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.

Volume 7
Principal’s Report

13 May 2014

Dear Parents

This week sees NAPLAN Testing conducted with students in Years 3, 5 and 7. As I have mentioned previously, these tests are a point in time measure of students’ performance in Literacy and Numeracy and the results are generally returned in September. Your child’s “Semester One Report” will provide more detailed information on progress in Literacy and Numeracy over the course of the first six months of 2014. Students are well prepared for the tests and therefore should not feel stressed about completing them.

Tuesday 13 May: Language Conventions and Writing tests
Wednesday 14 May: Reading test
Thursday 15 May: Numeracy test

If a student is absent for any of the tests, Friday 16 May has been set aside for ‘catch up’.

You can help boost performance by ensuring your child has a good night’s sleep, a healthy breakfast and lunch supplies for sustained brain power.

Every minute of every day counts
Just a little bit late doesn’t seem much but did you realise that ....

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Your child’s best learning time is at the start of the school day – that’s when every minute counts the most. Our school day commences at 8.45am. Please ensure that your child is at school on time each and every day.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thank you to all of the parents who attended our interview evening last week. It was a valuable time to speak with your child’s teacher, looking at progress and goals for the remainder of the semester. I would also like to thank those parents for whom we had to reschedule interview times due to teacher illness.

P&C Meeting
Just a reminder that this week is the May P&C meeting - Wednesday 14th at 6.00pm. I look forward to seeing lots of parents here in the staffroom. Come along and have a cuppa and a chat.

Have a great week.
Maree Mortlock, Principal
FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE – HOPETOUN ST

The Moreton Regional Council has advised that there will be an upgrade/extension of the footpath in Hopetoun Street on Friday, 13 June 2014.

One side of Hopetoun Street, (the two minute drop off zone closest to the school buildings), will therefore be closed to enable the work to be undertaken, this financial year.

There will be some traffic congestion on Friday 13 as school parents who generally use the drop off zone (on the school side) in the morning and afternoon, will not be able to do so on that day.

To minimise the congestion, families are encouraged to consider:
- Depositing children on the other side of Hopetoun Street and have the children cross via the supervised crossing. Note - We will endeavour to have a staff member to ensure children access, and exit the school grounds safely, to get across to the other side.
- Utilising other school entrances.
- Delay the collection of your child, in the afternoon by ten minutes. Hopefully, this will enable a relatively smooth flow of traffic during the peak afternoon period.
- Car-pooling to limit the number of vehicles.
- Have an adult walk a group of children to and from school on this day (if possible).

There will be further work undertaken on the weekend of 28 & 29 June or 5 & 6 July. Neither of these dates will affect school families as this falls in the June/July holiday period.

Though I acknowledge that there will be some disruption on the 13th, I also acknowledge the efforts of Councillor Gillam and the Moreton Council to address the needs of our community as quickly as possible. I shall advise our Bray Park Community Police of the upgrade, and seek their assistance to ensure a smooth flow of traffic, particularly in the afternoon on Friday 13 June.

Kind regards,
Peter Orphanides, Deputy Principal

NEWS FROM MR KING – BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER

School Facilities - We can advise that painting of the school blocks is now finished. I wish to thank students, teachers and parents for their patience during the past two months any inconvenience it may have caused. We are looking forward to another allocation of funding that will allow the remainder of the school to be painted in what appears to be a favourable response toward the school new colour scheme.

During the forthcoming holidays refurbishment of some school blocks will be undertaken especially in D block with replacement carpet and Prep A to replace the existing damaged vinyl flooring.

School Cleaning - Most of the teachers and parents would have known and witnessed Maria Polovich working tirelessly around the school cheerfully cleaning and talking to one and all. Well after thirty years of dedicated service, Maria has taken retirement, well almost, as she will now be called upon to tend to her husband and grandchildren. We all wish her a long and relaxing retirement.

We also wish to say farewell to Terri Cullen who worked at the school for the past two years. We wish her well for the future and welcome her replacement Kura Antonia. The school will soon be advertising for a replacement cleaner and details will be advised in the next newsletter and local newspaper.

