FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Annual General Meeting of the P&C will be held on Wednesday, 12 March 2014 at 6:00pm in the Staffroom. The regular March meeting will follow.

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Principal’s Report

Dear Parents

This week sees the P&C AGM. We have nominations for some positions but we are seeking nominations for both Executive positions as well as Sub-Committees. It was great to see some new faces at last month’s meeting and I would love to see lots more on Wednesday evening. The meeting commences at 6.00pm in the Staffroom. Come along and share your ideas.

This week we will also have our first School Council meeting of 2014 to ratify our Annual Improvement Plan. Our focus continues to be on improving reading and numeracy outcomes for the students here at Bray Park State School. Our School Opinion Survey data did show an improvement from 2012 to 2013 and I am sure that we can continue this upward trend into 2014. The final area of the Annual Improvement Plan is around Early Years Education and the improvement of literacy and numeracy outcomes for our junior school students.

Parking
There are a number of parents without Parking Permits using the Sparkes Road car park. This car park is for staff parking and for parents/caregivers of students with a disability, holding a 2014 Parking Permit. Please exercise consideration and refrain from parking in this area. Our local Police Beat Officers will be in and around the school enforcing the parking rules in a school zone, including on-site parking.

Uniforms
My conversation with a number of students over the past fortnight has been around school uniform – the not wearing of, to be precise. I am seeing many “repeat offenders” who are playing on the weather to not wear their school uniform. Denim jeans, bike pants, leggings or ‘short’ shorts are not acceptable items of clothing to be worn as part of the school uniform. I encourage students to wear their uniform with pride and acknowledge that they are part of the Bray Park State School community.

Student Leaders’ Conference
Last week was the Student Leaders’ Conference held at the Convention Centre. Our newly elected Student Leaders attended with Mrs Whittle. All Student Leaders reported that the Conference had been very inspiring and that they had each returned to school with valuable insights and different ideas about leadership. Thank you to Mrs Whittle for organising such a worthwhile experience for our Student Leaders. I am sure that they have much to share with their fellow students here at Bray Park.
Commencement of School Day

Over the past few weeks we have noticed an increased number of students arriving at school prior to our timetabled commencement of instruction at 8.45am. For the safety and comfort of students, we have relocated the student waiting area to the Hall. This will also enable teachers to best utilise their morning planning and preparation time without interruptions.

Students are only required to arrive at school prior to the 8.45am commencement time if they are involved in a morning extra-curricular activity such as Band practice or choir rehearsals.

I recommend that parents and students delay their arrival to school to 8.45am, thus limiting the wait period prior to the commencement of instruction. The YMCA offers a "Before School" service for parents who have work commitments.

Have a great week!

Maree Mortlock
Principal

A WORD FROM SARARA

Another little message,
From your mascot at Bray Park,
Our rule this week applies,
From morning until dark.

It’s all about being responsible,
As a citizen - community wide,
From what we do at home,
To when we step outside.

The rules and laws we obey,
Keep us safe and sound,
We don’t damage property,
Or throw litter on the ground.

We ride our bikes safely,
We use the traffic lights,
We use our words carefully,
And stay away from fights.

We look after nature,
Animals and plants too,
We treat others with respect,
As they should to you.

From home, to school
And beyond the gate,
Remember this rule each day,
Be responsible as a citizen,
For in life it will always pay!

Until next time
It’s toodleloo from me to you!

Sarara

CHAPPY’S CHAT

This Friday 14th March is our first Chappy Pancakes for 2014! This year our Chappy Pancake breakfasts are sponsored by Ridgari Pty Ltd and IGA Brendale. If you haven’t been down to the IGA at Brendale for a while you might be surprised to know that they now have part of their stored dedicated to Gluten Free and Organic products and are selling them at very reasonable prices. They also make catering platters which can be ordered in store or from their website http://catering4u.com.au/

Chappy Pancakes will be on sale from 8am onwards on Friday and we will be selling them from outside the hall this time. It will cost $2 for two hot, fresh pancakes, some syrup and a popper. We hope that you can come along and support us!

Chappy :)

PARKING IN THE BUS ZONE, HOPETOUN ST

Could we ask all parents to not use the Bus Zone on Hopetoun Street as a drop off and pick up point. This is a definite safety issue for our students and the problem is increasing. The bus zone is officially signed therefore the Police, who regularly patrol our surrounding streets, can issue anyone with a fine who ignores these signs and stops/parks in that area. Parents must either pull into a painted street car space or use the 2 minute zone on Hopetoun street for student drop off and pick up. We do not want to see any accidents occur and appreciate your assistance with this.

LIBRARY NEWS

Are you using the Department of Education, Training and Employment QSchools app for iPhone, iPad and Android devices?

The QSchool app integrates with our school website, so news and calendar events for our school are available on the app. When we publish content to our website, it will automatically update in the app. See our website for more info www.brayparkss.eq.edu.au

Scholastic Book Club – Issue 2 orders forms were sent home last week. Orders are due by this Friday, 14/3/14. Please bring your forms to the Office and deposit into the Blue post box there.

Library borrowing - A reminder that ALL students need a bag to borrow from the library. It can be a plastic shopping bag, old pillow case, plastic sleeve folder, or anything else that will provide some protection for our books on their way to and from school.
THE NEW 2014 / 2015 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE COMING SOON!

