FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The next GENERAL meeting of the P&C will be held on Wednesday, 10 September 2014 at 6:00pm in the Staffroom.

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Dear Parents

2014 NAPLAN Successes

We have recently received our preliminary 2014 NAPLAN results with very pleasing outcomes. Upward of 96% of students in Year 3, across all of the areas in Literacy and Numeracy, met or exceeded the National Minimum Standard. Similar results were recorded in Year 7 and for Year 5, their best performances were in Reading and Spelling.

Our greatest achievements have been in the longitudinal improvement of our students as measured over a two year period – ie 2012 – 2014. Students’ performance in Year 3 and Year 5 of 2012 has been measured against their performance in Year 5 and Year 7 of 2014. It is great to see how far along their education journey they have progressed.

Our improvement relative to the Nation has been outstanding in Year 3, both in the short term 2013 – 2014 and over the life of NAPLAN 2008 – 2014. This is a credit to the wonderful teachers we have in Prep to Year 3 solidly setting the foundations for learning and of course our beautiful children.

Congratulations to all of our students and staff who were involved in NAPLAN 2014.

Gold Assemblies

As the term draws to a close we are preparing for our Gold Assemblies. The timetable is as follows:

Monday 15 September
9.00am Year 3
10.00am Year 2

Wednesday 17 September
9.00am Year 1
10.30am Prep
12.45pm Year 4

Thursday 18 September
10.30am Year 5
12.45pm Years 6&7

I look forward to seeing you at our Gold Assemblies.

Bring it On Program

It is with great pride that I send our Ukulele Group and members of the Performance Choir to the recording studio in Fortitude Valley on Thursday. The group will be formally recorded and the ABC Radio has requested a copy of the recording for airing across the country. Congratulations to Mrs Speirs, Mrs Gray and all of the students involved. Well done!

We also have another opportunity to showcase the talents of the students at Bray Park State School with the opening of the new Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Centre called Enicircle. Our students will be performing at 10.30am on Thursday 11 September. Look out, here we come!
2015 Prep Enrolments
It is great to see that we now have well over 40 enrolments for Prep next year. We have places for up to 75 students. Please encourage friends and neighbours to get their enrolments in as soon as possible. Only children enrolled for Prep at Bray Park are eligible to attend Pre-Prep which commences in Week 1 of Term 4. This is a great program which familiarises children with the routines of Prep, making that transition from kindy to school much less daunting.

Have a great week.
Maree Mortlock
PRINCIPAL

MUSIC NEWS
This week our musicians are going to be having fun representing our school at different events. The Junior Choir and some of our talented ukulele players have been invited to perform at the Teddy Bears’ Picnic on Wednesday morning. On Thursday our Advanced Ukulele group and some of our Senior Choir will be recording our award winning song ‘Bring It On’ at the Gasworks Recording Studio in Newstead. Both excursions provide us with a fantastic opportunity to showcase our school.

Planning for instrumental music in 2015 is underway. Last week expression of interest letters went home with all children in grades 2, 3 and 4. If you are interested in your child learning an instrument at school next year please return your form to the office asap. Children currently learning an instrument do not need to return this form. Last week our Concert Band performed on assembly, they did an amazing job – about half of our band have only been playing their instruments for 6 months! Perhaps your child will be one impressing the audience this time next year!

We have had a great response to the Chocolate Frog Fundraiser, don’t miss out, orders and money can be brought into the office until Thursday this week.

All ensembles are busily rehearsing for our annual Performing Arts Night on Tuesday 16 September at 6pm. Entry is $3 Adult or $5 Family. The P & C are holding a sausage sizzle from 5.00pm, if you are able to assist with set up of the hall or cooking sausages, please leave your contact details at the office. Children performing will need to wear long black pants, black shoes and socks. They will be given a music polo shirt to wear for the evening. As part of their classroom music program children in year 4 and 5 are also performing on the night. These students are asked to wear their school uniform. All performers need to arrive at the hall no later than 5:30pm.

Reminders:
• Choc Frog Fundraiser – orders close Thursday 4/9/14
• Instrumental music 2015 – return expression of interest forms ASAP
• Return all music uniforms please

SPORTS NEWS
Junior Sports Carnival
On Thursday 14th students in years Prep, One and Two competed in the annual Junior Sports Carnival. Students participated in a variety of ‘tabloid style’ games, ranging from egg & spoon races to rubber chicken throwing. The students were competing to earn points for their sports house. The overall winner of the junior carnival was Armstrong house (Blue). Congratulations Armstrong! Throughout the day the students seemed to have a great time with lots of big smiles on show. A big thank you to all the parents who came to cheer on the children as well as the teachers who helped run the events.