Voluntary Contributions - As you are all well aware the cost of providing instruction, in particular of education toward students at state schools is met by the State Government through grants funding to provide a core educational service. This is not enough and to supplement government funding, this school like other schools, seeks Voluntary Contributions to provide enhanced educational service for student learning, recreation and comfort.

In consultation with the P & C Association we extend the opportunity for you to contribute to the school's voluntary contribution scheme. The amount of the requested contribution and the operation of the voluntary contributions are supported by the Parents and Citizens' Association. The scheme operates under the policy and guidelines of the Department of Education and Training FNM-PR-023. The $50.00 voluntary contribution per student can be paid at the Office. Payments can be made via cash or EFTPOS/Credit Card. A Voluntary Contribution Form is included with the newsletter this week.

Thank you, Keith King.

FROM BRAY PARK STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Junior Secondary is designed to respond to the needs of young adolescents. Every element, including the students, the curriculum, and our teaching philosophy, is designed to respond to these needs. Our school focuses on the six principles of Junior Secondary Schooling: Student Wellbeing, Quality Teaching, Distinct Identity, Leadership, Parent and Community Involvement and Local Decision Making.

Bray Park State High is one of 19 schools across the state that has been trialling Year 7 in High School since 2013. School Representatives will visit Bray Park SS students this term to provide school and 2015 enrolment information. A parent information night will follow later this term.

Michelle Lyons
Deputy Principal, Junior Secondary, Bray Park State High School

MUSIC NEWS

Bray Idol - Nominations are open! Children can collect nomination forms from their teachers or the office. Please return nominations to the office with the 50c nomination fee as soon as possible. First round auditions will be held in week 7 so everyone get practising! The finals will be held in the last week of term.

Instrumental Music - The String Ensemble, Beginner Band and Concert Band will all be performing at Fanfare on Thursday 5th June. If you haven’t already done so, please return the Fanfare Project Consent Form to the office – without that permission form, children cannot play on the day. A letter with further details about the day will be coming home soon. Please encourage your child to keep practising.

Many thanks to the wonderful parents who helped out with uniforms last week, your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

Ally Gray, Music Teacher
A WORD FROM SARARA

Hello there again, it's me from high in a gum tree,
I'm always on the lookout, as far as I can see.
I love watching you play, as you follow each special rule,
Like the ones you have for football — it's really very cool.

Some teams make their rules, just before they play,
And everyone follows them, by playing the right way.
When someone breaks the rule, it isn't much fun,
Because breaking 'agreed rules', spoils it for everyone.

Sometimes kids get angry, or walk from the game,
Then everyone feels sad because the game is not the same.
If you have a problem, there are things you can do,
Tell the person who broke them that they must follow too.

If things just seem too hard, and rules keep being broken,
You can be the brave person, with your words that are spoken.
Tell a teacher about the issue, and how the game is done,
Then you can keep playing, until the game is won.

Remember when making rules, before you're about to begin,
Make sure the rules are fair so each has a chance to win.
Be fair when you pick your teams, make sure everyone agrees,
Remember I'm on the lookout, from high up in the trees!

Until next time, it's toodle-loo from me to you

Sarara

LIBRARY NEWS

May Is National Family Reading Month

Reading plays an important part in students' lives during their school years and beyond. It allows children to actively engage their imagination and opens up a world of educational opportunities. Family involvement in reading at school and at home has a strong and positive impact on a child's educational achievement and an adult reading role model is a key motivator for independent reading practice.

To encourage reading, especially during National Family Reading Month, classes across our school are taking part in two reading encouragement activities. Some classes are doing both, some only one and other classes are encouraging individual participation. We encourage you to talk to your class teacher to find out more information about what your class is doing or visit the websites below and enter as an individual.