Available as a traditional Entertainment™ Book OR the new Entertainment™ Digital Membership for your Apple or Android device, your Membership gives you over $20,000 worth of valuable offers valid through to 1st June 2015! With over 130 new businesses participating this year including Vapiano, Eatons Hill Hotel & Function Centre, Dell ‘Ugo and Outback Jacks, it’s sure to be the best Entertainment Book of all.

Order your new 2014 | 2015 Brisbane, Sunshine Coast and Surrounds Entertainment™ Membership from the Bray Park State School – P&C Association link and 20% of your Membership purchase, $13, will go directly towards fund-raising for much needed classroom resources for Bray Park State School students. Order now to receive bonus offers you can use immediately!

To pay securely online or order your Digital Membership visit: https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/225y589

COMMUNITY NEWS

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
AT PINE RIVERS STATE HIGH SCHOOL
YEAR 5/6/7
MONDAY MARCH 31, 2014 – 6.30pm

On Monday March 31, celebrating 50 years of quality public schooling, Pine Rivers State High School is hosting a Parent Information Evening to be conducted on the school site at the Auditorium, commencing at 6:30pm. The Principal and other key staff including Head of Department, Junior Secondary, will be presenting information about teaching, the curriculum and future pathways, behaviour management, performing arts and sport, gifted and talented programs and support for students with disabilities and those requiring learning support.

The aim is to promote public schooling and to provide assistance for decision making with regard to enrolments in 2015 and beyond.

Parking available off Gympie Road or via Ash Court.

LES HUGHES
SportingComplex
Baker St, BRAY PARK

NRG 4 Kidz
Fun fitness classes for kids wanting to improve fitness, strength & flexibility in a non competitive environment
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 3:45 – 4:30pm
Cost $6, Age 7-13yrs
For more Information please call Ph 3205 3367.

Pine Rivers Pumas Rugby Union Club
PLAYERS WANTED
We are seeking 6 year old (2008) and 8 year old (2006) players for our junior teams. If you want to try out something new, fun and exciting, then Pumas Rugby is the place for you! All other age groups are welcome.
Under 6 and Under 7 – NO TACKLE – 2 handed tag
• Training Day – Friday
• Game Day (Under 6-9) – Saturday – starting 26 April
• Game Day (Under 10+) – Sunday – starting 16 March

Our clubhouse is located at Les Hughes Sports Complex, Bray Park.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT Jacqui on 0488 020 252 or email registrar@pumasrugby.com
P&C News

**Tuckshop** - A reminder that the tuckshop is now open at first break only on **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday**. Donations of the following would be greatly appreciated – ritz or jatz biscuits, tinned pineapple pieces, tinned beetroot, tuna, jelly crystals, dishwashing liquid, brown paper lunch bags and paper kitchen towel.

**Easter Raffle** - As in previous years the P&C is running its annual Easter raffle. A book of 10 tickets was recently sent home with the youngest in the family. Please ensure money and ticket stubs are returned to Admin before Wednesday 2nd April. Please note that all unsold tickets also need to be returned for auditing purposes. If needed there are extra books available from the Admin office. We are seeking donations of items that can 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. The Easter Hat Parade commences at 2pm.

**School Dance** - Remember our dance coming up on **Thursday 3rd April**. The Prep to Year 3 dance commences at 5.30pm and finishes at 6.30pm (parent/caregiver must remain on site). The Years 4 – 7 dance will start at 7.00pm and conclude at 8.00pm. There will be a sausage sizzle along with cold drinks and lollies available for purchase on the night. Come along to this fun evening. Entry is $2.00 per child.

*Reminder: the school dance is only open to students enrolled at Bray Park State School.*

**Uniforms** – Last year an online ordering option was made available for the purchase of uniforms. School uniforms can be ordered online via [www.schoolshoponline](http://www.schoolshoponline). The web link is available via the school web page [www.brayparkss.eq.edu.au](http://www.brayparkss.eq.edu.au) Orders are then processed and either delivered to the child’s class or to the Admin staff for collection by parent/carer. Orders can still be left with the Admin staff but will only be processed on Mon/Weds and Fri. As the new school year starts some delays may occur as the Admin staff tends to other matters, so we ask for your understanding and patience at these times.

**Bookshop** – For those still requiring booklist items, these are available from our local supplier ‘My School Gear’. Orders can be placed via [www.myschoolgear.net.au](http://www.myschoolgear.net.au) or alternatively please phone Russell on 3881 3100 and he will advise you of stock availability and prices. The link is also available via the school web page or paper copies of the booklists are available from the Admin office.

**Fundraising Date Claimers for Terms 1 & 2**

1st Term
Entertainment Book - cost $65 – Information on this has been included on a separate flyer with today’s newsletter

2nd Term
Family Portrait Day - more information to follow
Flower Day – buy mum a flower for Mother’s Day – more information to follow
Sausage Sizzle - Yrs 3-7 Sports Day – Tuesday 17th June (weather permitting)
School Dance - Thursday 26th June – sausage sizzle, cold drinks and lollies available for purchase
Slipper/Crazy Sock day – Thursday 24th July - gold coin donation

**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 will not be able to go ahead.

**P&C AGM & General Meeting** – 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 meeting will be held in the staffroom on Wednesday the 12th of March after the AGM has finished. (Approximately 6:30pm – 6:45pm). Please come along and support the work of the P&C. New and old members are always welcomed.