BRAY PARK STATE SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
The next GENERAL meeting of the P&C will be held on Wednesday, 11 November 2014 at 6:00pm in the Staffroom.

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Principal’s Report

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Dear Parents

World Teachers’ Day – a time to say thanks
This Friday 31 October is World Teachers’ Day. Celebrated in more than 100 countries, World Teachers’ Day acknowledges the efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex society.

Every day teachers are building skills that translate into future careers. They are shaping our future workforce and creating the next generation of leaders and innovators. I encourage students, parents and community members to show their appreciation of the wonderful teachers here at Bray Park in some small way.

The Department of Education, Training and Employment also recognises the outstanding work of its teachers through Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools, Teacher Excellence Career Milestones and 25-year Service Certificates, presented each year on World Teachers’ Day.

“To teach is to touch a life forever”

Discipline Audit
On Wednesday 22 October a Discipline Audit was undertaken across the school. The audit looked how well we are progressing with: establishing explicit and clear school-wide expectations that encourage a culture that promotes learning; our parent and community engagement; our use of data to inform the decisions we make in creating a safe, supportive and disciplined learning environment; and the explicit teaching of appropriate behaviour to all students.

We were highly commended on the work we have been doing around our School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support processes, particularly introducing our school mascot Sarara the Koala and our links with Australia Zoo, as well as our significantly improved behaviour data. Feedback from the auditor also included that we here at Bray Park have beautiful children and caring teachers – something we already know, but it is wonderful when someone from outside our school sees the same. Thank you to all of the students, teachers and parents who spoke with the auditor.

Collecting students
Could I remind all parents and caregivers that it is school procedure to come to the Office to collect an early release slip if you are picking up your child before 3.00pm.

School-Wide Testing
During weeks 4 to 6 the Administration Team will be undertaking standardised testing across the school. This data allows us to track student progress from February to November and provides class teachers with up to date data to inform report card grades.

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Great state. Great opportunity.
It is imperative that students are at school each day and are on time each day as we will commence testing in classes at 9.00am sharp.

Enrolments
Our local high schools are still chasing enrolments for Year 7 and Year 8 for 2015. If you have not enrolled your child at a high school, please do as soon as possible.

We are also looking to finalise our enrolment numbers, particularly in Prep. If you know of friends or family who have not yet enrolled in Prep, or any other year level, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible.

If you are leaving Bray Park at the end of the year, please complete the tear off section and return to the Office.

Have a great week!
Maree Mortlock, Principal

NEWS FROM CLASS 4/5E
In term 3, my class 4/5E created a 2D painting. We painted the universe, only we didn’t use any paintbrushes. Instead we used objects like balloons, marbles, syringes, toothbrushes and an air pump. We used techniques like putting a toothbrush in paint and flicking the bristles to create specks of paint on the canvas. We also used the syringes to squirt out paint and make it look like an explosion. Another thing we did was add glitter to some paint and put it on a balloon. With that balloon we then dabbed it onto the canvas and used the air pump to spread the paint. Lastly we used the marble by rolling them across the canvas. This painting took us 1 day to complete and it is our interpretation of the universe.

By Zoe Rae

4/5E’s painting entry for the Youth Art Awards 2014 is displayed at the Strathpine Community Centre. It is called Universe. Which is related to our term 3 science unit on space. We weren’t allowed to use any paint brushes so we used balloons, marbles, syringes, air pumps, toothbrushes and other items. Everyone took part in our painting entry and it turned out great. We didn’t come any places but we’re glad we had the opportunity to enter.

By Lauren Adair

STUDENT DENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM
The Dental Van is now located at our school and has begun treatment for students. If you still have a dental form to return for your child please hand it directly to the staff at the Dental Van.

For any enquiries please contact Oral Health Program staff on 0408 779 592.

SARARA SAYS ......
Well, G’day my friends, it’s been a while, I hope you’re well and wearing a smile!
Being respectful is our rule for the term, And with this rule, there’s much to learn!

Listening and following instructions at school,
In the classroom, playground and in the hall,
Helps us all know what to do,
And keeps us all safe – from me to you!

If there were no instructions in our tasks each day,
We wouldn’t have games that we could play,
We couldn’t solve problems or learn new things,
Like how to read or pluck uke strings!

Everyone has the right to learn,
So be respectful, take your turn,
Listen and follow instructions each day,
From the tasks in class to the games you play.

Another rule that’s ahead in week five,
Is important to every human alive,
It’s about a rather ‘private deed’,
And what we call ‘an essential need’!

Going to the toilet is what this rule’s about,
And must be respected (without a doubt),
Check you enter the right place,
Girls and boys have a different space!

The toilet for disabled has a special mark,
(Just like the sign on a disabled car park). We respect the users - both girls and boys,
Don’t bang on the door or make a noise!

Respect one another when using the loo,
From what you say, and what you do.
It’s a place to visit with a purpose in mind,
And this is how they have been designed.

Place only your bottom upon the seat,
Never ever use your feet!
Toilet seats can break and snap,
With cuts and wounds from this mishap!

No peeking over walls or over doors,
No peeking under, or upon the floor,
A place for ‘private’ things to do,
So let one sit quietly upon the loo!

When your deed is done, and all is clean,
Please flush away, so nothing is seen,
To the sink and tap you make your way,
Then wash your hands (without a spray!)

Don’t leave water upon the floor,
People will slip as they come through the door,
Exit the toilets in an orderly way,
And repeat this procedure every day!