   You could win $250 worth of book vouchers for you and your family and $400 books for your classroom teacher. As well as that, the school with the most reading minutes logged in each state will win $600 worth of books plus a perpetual trophy to show off!
   • Simply download or ask your teacher for a reading log.
   • Fill in your reading minutes each day on the cheese wedges.
   • Bring your record sheet to the library on Monday 2nd June so that we can upload the final tallies.

The Premier's Reading Challenge is an annual event for students from Prep to Year 7 in Queensland schools. It aims to improve literacy and encourage children to read widely for pleasure and learning. All students who participate in this activity receive a congratulatory certificate from the Queensland Premier.

We, the ___________________________________ family have the ____________________________ flag, which we can lend the school for the Reconciliation assembly on Tuesday, 27 May. My/Our child/children ___________________________________ are allowed to carry them on stage during the assembly.

(signed)
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.

P&C Treasurer Position - The BPSS P&C is in need of 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 fulfill 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 Vice-President Position - The BPSS P&C has a vacant position for a second vice-president. This voluntary position is a necessary part of the P&C Executive and a fantastic way to support our school community. The role of the vice-president is to provide essential support for the president and possibly other members of the team i.e. assisting the secretary or treasurer in some of their tasks. The vice-president will chair those meetings from which the President is absent and carry out any duties that have been delegated by the president. The vice-president can also act as chair for any sub-committees established by the Association. A vice-president can look on the role as a means of gaining an understanding of the various executive roles. 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 Application forms are available from the Admin Office.

P&C AGM and May General Meeting – 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.

Fundraising - Buy Mum a Flower for Mother’s Day – With thanks to the parents that helped with the wrapping and distribution of the flowers to classes last Friday. It was greatly appreciated and the flowers looked wonderful!!

The New 2014 | 2015 Entertainment Books are Due Back! – The bulk of the books distributed to families have been returned to the school and collected by the publisher, but there are some still outstanding. For the families that still have a copy please arrange for payment of $65 to be made or return the book to the Admin Office by Thursday 15th May.

To pay securely online or order your Digital Membership visit: https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/225v589

It is important to note that until purchased the Entertainment Books remain the property of Entertainment Publications Australia Pty Ltd and must be returned intact to the school if you do not wish to purchase the copy sent home with your child. Please ensure that all returned books are appropriately packaged and include the returning student’s name and class. Please DO NOT write on the books.

Parents Connect – All parents are welcome to visit the Parent’s Room! It will be open on Friday afternoons during the school term from 1:30pm until pick-up time. Hot and cool drinks are available for purchase starting at $1.00. All drinks served with a delicious home-baked treat. Children are very welcome to attend while waiting for their siblings to finish their school day. An activity table and some toys are available for use. We’d love for you to come and meet some other parents. Please visit the school office for directions.
Voluntary Financial Contribution

The school is resourced by the State Government through grant funding to provide a core educational service to students. Voluntary financial contributions are used by the school to provide an enhanced educational service and to enhance resources available for student learning, recreation and comfort.

☐ Yes I wish to make a voluntary financial contribution to the school in 2014 (Year). I have read and understand the Operating Statement (see reverse) for the contribution and understand that this contribution is voluntary, and that the funds are to be used to enhance the instruction, administration and facilities of the school.

Privacy Statement
The Department of Education and Training through the school is collecting your personal information in accordance with section 56 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 in order to administer the voluntary contributions in an efficient, ethical and secure manner. The information will only be accessed by school employees conducting the voluntary contributions. Your information will not be given to any other person or agency unless you have given permission or the Department of Education and Training is authorised or required by law to make the disclosure.

