FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The next GENERAL meeting of the P&C will be held on Wednesday, 13 August 2014 at 6:00pm in the Staffroom.

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Principal's Report

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 3. Looking at the calendar, I see it is going to be yet another busy term!

CONGRATULATIONS (AGAIN)!!! Bray Park wins Sing Loud Competition

As part of National Reconciliation Week, Bray Park entered the “Sing Loud” competition with the Ukulele Group and Choir (and some of our wonderful teachers) presenting our ‘Bring It On’ song. The Tech Crew from Bray Park State High School recorded and filmed the performance, creating a You Tube clip for the competition. The competition was judged by Delta Goodrem and Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu. The announcement came out in the first week of the holidays and our very own Mrs Reid-Speirs was interviewed on ABC Radio and our song was played.

Congratulations to the team of people who have worked so hard with our students in the Ukulele Group and Choirs. Along with our Regional Showcase in Excellence win, finalist in the Queensland Reconciliation Awards, this is further recognition of the great work happening at Bray Park State School toward reconciliation in our community. Well done!!!

UNIFORMS

Winter is upon us and it is timely to remind parents of our winter uniform policy. Plain black track pants are permitted in place of shorts or skorts. Black tights are permitted only under a school skirt/skort. Leggings and jeans are not permitted. The school jacket is plain black, however the previous jacket with the gold stripes is also permitted. Students may wear any plain black jumper. School shoes are to be plain black and closed in (velcro, laces or buckles).

PARKING

A reminder that the area directly outside the Hopetoun Street entrance is a two minute drop off zone. Our local police beat officers regularly patrol the area both before and after school to ensure the safety of our students. The Sparkes Road drop off area is for our students with special needs. Parents are required to display the parking permit issued by the Office.

MORNING ROUTINE

Our school day commences at 8.45am. Students who arrive prior to this time are required to wait in the Hall until collected by their teacher. Parents arriving with children prior to 8.45am are also to wait in the area outside the Hall. This allows us to know exactly where everyone on the school grounds is located in case of an emergency. Please assist us in maintaining these routines.

TERM EVENTS

25 July – Slippers and crazy sock day (Student Council fund raising)
26 July – Family Portrait Day (P&C)
1 August – Choir and bands to Pine Rivers Show
5&6 August – District Sports
11 August – Show Holiday
13 August – P&C meeting; Years 6&7 at Medieval Fair BPSHS
14 August – P-2 Sports Day
15 August – Book Fair commences
18 August – Year 2 to Redcliffe Theatre to see Wombat Stew
19 August – Book Week Dress Up Assembly
22 August – Book Fair closes
25 August – P&C 5 cent fund raiser commences
8-12 September – Prep and Year 1 swimming
12 September – Gala sports day
15 – 19 September – Years 2 and 3 swimming; Gold Assemblies
16 September – Performing Arts night
19 September – Happy Pancakes

I look forward to sharing these events with our families.

Have a great week!
Maree Mortlock
Principal

YEAR 6 CAMP FEEDBACK
Tallebudgera Beach School Camp would like to ask parents/carers of students who attended camp last week, to provide some feedback in relation to their child’s personal growth while on camp. If you would like to provide feedback please use the link below:

MUSIC NEWS
Welcome back to music for term 3, we have many performances planned this term so arrive at rehearsal on time – every minute is precious. Below is a list of rehearsal times as a reminder for you.

Junior Choir - Tuesday 8 am – music room
Ukulele Performance group - Tuesday 11:15 – Indigenous room (bring your lunch)
Senior Choir - Wednesday 7:45 am – music room
Intermediate Ukulele - Wednesday 11:15 – Indigenous room (bring your lunch)
Concert Band - Thursday 7:30 am – music room
Beginner Ukulele - Thursday 11:15 am – Indigenous room (bring your lunch)
String Ensemble - Friday 11:15 am – music room (bring your lunch)

It is essential that every child in each ensemble attends every rehearsal in order to be performance ready. Children who consistently miss rehearsals will not be eligible to perform with their group.

