the Pine Rivers National Serviceman Association, Bray Park State School will establish a sister-school relationship with the St Nicholas Primary School in Cottesmore, Oakham, England. The graves of twenty Royal Australian Air Force men (19 Australians and one New Zealander) have been located on this school site.

Each year, the Bray Park school community will make wreaths at our Anzac Day ceremony at the Bray Park School, with some of these wreaths flown to England and laid by the students of St Nicholas School on the Australian graves on Remembrance Day, 11th November.

It is anticipated that this year, or early next year, a large stone and commemoration plaque bearing the names of the fallen RAAF servicemen will be positioned on the Bray Park school grounds. Our Bray Park State School community is honoured that we are able to assist the National Servicemen Association in ensuring that the fallen are never forgotten. It is especially meaningful, given that one of the founding initiators of this concept, was Mr Dave Hopkins, whose children were taught by Councillor Mick Gillam when he was teaching at Bray Park School.

REMEMBRANCE DAY – Student Leader Involvement

Bray Park Student leaders have been invited to participate in the 98th Pine Rivers Sub-Branch Remembrance day Service to be conducted in the Memorial Gardens at the Kallangur RSL on Remembrance Day. This is a first for Bray Park and we are proud to be involved. Our student leaders will lay two wreaths on behalf of the Bray Park School Community.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SERVICEMENT AND WOMEN – Remembrance Day

Professor Dale Kerwin from Griffith University has written to several communities to gain support for the establishment of a Dedicated Memorial in Brisbane, honouring the contribution and deeds of Aboriginal servicemen and women during all military campaigns. The Indigenous Advisory Committee of our school community has, through Bunyabilla Inc, supported the efforts of Professor Kerwin and his team.

Professor Kerwin has indicated that he may be available to talk to students and families about ‘Black Diggers’ and the role they played in all Australian military campaigns. Of particular significance is the social inequity experienced by ‘black diggers’ as they returned to civilian life, following the conclusion of military campaigns. Professor Kerwin has yet to confirm his visit, but we anticipate that he will attend our school assembly on Tuesday afternoon 12 November at the Bray Park State School Assembly Hall commencing at 2.00 p.m. All parents are welcome to attend.

Peter Orphanides (Deputy Principal)
5th November 2013

CHAPPY’S CHAT

Good news – Chappy Pancakes are coming up! Our final Chappy Pancakes for 2013 will be on Friday, 22nd November from 8am onwards outside the tuckshop area. It will cost $2 for two pancakes, syrup and a popper.

I’d also like to make mention of the fantastic support the chaplaincy program has received from the community this year – our committee is overwhelmed by the generosity of individuals and businesses in our local community. One of the businesses that I’d like to make mention of is Simplicity Funerals at Strathpine, who are kindly donating two Simplicity Funerals Citizenship Awards at our Best of the Best Assembly in December. This is an award which will be awarded to two students to promote and reward actions and attitudes which are consistent with good citizenship (such as, kindness, perseverance, integrity, reliability, honesty, self-discipline and compassion). Each award also comes with a $100 cash prize – so thank you Simplicity Funerals!

Lastly I’d like to thank all of the families who have taken time to fill out a statement of support for continued federal funding of school chaplains. We appreciate your support!

Have a great week,

Chappy 😊

STUDENT OF THE MONTH – OCTOBER

Congratulations to the following students on being chosen as ‘Student of the Month’ for October. You are a great example to the other students at this school and should be very proud of your achievements.

Parents, afternoon tea will be in the hall on Wednesday, 6 November, 2.30pm.

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**WORLD CHAMPION DISC GOLFERS COMING TO BRAY PARK – TUESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2013**

As Bray Park is one of 4 schools that will be involved in the Interschool disc golf challenge on Wednesday the 13th of November. World champions Jay and Des Reading will visit us on 12th November with the amazing EDGE program.

Jay is a 4 times World Putting and world doubles Champion, Des is a 4 times World and US world champion. This is a one-off opportunity for children in Years 4-7 to meet in the Assembly Hall first, and then progress to the main oval. Councillor Mick Gillam from the Moreton Council has been instrumental in getting Disc Golf happening in our area. It is our intention, that over the next few years, we may be able to have more disc gold stands in our grounds.

Families are able to get an understanding of Disc Golf and view Des and Jay Reading in action at the following links.
- [http://www.edgediscgolf.org/introduction.htm](http://www.edgediscgolf.org/introduction.htm) Jay and Des
- [http://vimeo.com/13778397](http://vimeo.com/13778397) Jay and Des in Tasmania 2 years ago
- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0yJnRuavowc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0yJnRuavowc)

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**Questioning**

Good readers ask questions before, during and after they have read a text.

Sometimes the question is answered in the text.

Sometimes you have to use your own prior knowledge and what’s in the text to help you come up with the answer.

Sometimes the question may not be answered by the text at all and you will have to find another source of information to help you.

Asking and answering questions helps you look for information, which builds understanding.

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