Principal's Report

Dear Parents

2014 School Leaders

Congratulations to our 2014 School Leaders. It was with great pride I watched the students accept their leadership badges and undertake their “School Leadership Pledge” for 2014.

School Captains: Oriana Murray, Aislin Hicks
Vice Captains: Alkyra Roginson, Braydan Sharp
House Captains:
  Armstrong – Phoebe Collier, Vaishnavi Dalvi
  Barnard – Aislinn Hicks, Tamika Jenkin
  Fraser – Mia Maibach, Oriana Murray
  Sutherland – Alkyra Roginson, Daniel Smith

Performing Arts Captains: Charlotte Morrissey-Tearle, Jade Milburn
Student Council: Phoebe Collier, Vaishnavi Dalvi, Aislinn Hicks, Mettie Iolamo, Tamika Jenkin, Mia Maibach, Jade Milburn, Charlotte Morrissey-Tearle, Oriana Murray, Alkyra Roginson, Braydan Sharp, Daniel Smith, Tahlia Stringer.

I look forward to working with all of our leaders across the year as we promote Bray Park State School across our school community.

I would also like to congratulate former Bray Park State School students, now leaders at Bray Park State High School:
Year 7 Captain: Kiara Ford
School Captain: Kateena Poppi-Kyle
Student Council President: Krystal Bredhauer

Parent and Community Engagement

Did you know that positive parent participation in your child’s school not only shows that you value learning but can also improve student outcomes? If you want the best outcomes for your child then it is important that you become involved in as many aspects of your child’s education as practical.

The involvement of parents/caregivers helps break down the uncertainty about school that can exist for some children. Their chances of success are better when they see school and home working together for improved learning outcomes.

Positive parent/caregiver participation demonstrates to children that you value learning as well as their school. Children, as we know, copy many of their parents’ views so your positive attitude to school and learning is catching!
As a school, we are looking at the most effective ways to boost our parent and community involvement. To enable us to capture the views of all parents, I would greatly appreciate you taking a few moments to complete the quick survey in this week’s newsletter. If you have any additional comments, please feel free to complete the bottom section of the survey.

Have a great week.
Maree Mortlock
Principal

STUDENT OF THE MONTH - FEBRUARY

Congratulations to the following students on being chosen as ‘Student of the Month’ for February. 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 on Wednesday, 5/3/14 at 2.00pm in the Assembly Hall.

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MUSIC NEWS

Thank you for supporting our choir students by getting them to school on time – I am very impressed with how great our choirs sound after only two rehearsals!

Students in year 3, 4 and 5 will need their recorders for classroom music this semester. A number of recorders went home last year and have not made it back to school yet! Please have a look around home for them and send them in!

Keep encouraging your child to do regular practice on their instruments – regular practice early on sets your child up for success on their instrument!

Many thanks.
Ally Gray,
Music Teacher

A WORD FROM SARARA

A little note from Sarara,
Sending a message to you,
The rule for the weeks ahead,
Is only one (not two).

Next week we’ll take the time,
To think back with what we know,
A little chance to reflect,
To see if our rules are on show.

Are we following ‘class rules’
In a responsible way?
These make our classrooms happy and safe,
Where we can learn each day.

Are we using the toilets
In a responsible way?
Just doing what we need to do,
(Without the fun and play!)

Are we using bubblers,
For just a cool drink,
Not squirting or wasting water,
Down the metal sink.

The next rule we need to know,
Is one I think is cool,
We wear our whole uniform,
When we come to school.

Check you have your shorts,
Leave your ‘boardies’ at home,
Check your socks are matching,
Because sometimes they like to roam!

We also try our best,
And show pride in what we do,
We are proud kids at Bray Park,
And I love being here with you!

So… it’s toodle-loo
From me to you.

Sarara

SPORTING NEWS

With four weeks of the first term of already gone, things are really starting the get moving when it comes to sports at our school.

Firstly I would like to congratulate Mitchel Clay on his selection in the Pine Rivers District U12 cricket team. Mitchell travelled to Everton Park on Thursday and played a full day of cricket in very trying conditions. Mitchell was one of 70+ boys trailing for a spot in the Metropolitan North Regional cricket team. Although not selected Mitchell said
he had a great time and will defiantly try out again next year.

In addition to this Bray Park had four wonderful students (Zoe Rae, Daniel Smith, Dallas Irons, Jackson Drain) represent our school at the Pine Rivers District swimming carnival held last Wednesday. All four students swam great races and represented our school with pride. Overall winners of the carnival were Genesis Christian Collage.

This afternoon (Tuesday) five Bray Park boys (Jerara Pritchard, Kane Sands, Dylan Sands, Cody Harris and Brock Osboldstone) will all be trailing to make the Pine Rivers District AFL team. We wish all these boys good luck.

Later this week the school will be holding u11 and u12 netball and rugby league trials during lunch. We hope to select 6 girls and 6 boys to nominate for the upcoming district trials for these sports. Pine Rivers District netball and rugby league trials will be held on Wednesday the 12th of March.

In other sports news, this week we have had a visit from Ben Stockdale from Queensland Cricket. Ben and his assistants were here to promote cricket and play a number of t20 blast games during P.E lessons.

Moving on, last week students in years 5-7 were invited to participate in the upcoming Deadly sports gala day. This event will be held on Wednesday the 19th of March at the Zillmere PCYC. The Deadly Sports Program promotes play, sport, recreation and the importance of living a healthy and active lifestyle. All students in years 5-7 have been invited to participate. Students are reminded the cost of this event is $9, with money and permission forms due back no later than this Friday (28th February).

