FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The next GENERAL meeting of the P&C will be held on Wednesday, 14 May 2014 at 6:00pm in the Staffroom.

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Principal’s Report

29 April 2014

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone had a wonderful two week break and are ready for a busy term.

ANZAC Day Celebrations - Thank you to all of the parents who supplied flowers for our ANZAC Day wreaths. The wreaths were laid at both our school ceremony and the ANZAC Day service at Kallangur on Friday. Both the Choir and the Ukulele Group were outstanding with their performances at our special assembly to commemorate ANZAC Day.

It was lovely to see many of our students attending the Pine Rivers Dawn Service and the Kallangur ANZAC Day Service to represent our school on such an important occasion. Schools representation, in general, was at an all-time high at this year’s march.

Congratulations and Farewell - We congratulate Mr Tsui on his retirement after many years of teaching Chinese in Queensland schools. Mr Tsui is looking forward to his retirement with travel a large part of his plans. Good luck and best wishes from everyone at Bray Park State School.

LOTE French - Commencing Term 2, our LOTE language will now align with Bray Park State High School with students studying French. This provides students with the opportunity to continue a language study into high school if this is where their interests lie. We welcome Mr Armstrong, who will be introducing French to our students this term.

Parent/Teacher Interviews - Parent/teacher interviews will be held next Tuesday 6 May commencing at 3.30pm in the Hall. Please phone the Office to arrange an interview time with your child’s teacher. Interviews will be scheduled in 15 minute blocks through to 7.30pm. Take this opportunity to catch up with teachers about your child’s progress in 2014.

NAPLAN Testing - This term sees the NAPLAN testing program commencing on Tuesday 13 May. Students in years 3, 5 and 7 are involved in the literacy and numeracy testing program which will run over three days. Friday 16 May has been designated a “catch up” day for students who have missed any of the testing sessions.

As always, my advice to parents is to help ease your child’s anxiety about the tests by having a good night’s sleep and a hearty breakfast so that brain functioning is at its best. These tests are a point in time measure of student performance in literacy and numeracy. A more comprehensive picture of your child’s overall learning outcomes will be presented in the end of semester report which will go home on 25 June 2014.

School Council

At the last School Council meeting, it was decided that this governance group served no purpose to the management of the school. The meeting decided to dissolve the School Council as all school related decisions are referred to the P&C and minuted at these meetings. Members of the School Council felt that there was an unnecessary doubling up of meetings. The dissolution of the School Council will be finalised at the next P&C meeting. If any member of our school community has additional input to contribute to this process, please contact the Office or send a direct email to me through the.principal@brayparkss.eq.edu.au
Indigenous education good news - I am pleased to announce that our school is a finalist in the 2014 Premier’s Reconciliation Awards. Many thanks to Mrs Speirs, Mrs Milne, Mr Orphanides and the team working in this program and those who worked on the submission. Also thanks to Bunyabilla and our Indigenous families for their ongoing support of the program. We have achieved great things over the past twelve months.

Parking - Please take note of the two minute drop off and pick up areas around the school. As is the usual practice, our local Police Beat Officers will be patrolling the area both before and after school promoting the safety of our students. Parking in the school grounds is prohibited unless you have been issues with a parking permit.

Have a great week!
Maree Mortlock, Principal

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following students on being chosen as ‘Student of the Month’ for April. 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, 14/5/14 at 2.30pm in the Assembly Hall.

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MUSIC NEWS

Bray Idol - This term we are holding the Bray Idol Contest. Children who wish to compete can prepare a song, dance, comedy routine or poem either as a solo act or in a group. First round auditions will be held in week 7 so everyone can start practising! The finals will be held in the last week of term.

Instrumental Music - Our String Ensemble has been invited to perform at Pine Rivers High School on Tuesday night. I am sure that everyone, players and audience, will enjoy the experience. Some of our beginner brass, woodwind and percussion students have made such great progress on their instruments that a Junior Band is being formed. They will start practising as a group on Thursday this week. Thank you to the parents of these children for encouraging regular practice at home – well done!

