FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The next GENERAL meeting of the P&C will be held on Wednesday, 17 September 2014 at 6:00pm in the Staffroom.

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Principal's Report

Dear Parents,
We have already reached the mid-point of the term, where did those five weeks go! As I mentioned in the last newsletter, our local high schools are in the midst of getting ready to take Year 7 as well as Year 8 students for 2015. This will significantly impact on teacher numbers at the high schools. It is imperative therefore, they have accurate enrolment numbers for both Year 7 and Year 8. If you have not enrolled your child at a high school to date, I encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Enrolment forms need to be collected at the High School Administration Offices or they are also available via the school websites.

We are currently taking enrolments for 2015 from Prep to Year 6. If you have a child born 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, they are eligible to enrol in Prep for 2015. I am commencing Prep interviews next week in readiness for Pre-Prep which starts in Term 4. Call the Office to arrange an interview time. If you are aware of friends or neighbours who have children eligible for Prep, please encourage them to enrol as soon as possible so that they can attend Pre-Prep.

Keep our school safe - Unfortunately we have had three break-ins over the past fortnight. If you notice something happening around our school that seems out of the ordinary, please telephone School Watch on 13 14 88. Your help in keeping our school secure is greatly appreciated.

Healthy lunches
Concentrating on school work burns a lot of energy. To ensure your child is receiving adequate nutrition, use foods from the five food groups in lunches/snacks:

1. Vegetables and legumes/beans
2. Fruit
3. Grain (cereal) foods, mostly wholegrain and/or high fibre
4. Lean meat and poultry, fish, eggs, tofu, nuts and seeds
5. Milk, yoghurt, cheese and/or their alternatives

A healthy lunchbox includes four components:

1. A main item such as a sandwich, pasta with vegetables, frittata or sushi
2. A fruit or vegetable snack
3. A second snack based on a core food such as yoghurt or grainy crackers with cheese
4. A drink – tap water is best.

Providing a variety of nutritious food helps children to concentrate for the duration of their very busy day.
P-2 Sports Day
Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who came along to our P-2 Sports Day last week. It was great to see everyone cheering and encouraging students to participate in all of the events of the day. A big thanks to Mr Flannery for organising a very successful day (even the rain held off long enough for us to finish the events).

Have a great week
Maree Mortlock,
PRINCIPAL

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK FAIR
Book Fair is open in the library from 15th to 22nd August. We will be open at the following times: 8.15 to 9.00; both lunch breaks; and 3.00 to 3.45pm. Come along for some great bargains. Books start at $2.00 with the cheapest being $15.00 - $20.00.

DRESS-UP DAY
It was great to see so many wonderful costumes. We had a fun time guessing who everyone was!

COLOURING COMPETITION
Thank you to everyone who entered the colouring competition. Our winners are listed below. First place receive a $10 voucher for Book Fair and Second place receive a $5.00 voucher.

PREP / YR 1
1st Rawipha Prakobsri Prep B
2nd Harley Hargrave 1B

YR 2 / YR 3
1st Holly May 3A
2nd Raewyn Olomali 2B

YR 4 / YR 5
1st Chantelle Debnam 4B
2nd Zackary Wilson 5A

YR 6 / YR 7
1st Jade Milburn 6A
2nd Jazmin Wilson 7A

MUSIC NEWS
This week some of our instrumental music students are attending a music camp at Watson Park Convention Centre. A concert was held on Tuesday afternoon to showcase the intermediate students. On Friday the advanced students will be performing in their concert. Music camps are a wonderful environment for children to extend skills on their instrument and to meet other students who play the same instrument. Intermediate and Advanced music camps are a goal all our instrumental students should work towards for 2015 – keep up the practice at home and continue to work hard in your lessons.

Thank you to the families who have been getting their children to rehearsal on time, it makes a big difference to our rehearsals.

Upcoming Performances for term 3:
- Assembly performance - Concert Band - Tuesday 26 August, 2:15 pm
- 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)

Information about the Teddy Bears’ Picnic went home last week, please return the permission slip with $5.00 for bus travel to school by Wednesday, 27 August.

Mrs Speirs and I will be auditioning children to fill available spots for the recording studio visit. Commitment to practice and rehearsal as well as behaviour will be taken into consideration.

Other reminders:
- Return all music uniforms to school as soon as possible (22 still outstanding)

A WORD FROM SARARA
Hello girls and boys, I hope you are well, I’ve another rule I have to tell. So read this carefully and take good care, It’s about being safe everywhere!

When you’re in classrooms, and you have to move, (It’s not like the dance floor where you like to groove), You have to walk in a quiet, safe way, From your desks to the door and then out to play.

When you move with your class around the school, Don’t hop and skip or play the fool, Walk in an orderly, safe, quiet way, It’s sure to help you have a good day!

We care so much about each of you, And there are things that you must learn to do. So remember to keep safe when you move around, ‘Cause it’s not much fun when you land on the ground!

Keep safe my friends until next time, When I’ll be back with another rhyme!

Toodle -loo from me to you!