Finally, later this week students will receive the letter and sponsorship form for the annual Bray Park Cross Country. The Cross Country will be held on Thursday the 20th of March. The Cross Country is a great way for the students to exercise, have fun earn prizes and raise money for our school.

Matt Flannery
H.P.E Teacher.

COMMUNITY NEWS

NRG 4 Kidz - Fitness & Fun
Age: 7-13yrs
Time: Tues & Thur 3.45 - 4.30pm
Cost: $6 per session
Where: Pine Rivers PCYC, Baker St Bray Park
Contact: Naomi Crew

Pine Rivers High Community Education Classes
Term One classes commence from Tuesday 4 February.
Update your skills, learn new ones or get fit! Small classes, great tutors. See www.pineriverscomed.com.au or phone Jenny Woolsey on 0432 116 973 for more details.

Remember when you believed in anything and everything? Researchers from the University of Western Australia are investigating children’s ability to detect and avoid potentially harmful social interactions, such as being easily fooled or tricked into doing something. We are looking to see how this develops in children, and when children outgrow this vulnerability.

We are looking for parents of Kindergarten – Year 6 children across Australia to complete an online survey (15 – 20 minutes). Participants will go into a draw to win one of 10 $50 gift certificates to Coles/Myers. To participate go to: http://tinyurl.com/childsvq Or for more information please contact Rebecca Seward at (08) 6488 4652

STUDENT ABSENCES REGISTERED ONLINE
Thank you all parents who have utilised the website to advise of student absences. This seems to be working well! If you have any difficulties using this facility on the website please let us know. Parents and carers can also call the 24hr message service, 07 3480 7366. Thank you.

UPDATE CONTACT DETAILS
Thank you to all parents who have updated their details recently. It is a MUST that we have current phone contacts for every student at the school. Please call or visit the Office to advise of any change of details as soon as they occur.
P&C News

**Tuckshop** - A reminder that the tuckshop is open at first break only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. **Please note that from Wednesday 5th of March the days will change to Wednesday, Thursday and Friday – first break only.** Donations of the following would be greatly appreciated – ritz biscuits, tinned pineapple pieces, tuna, jelly crystals, dishwashing liquid, brown paper lunch bags and paper kitchen towel.

**Easter Raffle** As in previous years the P&C will be running its annual Easter raffle. A book of 10 tickets will be sent home with the youngest in the family within the next couple of weeks. Just a reminder that if you do not wish for your child to receive any raffle tickets please sign and return the permission slip attached before Thursday 26th of February so final allocation of tickets can be completed. We are also seeking donations of items to be used for prizes in the Easter raffle. It would be greatly appreciated if each family is able to assist in some small way with the donation of Easter eggs, soft toys, books or something else that can be used as a prize. All donations can be left in the Admin office. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Friday 4th of April.

**Fundraising** At the last P&C meeting we discussed fundraising events for the coming year. Dates are yet to be decided on some of these but it will give you an idea on what will be happening this year in terms of fundraising. With enough parent support we are hoping to have three school dances this year with the first one being held at the end of Term 1.

We are participating in a promotion to sell the Brisbane Entertainment Book whereby the P&C will receive 20% of the cost from each book sold. The company is currently in the process of finalising everything at their end and more information will be sent home with students as soon as we receive it.

In Term 2 we would like to organise a family portrait day. This would be held on either a Saturday or Sunday and open to all in our community, so get the word out and let your friends and family know. For Mother’s Day it was suggested that we have a ‘Flower Day’ where students can pay for and pre-order a flower for their Mum, Nan, Grandma, Carer, or other loved one for Mother’s Day. Delivery would be on Fri 9th May. We are still looking for ideas for something similar that could be organised for Father’s Day so please let us know if you think of anything.

With the sports days, (and school dances), comes the sausage sizzles. Tentative date for the Yrs 3-7 sports day is Tuesday, 17th of June with the Junior Athletics Day being held on Thurs 14th August. Other events that will include a sausage sizzle are the Performing Arts Night in Term 3 and the Carols by Glowstick in Term 4.

Our music teacher Mrs Gray would like to have a gold coin donation ‘slipper/crazy sock’ day in late July to raise funds for the music department. So over the next few months keep an eye out for that crazy pair of socks and that pair of slippers that will stand out in a crowd.

**Volunteers** – The P&C is involved with various fundraising activities throughout the school year and is always looking for helpers to assist. It’s the help and commitment from the parents and carers within our school community that makes it all possible so please let the office know if you are able to assist in any way - big or small. Without enough support some activities may not be able to go ahead.

**P&C AGM** – The AGM will be held in the staffroom on Wednesday the 12th of March at 6pm. The P&C Executive Committee positions will become vacant at the AGM so if you are interested in an Executive position on the P&C please obtain a nomination form from the Admin office. The March P&C General Meeting will follow after the AGM.

Please cut/tear below and return to Admin office if you DO NOT wish for your child to receive raffle tickets.

Please note that unless otherwise advised raffle tickets will be sent home with the youngest family member currently enrolled.

Please return form to Admin before Thursday 26/2/2014 if you DO NOT wish for your child to receive raffle tickets.

Child’s Name: ___________________________ Class: ___________

Parent/Carer Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________