Please return Fanfare Project Consent Forms as soon as possible. More information will go home as soon as our performance date has been set.

The Junior and Senior Choirs are back in rehearsal mode, 8 am Tuesday for Junior Choir and 7:45 am Wednesday for Senior Choir. New members are always welcome.

Music Uniforms - Our new music shirts have arrived and were worn by the Senior Choir at last week’s Anzac Ceremony. The children looked fantastic in their shirts. Help please! I have the daunting task of sorting out old uniforms and outfitting the Concert Band and String Ensemble in their uniforms. If you have some time available please drop in and see me from about 8:30 on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings – I would love to meet some more music parents.

Ally Gray, Music Teacher

CONGRATULATIONS ON 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Jenny Neate, as a School Crossing Supervisor, has looked after the welfare and safety of students at Bray Park SS for the last 25 years. In recognition of her dedicated service, the Department of Transport and Main Roads recently forwarded Jenny a badge and certificate to commemorate her 25 years of service. Whatever the weather, be it hot, humid, stormy, or cold, Jenny has donned the high visibility vest so that Bray Park children and their families are able to cross roads safely, during peak periods. School families and community members are encouraged to take a moment to congratulate Jenny and thank her for her on-going contribution to safety. Jenny will be at either of the two crossings (in Viscount Street and/or at Hopetoun Street).
SPORTING NEWS

On Thursday the 20th of March Bray Park State School held its annual cross country/ fun run. With hot weather in the days leading up to the event we were worried about the heat, however mother nature was kind on the day providing a gentle breeze and cloud cover. This improved weather meant the kids were Primed and ready to race.

With races ranging from 500m – 3km the students ran a very long way and tried very hard. This year I was very impressed in the determination to ‘finish the race’ shown by many students. Despite being well behind the leaders I heard many students state ‘Don’t worry and hope for the best’ and ‘Try as hard as you can’. This resilience is something to be very proud of and a real life long skill.

Of course a big congratulations needs to go to all our age group winners:

Prep Girls: Gabrielle Bartlett
Prep Boys: Phynix Te Whare

Yr 1 Girls: Shantelle Wilkinson
Yr 1 Boys: Jackson Wedale

Yr 2 Girls: Georgina Newell
Yr 2 Boys: Jordon Wilkinson

Yr 3 Girls: Riley Withers O’Brien
Yr 3 Boys: Blake Nugent

9yrs Girls: Lauren Hicks
9yrs Boys: Travis O’Brien

10yrs Girls: Meagan Hicks
10yrs Boys: Bailey Reed

11yrs Girls: Renae Samson
11yrs Boys: Solomon Fa’asolo

12/13yrs Girls: Rachelle Grieger & Aislinn Hicks
12/13yrs Boys: Jerym Waterson

Regarding the fundraising efforts of our wonderfully families I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone. As a school we managed to raise a total of: **$5235.10.** As you can see this is a huge amount of money so again THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU to everyone who raised money. This money will now be spent on sporting and educational resources throughout the school.

All prizes have now been ordered and are due to arrive at school in the coming weeks. Once the prizes have arrived an announcement on who the highest fundraising class and individual were will be made.

Finally this Friday a team of cross country runners aged 10yrs – 12yrs will be representing our school this Friday at the Pine Rivers District Cross Country. All these students placed 1st or 2nd during our carnival and have been invited to compete against students from the 25 other Pine Rivers District primary schools. Good luck to all these students.

Other sports news:

Last week Bray Park was lucky enough to have a visit from Match Point Tennis. Every child was given a free half hour tennis lesson with a complimentary pencil/goodies case afterwards. Matchpoint Tennis are hoping to establish a small tennis coaching centre here at our school. Each student received a yellow flyer outlining the dates and costs of the program. Lessons begin the week before school (8:00AM Tues, Wed, Thursday). For more information contact Greg on 0422 859 565.