All children should have a folder in which to keep their music. Concert band and string ensemble music in particular need to be kept safe and secure – it is school property, costs a lot to replace and must be handed back at the end of the year.

Mrs Hicks would like to remind all band students to bring their Essentials book, band folder (with music) and pencil to school every Thursday for rehearsal and lessons.

On Friday 1 August the Band, Performance Ukulele group, String Ensemble and Junior and Senior Choirs will all travel by bus to the Pine Rivers’ Show to perform in the Ellaways music competition. Notes were sent home at the end of last term. The permission slip, along with $4 for the bus, is due to the office no later than Wednesday 30th July.

The performance uniform for the Pine Rivers’ Show will be the new school music shirt. This is to be worn with black pants, shoes and socks. I have ordered more shirts in smaller sizes as we ran out of these for our last performance. If you would like to purchase a school music shirt please leave your name and contact details with the school office (3480 7333).

Our Performance Ukulele group will be performing at the Warner Family Day of Fun on Sat 2 August. We have been given half an hour on the stage and this will be a wonderful opportunity to show just how great the children at our school are! More details will follow in a letter.

Thank you,
Alison Gray, Music Teacher

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY
This year’s School Opinion Survey will be conducted 21 July – 3 August 2014.

The School Opinion Survey is undertaken each year by the State Schools Division to obtain opinion information from parents/caregivers, students and school staff.

The survey will help our school to find out what we are doing well, and how we can improve.

All families (previously a sample of families) will have the opportunity to complete the Parent/Caregiver Survey this year. Survey access details will be sent home to every family in the school. The survey is anonymous, and the results are not reported in ways that an individual’s response can be identified by the school.

Parents/Caregivers are encouraged to complete the survey online, and to facilitate this, school computers can be made available.

It’s important that as many parents/caregivers as possible complete the survey, so we would appreciate if members of this committee would raise awareness of this survey with other parents/caregivers.

Survey queries or requests for translations can be directed to our Office on telephone 07 3480 7333 or email office@brayparkss.ee.edu.au

SLIPPERS AND CRAZY SOCK DAY – 25/7/14
This Friday, 25 July, is SLIPPER AND CRAZY SOCK DAY. Children are invited to bring in their favourite slippers to wear whilst in the classroom. **Please note that normal school shoes should be worn to and from school and when in the playground.** If slippers aren’t your thing, you are allowed to wear some funky socks. Children participating are asked to bring in a gold coin donation – all funds raised go towards the music program, 2015 Student Leader Conference & a donation to Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital.

SPORTS NEWS
On Tuesday the 17th June all Bray Park students in years 3-7 competed in the annual Athletics Day. We were blessed with beautiful winter weather and the students all seemed to have a great time competing for the different sporting houses. Students competed in 800m, 200m, 100m, shot put, long jump and high jump. Despite no school records being broken many of the
students demonstrated great athletic ability, recording some very impressive results. House points are award for students who finish 1st - 4th. At the end of the carnival the winning sports house is presented with the ‘Mick Gillam Senior athletic trophy’.

This year the sports house results were;
1st = Barnard
2nd = Sutherland
3rd = Fraser
4th = Armstrong

In addition to the sports house trophy, medals are also award to the high points scoring student in each age group.

The 2014 age champions were;
9 years boys: Blake Nugent
9 years girls: Lauren Hicks
10 years boys: Bailey Reed
10 years girls: Megan Hicks
11 years boys: Sacherece Sitagata
11 years girls: Liliana Schwartz
12 years boys: Ted Chapman
12 years girls: Aislinn Hicks

Congratulations to all these fine young athletes.

The school athletics carnival is also used as a selection process for our school athletics team. Students aged 10 – 12yrs who finished 1st or 2nd in their event have been invited to compete for Bray Park S.S at the 2014 Pine Rivers District athletics carnival. This carnival will be held on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th of August at John Oxley Reserve. Students from all 25 Pine Rivers schools will compete in two massive days of athletics competition. Good luck to all the Bray Park students who will be competing.

