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

5 August 2014

Dear Parents

School Opinion Survey
In the last newsletter, each family was sent details of how to access the School Opinion Survey. This is the first year that every family has been given the opportunity to complete the survey. I encourage all families to access and complete the survey as a means of providing feedback to us about our efforts over the past twelve months. The closing date has now been extended to 8 August 2014. If you do not have access to a computer at home, the school can provide you with access to our computer lab.

School Performances
Once again our students have represented our school with outstanding performances. Last Friday, 92 students participated in various groups at the Pine Rivers Show. The tech crew from St Paul’s school commented on how great our band sounded, particularly our trumpeter and the flute section. The Ukulele Group were outstanding as always as were our choirs, with the Junior Choir having the opportunity for an encore performance and winning first place. Well done to everyone and particular thanks to Mrs Speirs, Mrs Gray and Mrs Hicks for preparing the children so well. Also a big thanks to all of the parents who came along to support our students.

Our school display at the Show won first place, with several of our students taking out first place in a number of categories. Thanks to Mrs Moritz for organising the display and to everyone who contributed to the sensational school display.

First Place Colouring Competition – Charlotte Clayton (Prep A), Georgina Espiritu (1C), Isla Smith (2B), Kirsten Hicks (3A).

Year 4 Science Grand Champion – Lauren Adair (4/5E).

Year 5 Science First Place – Sahryah Swney (5B).

On Saturday 2 August, a number of students from the choirs and ukulele groups performed at the Warner Lakes Display Village grand opening. Accompanied by Mrs Speirs and Mrs Gray, the group looked and sounded fantastic! Great publicity for our school.

Pre Prep 2014
Term 4 marks the beginning of Bray Park State School’s highly successful Pre-prep Program. The Pre-prep Program is designed to educate parents and students about curriculum, routines and expectations that will be encountered upon commencing Prep in 2015. The program runs for an hour each week starting in week one continuing through to week nine. Children spend this time in a prep classroom participating in prep activities, touring the school and experiencing the rules and routines that will occur in their classrooms next year.

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Parents remain with their children for the first three sessions, whilst they familiarise themselves with the prep classroom. Parents then have the opportunity to participate in a range of information sessions about prep life including literacy and numeracy, health and milestones, speech and language development and general aspects of getting ready for Prep.

Prep teachers and parents have commented on the ease and confidence in which children have begun their prep year with the introduction of the Pre-prep Program.

If your child is eligible for Prep next year and you would like to enrol your child to participate in this valuable opportunity, please call into the school office for an enrolment package. For more information on the Pre-prep Program, contact Maree Mortlock, Principal on telephone 3480 7333.

**2015 Enrolments**
The Office is now taking enrolments for Prep to Year 6 for 2015. Please collect an enrolment package and make an enrolment interview appointment.

As you will be aware, 2015 sees Year 7 move to high school. If your child is in Year 6, you will need to complete and return the enrolment package to your preferred high school as soon as possible. Year 7 students moving to Year 8 will also need to get enrolment forms back to the high school promptly.

Have a great week.
Maree Mortlock
Principal

**STUDENT OF THE MONTH**
Congratulations to the following students on being chosen as ‘Student of the Month’. You are a great example to the other students at this school and should be very proud of your achievements. Parents are reminded that the afternoon tea for these students will be held on Wednesday, 6/8/14 at 2.30pm in the Hall.

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**MUSIC NEWS**
Thank you to all our parents and families who were able to attend the Pine Rivers’ Show last week. Having such a wonderful audience to perform to made a big difference for the children. Each ensemble performed well. I received a number of positive comments from music teachers of other schools about the great sound produced by our singers and instrumentalists.

The behaviour of our children was also another reason for us all to be proud. For those of you who weren’t able to make it due to other commitments — all our ensembles will be performing again at our Performing Arts Night on Tuesday 16 September, write that evening in your calendars now as it is shaping up to be a great night!