PARENTING AN ANXIOUS CHILD
Moreton Family Support Network and Relationships Australia (Strathpine) has advised that they are hosting a “Parenting An Anxious Child Workshop” on Tuesday 16th September. This is a fantastic workshop for parents, carers and grandparents who want to learn more about parenting an anxious child. On the day there will be the opportunity for participants to listen to guest speaker Dr. Carolyn Russell, ask questions of Dr. Carolyn Russell during question time. You can access enrolment forms from their website at www.rag.org.au

Peter Orphanides (Deputy Principal)

POSITIVE PARENTING FOR MUMS, DADS AND COUPLES

Positive Parenting for Mums, Dads and Couples
Encircle (formerly Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Centre) has advised of a Positive Parenting Course, commencing on Wednesday 29th October until 26th November and running for 5 weeks. The venue is Undurba State School Community Hall, Ogg Road Murrumba Downs from 6.30pm until 9.00pm.

This program is conducted by Ross Adams (family therapist) in conjunction with the Moreton Bay Community Consortium. This program explores and develops positive parenting and communication skills within the relationship experienced with
children and teenagers. Some of the topics covered are understanding children’s behaviour, building love and respect in the family and dealing with the overload or stressful situations and much more. Contact Encircle on 07 3889 0063 or visit www.encircle.org.au for more information and to register.

MARK YOUR DIARIES FOR 1 SEPTEMBER 2014

CHAPLAINCY DINNER Featuring Bray Park SS.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Each year, the Moreton Regional Council hosts an Annual Chaplaincy Dinner at the Norths Leagues Services Club in Kallangur. This year, the Guest speaker is Heather Foord (past television presenter and newsreader).

Following the Guest Speaker’s address, Bray Park SS has been invited to be the feature school, highlighting the role that Chaplains undertake in schools. It is a privilege to do so, as Chappy Kirsty, through the support of the Local Chaplaincy Committee, the P & C, school families, and community organisations and businesses, provides valuable and unconditional support to so many children and families. School families can support Chappy Kirsty by purchasing a ticket to the dinner. Tickets are available through Chappy Kirsty and are $45.

A representative of one of our current school families will also be speaking in conjunction with Chappy Kirsty. Those present at the dinner will be entertained and informed through the viewing of a video that Chappy Kirsty and her students are compiling entitled - “What Does Your Chappy Do?” The video will contain interview segments from children from all different grades, as well as staff and parents.

I urge all families to support this dinner, as all proceeds from the night go directly to Chappy Kirsty and other Chaplains in our area.

Peter Orphanides (Deputy Principal)

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 egord3@eq.edu.au.

Michelle Lyons, Deputy Principal

Junior Secondary, Bray Park State High School

Right to Read
Community BBQ

Saturday 24 August

10.00am to 12 noon

Essencia Park, Essencia Avenue, Dakabin

Come along show your support to stop the closure of the Kallangur Community Library by the Moreton Bay Regional Council

A petition will be available for signing

Please RSVP for catering purposes to organisers@qtu.asn.au.

YMCA BRAY PARK
OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE NEWS

3205 4639 / 0409 845 294
E. abp@ymca.org.au

"Playing Safe and Having Fun"

IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM THE COORDINATOR...

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, MOBILE, SOCCER TABLE, GIANT CONNECT 4, GAMES & MORE…
P&C News

5c Fundraiser — the P&C will be running a 5c fundraiser from Monday 25th August through until the end of the school term. There will be a prize for the class that raises the most money with their collection of 5c pieces. So start collecting and let the competition begin. Admin will be keeping a tally sheet so classes can find out each week where they are placed on the leader board. Please note that only 5c coins can be accepted.

Performing Arts Night — On Tuesday 16th September Bray Park State School will be hosting its annual Performing Arts night. There will be performances from our band and strings members as well as from our ukelele and choir groups and Bray Park idol winners. There will be the customary sausage sizzle starting around 5pm along with ice-creams, lollies, chocolates and hot/cold drinks available for purchase. The cost to attend is $5.00 per family or $3.00 per adult. Money raised at the door will be used to further enhance the music program. We will need parent helpers on the night to assist in the kitchen or on the BBQ so if you are able to help in any small way please leave your details at the office and we will contact you closer to the night.

Father’s Day — Order forms have been collated and orders placed. Delivery is due in early September.

Billie G’s Gourmet Cookie Dough Fundraiser — If by some chance you have forgotten to get your order in please do so no later than 9am tomorrow (Wednesday) morning. Collation of orders will be finalised at this time and the order placed with the distributor. Orders will be available for collection after 2pm on Friday 5th September.

Tuckshop — Copies of the new menu are available from the tuckshop, the school office or on the school website. Remember that there are new slushie flavours available for $2.00 per cup. The new flavours are 99% pear juice with no nasty additives and great tasting. There are a variety of lunch boxes available with something to cater to most tastes. 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 so any orders for second break need to be placed with orders done for first break. The tuckshop is in need of the following donations and if you are able to assist in any way it would be greatly appreciated – Jatz/ritz biscuits, strawberry/raspberry jam, tinned pineapple pieces or beetroot, cling wrap, baking paper and alfoil.

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 September general meeting will be held in the staffroom on Wednesday the 10th 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”.
PERFORMING ARTS NIGHT

$5 per family
$3 an adult

September 16th - 6pm

5pm Sausage Sizzle
Plus Ice Cream
Lollies
Drinks