Matt Flannery
H.P.E teacher

A WORD FROM SARARA

G’day, G’day to one and all,
Welcome back to our school.
I hope you’ve had a lovely rest,
And are ready now to do your best.

This term is about safety all round,
From the classroom, to the playground.
In how we play and what we do,
(And I’ll be looking out for you!)

Walk on paths and around buildings too,
For you never know who’ll meet you.
As you turn a corner you could collide,
Bang your head or fall on your side.

Each of the items we use every day,
Are used in their own special way.
We use them only for the job they do,
In the proper was that’s safe for you.

Playing with equipment in the wrong way,
Can really upset your day.
Like not being careful with scissors and glue,
Could be disastrous for others and you!

Stay with your class as you move around,
Except at play time in the school ground.
But when eating and moving from class,
Stay together is the simple task.

If you venture off alone,
Your whereabouts may not be known.
You could be hurt or stuck in the loo,
And really won’t know what to do!

So think about our safety rule,
They keep you safe while you’re at school.
‘Walking not running’, ‘use equipment the right way’,
‘Stay with your class’ - That’s all for today!

Until next time,
Toodle-loo from me to you!

Sarara

STUDENT COUNCIL TRIVIA COMPETITION

Members of the Student Council will be running a lunchtime trivia competition next term for all interested students in Years Prep to 7. It will be running in weeks 4 – 6 of Term 3 depending on how many people sign up.

If you are interested, student council members will be coming around with a sign-up sheet during the last week of Term 2, and again in week 2 of Term 3. All you have to do is bring $1.00 with you to school and then we will collect your money and write down your name and class.

Alternatively, you can fill out the attached entry form and return it to school with your payment. Once we have all sign-ups confirmed a timetable will be issued showing who’s competing, and on what day. Prizes will be awarded to the winners in each category. Good Luck!

Daniel Smith – Representative from the Student Council

Cut here and return form to school with payment

Trivia Competition - Years Prep to 7
If you would like to enter please return this form with your $1.00 payment to your class teacher or to the Admin Office by Thursday 24th July 2014.

Name: __________________________ Class: __________________________

Payment: __________________________
‘Get Back to Tap for Turtles’ Fundraiser -
in Conjunction with Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital and Unity Water

GET BACK TO TAP FOR TURTLES!

We have entered a competition in conjunction with The Australia Zoo to raise money for the Wildlife Hospital located at the zoo. The hospital and its Wildlife Warriors has done an amazing job caring for the schools very own real life mascot Sarara and this will be a good way to show our support. Students will pledge to refuse buying bottled water for the month of July in the aim to reduce the plastic pollution affecting the turtles in our area.

Each donation will get us closer to being the school that raises the most money. There are prizes for the school which could include a visit from the Irwin family. A small donation (as little as $1 would still go a long way if everyone gets involved) Families/students that either register their own Everyday Hero account or donate through the school link will receive a re-usable water bottle. Those who open their own Everyday Hero account will also be included in other prize draws associated with the campaign. The https://unitywater-tapforturtles.everydayhero.com/au/bray-park-state-school-get-back-to-tap-for-turtles

Father’s Day — Order forms to purchase a small gift for Dad will be sent home in the next week or two. The estimated cost for a gift for Dad is expected to be around $3.00.

Billie G’s Gourmet Cookie Dough Fundraiser — Order forms for this have been sent home with today’s newsletter. Orders need to be back to the P&C no later than Monday the 16th of August with delivery due in early September. These are super-easy to scoop and bake, and are a great hit with the kids. Spare order forms are available from the Admin office. As per last year, children are able to select prizes dependent on the number of tubs of cookie dough they sell to families and friends. There are a variety of flavours available including the new addition to the range - ‘Doggie Biscuit Dough’ which is for your favourite pooch. Each 1.3kg tub of cookie dough will make approximately 52 x 25g cookies.