U9 Rugby League Suncorp Stadium Experience
On Monday the 18th of August 20 of the Bray Park SS u9 (yrs 2,3,4) boys participated in a series of rugby league demonstration games Suncorp Stadium, home of the Brisbane Broncos. Our boys played games against Birkdale South SS, Wavell Heights SS, Wilston SS & Richlands East SS.
Mr Mercer who accompanied the students reports that both the students and their parents had a wonderful day. For many of these boys it was a once in a lifetime experience that they will remember for ever.
Well done boys.

Upcoming sports events
The end of Term 3 will be a very busy time for all students, especially regarding sports. Bray Park students will be involved in a number of exciting events in the next few weeks. These include;
• Swimming lessons begin:
  • Prep, Yr 1 & 2B = 1st 5th September
  • 2a, 2/3e & Yr 3 = 15th 19th September
• District Sports Gala Day = 5th December
• Bray Park High twilight sports afternoon = 17th September

If you have any questions regarding these events please contact the school as soon as possible.
Mr Flannery
H.P.E. Teacher

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. Afternoon tea for these students is on Wednesday, 3 September at 2.30pm in the Assembly Hall.

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A WORD FROM SARARA
G’day girls and boys, it’s been a little while, I hope you’re all well, and wearing a smile! I’ve been watching from way up high in my tree, And I’m so very proud of the good things that I see!

For the next two weeks, there are new rules to obey, And these are so important, I have to say. The first rule is about safety on roads all around, From the time you leave home to the school ground.

If you’re riding a bike, don’t ride on the road, There are cars and trucks with heavy loads. You could be knocked down, injured or die, This is so important - you cannot deny!

Ride on the paths with your helmet on tight, Watch for pedestrians - use your eye sight. Both hands on your handle bars, be in control, Watch for bumps and curves and prams and poles.

Stay on the path if you’re walking to school, Cross at the lights – don’t be a fool! Don’t venture across a busy road, You could end up like a squashed toad!

Use the crossings with the lolly pop sign, Wait for the whistle and you’ll be fine. Walk, don’t run, say hello, The cars will stop to let you go.

When you get to school, go to the hall, No ‘dilly-dallying’ or kick a ball. Line up with your classmates, wait for the bell, Then await the instructions your teacher will tell.

We must stay safe all day at school, Even when the ‘eating bell’ is called. We eat where our class is told to sit, And eat only what is in your ‘kit’.

Don’t take food from a box that’s not yours, You might have an allergy and not know the cause. Eat only what belongs to you, It really is the best thing to do!

So do keep safe my lovely mates, I’ll be watching you near the school gates. Be safe, be responsible and respectful too, It’s toodle-loo from me to you!

TUCKSHOP NEWS
At the beginning of this term some changes were made in the tuckshop including new menu items, the addition of lunch box meal deals, bigger portions and lower prices. It is great to report that the figures show that these changes have been very successful!

Sharon Collins has decided to not continue as our Tuckshop Convenor. The P&C and the school would like to thank her for her contribution. Also thank you to Mandy who has volunteered in the tuckshop for many years.

With the popular new menu we are receiving a higher volume of orders each day which is GREAT! To keep our Tuckshop running we need the help of parents, carers, grandparents, aunts and uncles to volunteer each day. The tuckshop is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8.30 – 12.00pm. Even if you can only spare an hour in the morning to help with food preparation and set-up, that would be a great contribution.

Ideally we would like to have some regular volunteers so that we can have a roster in place to enable people to plan ahead. Included with today’s newsletter is a form that volunteers can provide us with their details and indicate the days they would like to volunteer. Please return these forms to the school Office.

For the month of September, look out for your ‘Kids Go Fresh’ collector cards which we will be giving out to reward healthy tuckshop orders.

The P&C is also investigating online ordering for the Tuckshop. This enables parents to order online in advance and helps with stock ordering and planning. More information on this to come.

If you have any queries about volunteering please contact Tamara White (P&C President) via pandcpresident@brayparkss.eq.edu.au or 07 3480 7333.