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Parent/Carer Details (please print)

Given Names: ________________________________

Family Name: ________________________________

Address: ________________________________

Contact Numbers:
Home: ______________________________________
Work: ______________________________________
Mobile: _____________________________________
Fax: ________________________________________
Email: _____________________________________

Parent/Carer Signature: ____________________________ Date: __________

Payment Arrangement

☐ Now: I wish to make a single payment of the total amount above.
☐ Instalments: I wish to make instalment payments of the total amount above in the following manner: _______________________

Payment Method

I wish to make payment by:
☐ Centrelink Deduction ☐ EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) ☐ EFTPOS (Credit/Debit Card) ☐ Cheque ☐ Cash

* Payment by EFT can be made to the school bank account BSB: _______ Account Number: _______

To ensure correct identification of the payment, please ensure that the payment reference clearly includes the STUDENT NUMBER, along with the characters VFC, e.g. 001461VFC

** Payment by Centrelink deduction can be arranged through the school administration.
Voluntary Financial Contribution

For payment by Credit/Debit Card, I hereby authorise the school to debit my:

☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ American Express (where accepted) ☐ Other (please specify)

Card Number: ___________________________ Expiry Date: __________________

For ☐ an amount of $_________ (total amount above), or ☐ $_________ during the first two weeks of the first three terms (equal instalment payments), or ☐ in accordance with the Payment Arrangement completed above.

Name of cardholder as it appears on the card: ___________________________ Signature of cardholder: ___________________________

Operating Statement

1. The costs of providing instruction, administration and facilities for the education of students at the school are met by the State Government for students enrolled at the school who are Australian citizens or permanent residents, or the children of Australian citizens or permanent residents.

2. The school is resourced by the State Government through school grants to provide a core educational service.

3. Section 56 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 provides that the Principal may ask the parents of a student of the school to make a voluntary financial contribution to supplement government funding for instruction, administration and facilities for the education of the student at the school. If the student is an adult, the principal may ask the student to make a voluntary financial contribution.

4. Voluntary financial contributions are used by the school to provide an enhanced educational service and to enhance resources available for student learning, recreation and comfort.

5. A voluntary financial contribution is not a fee and is separate from any fee charged by the school. Debt recovery action will not be undertaken by the school for non-payment of all or part of a request for a voluntary financial contribution.

6. While the request to parents may indicate a nominated amount, the financial contribution to the school is voluntary, and there is no obligation on a parent to make all or part of the contribution.

7. To enable an informed decision to be made by the parent, the request for a voluntary contribution should indicate how the funds will be used by the school.

8. The school and the parents share decision-making and responsibility for the operation of the voluntary financial contribution funds. The amount of the requested contribution and the operation of the voluntary contributions are supported by the Parents and Citizens' Association annually.

9. The voluntary financial contribution funds may be managed by the school or the Parents and Citizens' Association, but not by a third party.

10. The voluntary financial contribution is not a deterrent for a student enrolling at the school or undertaking a particular subject.

11. Where a parent decides not to make a voluntary financial contribution, instruction, administration and facilities for the education of the student at the school will continue to be provided by the school, and the student will suffer no educational detriment by way of school action as a result of the decision.

Contribution Options

12. Should you wish to make a voluntary financial contribution, please complete the Voluntary Financial Contribution form and return it to the school along with your payment.

13. The voluntary financial contribution may be paid to the school by Centrelink deduction arranged through the school, by direct deposit (EFT) to the bank account, EFTPOS (credit/debit card as indicated on this form) in person or over the phone, cheque, or cash.

14. For payment made by direct deposit (EFT) to the bank account indicated on the front of the form, please ensure that the payment reference includes the reference as indicated on the front of this form. The acknowledgement from your financial institution of the successful electronic transfer of funds should be printed and retained as your record of payment.

15. For payments made in person by EFTPOS, cheque or cash, a receipt will be provided to the payer. Where payment is made by other methods, a receipt will be provided on request.

16. If you do not wish to make a voluntary financial contribution, no further action is required.
See you there!

What do I get for two pancakes? Maple syrup and a popper.

Time: 8am
Cost: $2
Where: At the hall
When: Friday 23rd May

CHAPPY PANCAKES

JUST DANCE

May 4-7, sign up outside the old library and come along Friday 23rd May.

May at first break, playtime
Teacher and come along Thursday 22nd
Prep - 4:30 get a pass from your

Do you like to dance? Come along and

CHAPPYBALL

Calling all students in Years 5-7, are you ready.

YEARS 5-7

VOLLEYBALL COMPETITION

CHAPPY WEEK 2014