Tuckshop — Just a reminder that the tuckshop is open at first break only on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays. Effective from Wednesday the 6th of August there will be a new menu starting. Copies of the new menu will be sent home with students in early August and will be available on the school website closer to the date. If you are able to spare an hour or two to volunteer in the tuckshop please leave your name and number with the Admin staff.

Booklists for 2015 — The teachers have almost finalised class booklists for next year and as in previous years these will be sent home with students toward the end of Term 3. Orders will be due back at the end of October with delivery due in early to mid-December. For those wishing to use this service ‘My School Gear’ at Brendale will be supplying the items required for each year level. Credit card payments will be able to be made via the direct link on the school website. If you wish to discuss payment plans please contact Russell Patterson directly at ‘My School Gear’ on 3881 3100. A percentage of all booklist sales will be donated back to the school.
P & C AGM — The P & C AGM was held last Wednesday evening and the following people were voted in to form the current P & C Executive Committee. A warm welcome is extended to our new Executive Committee members.

President: Tamara White  
Vice-Presidents: Caitlyn Griffiths and Evanthia Smith  
Treasurer: Jane Pereira  
Secretary: Matthew Best

All current members of the P&C will have the minutes and an agenda emailed to them each month along with any other reports tabled at the meetings. As a general guideline the email should be in your inbox a few days before the next meeting. Please advise any of the P&C Executives or Admin staff if you do not receive this information and we will contact you to confirm your membership and email details. If you have not supplied your email details please do so ASAP so our Secretary can complete the set-up of the email database.

General Meeting — The August general meeting will be held in the staffroom on Wednesday the 13th at 6pm.

P&C membership forms for 2014 are available from the school office. Please note that you need to be in attendance at the meeting to lodge your membership form. For the P&C to run effectively we rely heavily on support from YOU the parents, so please consider coming along to the meetings to have your say and see what you can do to help us benefit all the children at our school, or send us an email. Without the P&C there would be NO fundraising events, NO school dances, NO tuckshop, NO class excursions or school camps. It can be as simple as volunteering to help on the BBQ or in the kitchen at school dances or at other school events or it might be a simple job of stamping raffle tickets or counting order forms into class sets. Either way, it would require no more than an hour or two of your time and you have the satisfaction of knowing that you are doing something that in the long term will reap rewards for ALL the students at Bray Park State School. We look forward to welcoming new members to the P&C and hearing your ideas. Remember, “many hands make light work”.

Border Studios Portrait Fundraiser — Border Studios have been booked to attend Bray Park State School on Saturday 26th of July for our family portrait fundraiser. Their staff will photograph your family and for only $25 you will receive a beautiful 10x13inch canvas portrait gallery wrapped and ready to hang.

If you prefer a traditional photographic portrait, one can be substituted for only $15.00. This is an excellent opportunity to raise valuable funds for our school whilst at the same time receiving a memorable family portrait.

There are a handful of appointments still available so please contact the school office ASAP to arrange a time. There are spare booking forms available from the Admin office. Bookings are not limited to families attending the school so please let your friends and extended families know of this upcoming opportunity. All families participating on the day will go into the draw to receive the 3-pose package valued at approximately $180.00. Payment for any photo packages is due by no later than Wednesday 6th of August and is payable directly to Border Studios. Photos will be available for collection on the afternoon of Wednesday 6th August.

Please Note: for the photographers to be able to run to schedule it is vital that you arrive 5 – 10 minutes before your allotted appointment time. There has been a slight change to the venue and the photographer will now be using the main staffroom situated in the Admin block of the school. Please phone the school office on 3480 7333 if you are unsure of your appointment time.

Tips for getting the most out of your portraits:

Wear bold block colours as they look best, especially blue, pink, turquoise, green, denim, white, or black.  
Avoid busy patterns, singlets, short skirts for women and girls or shorts for men.  
Decide on the style of portrait you prefer when selecting clothes. Formal? Casual? Fun?  
Consider bringing along props which reflect the interests of your family such as musical instruments, sports equipment, team jerseys or favourite toys.  
Consider including grandparents, aunts, uncles or cousins.