Being term two it means it’s athletics season here at Bray Park. Starting this week in P.E lessons students will be practicing different athletics disciplines (High Jump, Long Jump, Shot Put, Discuss, Sprints and long distance). This year the athletics carnivals will be held on the following dates:

- Junior p-2 Thursday 14th August
- Senior 3-7 Tuesday 17th of June

Mr Matt Flannery

Gala Day - Congratulations to all the students who represented Bray Park State School in Futsal at the Term 1 Gala Day. Though we weren’t the strongest team, all students represented our school with pride by playing their best and encouraging each other. The more experienced players in year 6 and 7 showed great improvement in their skills and knowledge of the game, and showed leadership in coaching and mentoring our up and coming year five players. We can all be proud of the fantastic sportsmanship and behaviour demonstrated by the students throughout the day. I am looking forward to the next gala day at the end of this term.

Mr Matt Dyer

ASSEMBLY NEXT WEEK

Due to the Parent Teacher interviews on Tuesday 6 May, next week’s assembly will be held on **Wednesday 7 May at 2.15pm** to enable the hall to be set up.

UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

The beginning of a new term is a good time to update your contact details if any changes have occurred recently. Please contact the office 07 3480 7333 or pop in to complete a change of details form. Please remember it is essential that we have current parent/carer and emergency contact details for every student at our school. In cases of illness or injury we must be able to contact you promptly.
**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.

**Food Revolution Day – Jamie Oliver** – This is a worldwide promotion happening collectively on Friday the 16th of May. Jamie is wanting us all in the kitchen on this day and asking us to involve our children in the preparation of a simple and nutritious meal. Jamie’s philosophy is that the preparation of healthy meals doesn’t need to be involved and difficult. It can be as easy as making a salad sandwich, homemade burgers or a simple pasta sauce. More information is available through the Food Revolution Day website [www.foodrevolutionday.com](http://www.foodrevolutionday.com) Bray Park State School has been registered for the event. For the classes that are able to participate there will be more information sent home with those students via their class teacher.

**P&C Treasurer Position** - The BPSS P&C is needing a new treasurer to take over the financial management of the association. This voluntary position is a necessary part of the P&C Executive and a fantastic way to support our school community. It involves preparing an annual budget, supplying financial statements at general meetings, managing the account books, monitoring wages, preparing annual statements and keeping accurate accounts of receipts and expenditure. Please note that to fulfil the role successfully you will need to have a basic knowledge of MYOB. We would like to hear from any interested parties as soon as possible and nomination forms are available from the school office. If you would like any further information please leave your contact details with Kylie or Jane in the office, or alternatively you can email the P&C Executive at pandc@brayparkss.eq.edu.au This position will be voted on at our upcoming AGM.

**P&C AGM and May General Meeting** – 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 May P&C General Meeting will be held at 6pm in the staffroom on Wednesday the 14th of May. The date for the AGM is yet to be confirmed. Please come along and support the work of the P&C. New and old members are always welcomed.

**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.

**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. Occasionally some delays may occur as the Admin Staff attend 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** – The P&C Committee would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all who supported the Easter Raffle last term. Through ticket sales and the generous donations received we were able to put together 42 prizes on the day. Our first school dance for the year was a great night to be had and our new resident DJ Jak Speirs proved to be very popular with both children and adults. So popular in fact that we have asked him back for our next dance at the end of this term. So, mark the date in your diary – Thursday 26th June. An approximate total of $2760.00 was raised from these two events.

**Reminder: If you still have any leftover Easter Raffle books lying around at home, or at the bottom of a school bag, please return these to the school ASAP for accounting purposes.**

**Buy Mum a Flower for Mother’s Day** – Order forms were sent home in the newsletter last term and again with students last week. Orders have now been placed with the florist for delivery on Friday 9th of May.

**Fundraising Date Claimers for Term 2**

**2nd Term**

- **Tuesday 17th** June (weather permitting) - Yrs 3-7 Sports Day – Sausage sizzle avail for purchase on the day
- **Thursday 26th** June – School Dance - Sausage sizzle, cold drinks and lollies available for purchase

(Parent help is required at both of these events if you are able to assist)

- **Friday 25th July** - gold coin donation – Slippers/Crazy Sock Day

Date to be Advised - Family Portrait Day – now to be held at start of Term 3 (more information to follow)
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