Congratulations to the families and children who were able to represent our school at the Warner Lakes Day of Fun on Saturday. We had approximately 25 children who were able to make it and they performed on stage for half an hour in what felt to some like an arctic gale! Our ukulele players and choir entertained our local community, backed up by two beautiful flute solos by Aislinn H. What a great showcase of the diversity of our music program!

**Upcoming Performances for term 3:**
- Teddy Bear’s Picnic – Junior Choir – Wednesday 3 September, 9 am
- Recording studio visit for “Bring It On” – Auditioned group of Choir and Ukulele – date TBA (keep practising)
- Performing Arts Night – everyone – Tuesday 16 September (evening)

Further information about each performance will be sent home separately but please note as we are only able to take a limited number of children into the recording studio Mrs Speirs and I will be auditioning children to fill available spots. Commitment to practice and rehearsal will be taken into consideration – please make every effort to be on time for rehearsals.

Other reminders:
- Return all music uniforms to school as soon as possible.
- Fill out intermediate and advanced music camp forms and return to school with payment.

Finally a request regarding uniforms – our stock of long black pants, especially in smaller sizes, is running low. It would be greatly appreciated if you were able to buy a pair of pants (not leggings or jeans) for your child.

**LET’S GROW AN EDIBLE GARDEN!**
Help celebrate Enviroweek 24 – 30 August at Bray Park! 4A plan to increase the biodiversity of Bray Park State School with a sustainable vegetable and herb garden project. We will weed and mulch to prepare the garden beds in July. Using sponsored seed packet donations from Woolworths Strathpine to grow our own food to sell, which will raise funds for the next garden project. We wish to make our school community a better place which welcomes others to share a sustainable green space and a healthy environment. Follow us and vote at [http://www.enviroweek.org/teams/year-4a-bray-park-ss/](http://www.enviroweek.org/teams/year-4a-bray-park-ss/)

**NEW TUCKSHOP MENU FROM 6/8/14**
We have an exciting new Tuckshop menu commencing tomorrow, Wednesday 6/8/14. Some delicious new HOT menu items are now available, perfect for these cold winter days! Check out our great new menu outside the Tuckshop and also on the school's website [www.brayparkss.eq.edu.au](http://www.brayparkss.eq.edu.au) Spare copies of the menu are available from the tuckshop or the school office.

**UNIFORMS BACK IN STOCK**
The Office now has school Polo Shirts, Jumpers and Hats in stock which we have had limited supply of recently. Uniforms can be purchased at the office or online via the school website link: [www.brayparkss.eq.edu.au](http://www.brayparkss.eq.edu.au)
A WORD FROM SARARA

G’day folks, I hope you’re well, I’m back again with more to tell. I hope you’ve been safe as you move about, it’s the best thing to do – there is no doubt!

This week is about travel as you leave the school, stay with your group and respond to a call, don’t venture off, on your own, for things can happen as the ‘news’ has shown.

Children get lost or taken away, sometimes things happen – it’s horrid to say, think of Daniel Morcombe, who didn’t come home, so remember – don’t venture off alone!

When you’re on a bus, the rules are clear, stay in your seat and sit on your rear. Buckle up if seat belts are there, don’t drink or eat and leave food everywhere.

Another rule is about safety at school, listen carefully when there’s a message call, play in the area that is set for your grade, don’t follow others who have disobeyed.

Appropriate hats and shoes must be on, hats are wide brimmed as caps have now gone. Shoes must be ‘closed in’ to cover your feet, with socks (the same colour) to keep you neat.

Please keep safe and follow the rule, they will keep you safe while you’re at school. You are so precious to those who love you, so think before acting to do what you do.