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‘Playing Safe and Having Fun’

IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM THE COORDINATOR...
As it is coming to the end of the school term we have vacation care coming up. Make sure you get in quick and secure your place.
Thank you, Leesa. ☺

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, Table Tennis, Stepping Stone Painting, Soccer, Handball, Sensory Play Dough, Tennis, Origami Making, Soccer Table, Giant Connect 4, Games & more...and of course our yummy food ☺

Enrol for 2015 Prep
Children born 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 are eligible to enrol.
STUDENT COUNCIL TRIVIA COMPETITION
The Student Council would like to thank all those students that participated in our Trivia competition. Approximately $106.00 was raised from this event which will be used toward funding next year’s Student Leader’s Conference. We would like to congratulate the following winning students:

1st Place ($10.00 voucher)  
Prep – Year 2 (tied winners)  
Jacinta Skinner – Prep A  
Kaiah Birch – Prep B  
Years 5-7  
Chelsea Skinner – 5/6E

2nd Place ($5.00 tuckshop voucher)  
Prep-Year 2  
Taylah McTavish – 2A  
Years 5-7  
Abbey Sumner – 5B

3rd Place (Certificate)  
Prep-Year 2 (tied winners)  
Lainie Clinch – Prep A  
Luisa Olomali – Prep A  
Kalila Elton – Prep B  
Jasmine Guevara – 1B  
Zabi Nooyar – 1C  
Oliver Prout – 1C  
Daman Randhawa – 1C  
Years 5-7 (tied winners)  
Madina Ahmad – 5B  
Amarni Ware – 5B  
Codi Stone – 6A

Class Award
Class 3B

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Pine Rivers Cricket Club still requires more players for the 2014 / 2015 summer season. Both Boys and Girls are invited to play and are required in the following age groups; Under 8’s, Under 9’s, Under 10’s, Under 14’s and Under 15’s. The season begins on 11th October 2014 and runs until the 6th December 2014, then 31st January 2015 until the 21st March 2015.

Registration forms can be downloaded from the Cricket Clubs website www.pineriversccqld.cricket.com.au, after completing the forms please send back to the clubs email address pineriverscricket@gmail.com. The Pine rivers Cricket Club grounds and Clubhouse are at Bob Brock Park, 243 - 253 Marsden Road Dakabin 4503. For any further information please contact Richard Clay, Mobile 0428 040 213, email rjclay5@bigpond.net.au, Or Michael Osborn, 0434 061 322 ( Club President )

Thanks Richard Clay
5c Fundraiser — this fundraiser has started and to date Prep A are leading the charge with their collection of 5c pieces, followed by 1c and Prep B. Pretty awesome effort so far!! Remember that this fundraiser is running up until the end of this term. There will be a prize for the class that raises the most money with their collection of 5c pieces. So keep collecting and get those 5c pieces counted toward your own class tally. Admin are 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 ukulele 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 — Orders have arrived and will be sent home with students on Wednesday (tomorrow).

Billie G’s Gourmet Cookie Dough Fundraiser — The cookie dough is being delivered frozen to the school on Friday and will be available for collection after 2pm from the school hall. Prizes associated with the sale of the cookie dough tubs will be available for collection with the cookie dough on Friday afternoon.

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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 — Booklists have been sent home with students today and are due back with payment to My School Gear by Friday October 31st. Credit card payments will be able to be made via the direct link on the school website www.brayparkss.eq.edu.au. 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.

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.
PERFORMING ARTS NIGHT
September 16th - 6PM

5PM Sausage Sizzle
Plus Ice Cream
Lollies
Drinks

$5 Per Family
$3 An Adult
Welcome to Bray Park State School Tuckshop

Volunteers are always welcome to come along and help at our Tuckshop. We work in a friendly environment on the basis of a roster system.

The Tuckshop is co-ordinated by our P&C who have the responsibility for the day to day organisation of the Tuckshop.

To keep the tuckshop running volunteers are required from 8.30 am to 12 pm Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. If you have only a few hours in the morning to help with the preparation of the food, your help would be greatly appreciated.

There is a variety of healthy foods available for our students and they are encouraged to order their food beforehand.

If you are able to help or would like to know more, please do not hesitate to contact the office on 3480 7333 or drop in to the tuckshop.

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Yes, I would love to help !!

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