Until next time. It’s ‘toodle-loo from me to you’

JUNIOR SECONDARY IN HIGH SCHOOL

The second principle of Junior Secondary is Quality Teaching. Teachers are provided with skills to support teenagers through this crucial period of their development and learning. At Bray Park SHS we:

- Develop positive relationships with students
- Work collaboratively to promote a Junior Secondary identity
- Provide teachers with professional development - teaching adolescents, higher order thinking, flexible learning strategies
- Use the Art and Science of Teaching to enhance learning
- Provide Literacy and numeracy strategies across all KLA
- Provide Learning Support, Special Education Programs and Academically talented programs
- Value Parent Communication

ENROLMENT

Enrolments for year 7 and year 8 2015 are due by 29 August 2014. Please hand in completed enrolment packs to the primary school office or the Bray Park SHS office. Enrolment packs are available from the high school or can be found on the website http://brayparkshs.eq.edu.au/Enrolments/Pages/Enrolments.aspx. Special Education Program expression of interest form can also be found here.

If you would like further information about our school or a tour of our facilities please contact Ed Gordon – Head of Department Junior Secondary egordon3@eq.edu.au.

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Junior Secondary, Bray Park State High School

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OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE NEWS

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'Playing Safe and Having Fun'

IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM THE COORDINATOR...

WELCOME BACK TO THE NEW SCHOOL TERM. PLEASE COME AND SEE US IF YOU NEED BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL CARE. WE STILL HAVE SOME PLACES AVAILABLE AND ENJOY SEEING NEW FACES. THANK YOU, FELICITY 😊

IMPORTANT INFORMATION...

PLEASE MAKE SURE IF YOUR CHILD IS BOOKED IN AND IS NOT GOING TO BE ATTENDING A SESSION THAT YOU ADVISE US BY PHONE OR EMAIL AS IF WE CANNOT GET IN CONTACT WITH YOU OR EMERGENCY CONTACTS WE ARE REQUIRED TO CONTACT THE POLICE FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK FOR SOME WONDERFUL EXPERIENCES AND LOTS OF FUN...

CRAFT, OZTAG, BALL SPORTS, SOCCER, HANDBALL, SENSORY PLAY DOUGH, TENNIS, MOBILIO, SOCCER TABLE, GIANT CONNECT 4, GAMES & MORE...
Border Studios Portrait Fundraiser — 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 from the school staffroom between 2:30pm and 3:30pm on Wednesday 6th August. If you are unable to collect your portraits at this time they will be left here at the school with Admin. Please contact Kylie or Jane to arrange collection at a suitable time.

Happy Jacks — to celebrate Home Ice-Cream being sold through the tuckshop the popular ‘Happy Jacks’ ice-cream will be available as a special treat at the Junior Sports Day on Thurs 14th August. Happy Jacks are one of Home Ice-Cream’s most popular sellers and are a chocolate coated vanilla ice-cream partially dipped in 100’s and 1000’s. Orders are open to ALL year levels, parents, carers and siblings and will be available for collection via the school tuckshop on the day. The cost per ice-cream is $1.50 and order forms were sent home last Friday with each student. Please return order forms by no later than tomorrow (Wednesday 6th August) with payment. If your child did not bring their order form home there are spares available at the school office.

Father’s Day — Order forms to purchase a small gift for Dad were sent home last Friday and are due for return on Friday 8th of August. If your child did not bring an order form home there are spares available from Admin. The cost for a gift for Dad is $3.00.

Billie G’s Gourmet Cookie Dough Fundraiser — Order forms for this were sent home with the last newsletter. Orders need to be back to the P&C no later than Monday the 18th 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 NEW MENU!! — Effective from tomorrow, Wednesday the 6th of August, there will be a new menu starting. Copies of the new menu were sent home with each student last Friday and will be available on the school website. Spare copies are available from the tuckshop or the school office. The tuckshop are also selling new slushie flavours for $2.00 per cup. The new flavours are 99% pear juice, ADHD-friendly, contain NO nasty additives and great tasting. If you are able to spare an hour or two to volunteer in the tuckshop to help with cooking and food preparation please leave your name and number with the Admin staff. Just a reminder to all - the tuckshop is open at first break only on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Booklists for 2015 / Uniforms — 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. School polo shirts and black fleecy jumpers are back in stock and available for purchase via the direct weblink on our school website www.brayparkss.eq.edu.au

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”.