Remember our Bray Park State School Rule,
Be safe, responsible and respectful to all,
I know how great you wonderful kids are,
I’m watching and listening from a gumtree afar!

Toodle-oo
From me to you
DSTA NEWS

Now is typically the time when Defence families are preparing to move to their new posting location. Any Defence families that are leaving at the end of this year please let Mrs Hicks now, via the school office, so your child/ren can be given their “farewell” items. Please include the date of your child’s last day at school if you will be moving before the end of the school term.

An announcement from DCO (Defence Community Organisation): “Is your military member deployed or soon to deploy? Register with the Defence Family Helpline on 1800 624 608 to receive regular contact from DCO while your member is away. Visit www.defence.gov.au/dco and click on Deployment and time apart for more information.”

Mrs Hicks, Defence School Transition Aide

LIBRARY NEWS

READING UNDER THE STARS

The Southern Cross Summer Reading Challenge

To launch the 2014/2015 Summer Reading Challenge, Issue 7 Book Club is giving students the chance to WIN their SUMMER READING WISH LIST – so they will have plenty of books to keep them reading over the school holidays and participating in the challenge.

HOW TO ENTER

2. Browse the Issue 7 Book Club brochures and choose books (to the total value of $100)
3. Fill in all the details on the WISH LIST and post to the following address so that it is received by November 14, 2014:

   Summer Reading Wish List Competition
   REPLY PAID 579
   Gosford NSW 2250

One student from each state and territory will win their wish list before the holidays.

HELP STOP THE ‘SUMMER SLIDE’

Now is the time to set your children up for summer reading success.

* Children who read as few as six books during the holidays will maintain their reading level skills taught during the year.
* Teachers can spend up to six weeks when school returns reteaching lost skills to students who have spent little of no time reading in the holidays.

A proven way to keep kids reading over summer is participation in a summer reading program.

Target goal: 1 Million reading minutes

Let’s set a new record for Australia and New Zealand!

* Weekly prize draws and grand prizes for participating students
* Prizes for the schools in each country with students actively logging Reading Minutes throughout the challenge
* Grand prize school winners in each country that achieve the highest student participation rate


NOT RETURNING IN 2015

Please indicate if your child/children will not be attending Bray Park State School in 2015 (excluding year 6 students moving to high school.)

Student Name:  ___________________ Class: __________

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Please cut out and return to the office, thank you.
CONGRATULATIONS TO LAUREN HICKS (4B)

Lauren’s quote for the Camp Gallipoli Student Ambassador Program has been selected to be published on the Camp Gallipoli website:

“Members of the Australian Defence Force – we all pay respect to them. People in the Army, Navy and RAAF that look after sick and injured soldiers are great and the people who fight in the wars are greater. I think it is great that we have ANZAC Day so we can remember them all.”

Congratulations Lauren.
Mr Lambert (Class Teacher 4B)

CYBER BULLYING INFORMATION SESSIONS

We are planning for a Cyber Bullying information session for students in years 4 – 7. It is hoped that this will take place during school hours on Friday, 31/10/14 however this will be confirmed via a notice to students in the coming days. We are awaiting confirmation of the availability of our local school based police officers to be present for this session. An evening parent information session is also being planned and further information will be distributed around this also.

Thank you.
Peter Orphanides, Deputy Principal

CHAPPY TRIVIA NIGHT

This Saturday is our Chappy Trivia Night at the school hall! Why not register a team for a great night out while supporting our chaplaincy program at the same time. It’s $10 per person and you can register teams of up to 8 people by contacting Chappy through our school office. We have some great prizes up for grabs on the night which have been kindly donated by our local businesses including:

- Hyundai A League Soccer Ball - donated by Amart Sports
- Strathpine
- Family Pass Bowling - donated by Strathpine Hyperbowl
- Movie Tickets - donated by Noodle Box Strathpine
- Floral Arrangements - donated by Strathpine Florist Flowers and Gifts
- Mary Kay Pamper Packs - donated by Angela Webb, Mary Kay Consultant
- Spa Pedicure - donated by Radiant Nails at Kensington Village Bray Park
- Lazer Zone Mission Passes - donated by Lazer Zone Brisbane
- Hair Care - donated by Tonestar Hair

www.facebook.com/tonestar.hair

Along with some other fantastic prizes! We hope to see you there!

Chappy Kirsty :)

Bray Park State School Enrolments for Year Seven and Year Eight in 2015 are now due.

Year Seven and Year Eight Scholarships are now open for:
- Academic
- Music
- Sport

Please refer to the BPSHS website for further information.
https://brayparkshs.eq.edu.au

Parent Information Evening
Investigative Learning Approach

Who should attend?
Parents, carers, guardians, grandparents and any other interested people!

Research unequivocally demonstrates that if we can provide a solid, intentional, play based curriculum within a rich creative environment with highly professional educators in the field, children will receive a quality early childhood education that will influence and impact upon their lives and learning for the future.

Don’t miss this one time only opportunity to hear the Australian Director of the Early Life Foundation, Shona Bass, speak about investigative learning/play based curriculum and how it impacts on the learning outcomes of our children..

Shona is a renowned consultant who has worked in the education, medical and health sector for thirty years. Shona was a Professor and Head of School at Deakin University and has been published widely in international peer reviewed journals and has written many books and book chapters. Her publications have been referred to and cited extensively in the international arena. Shona is a well-known speaker internationally and nationally.

November 18, 2014
Bray Park State School Activities Hall
Entry from Sparkes Road
6:30 pm

This is a FREE presentation brought to you by Bray Park State School.
H.P.E NEWS

Parents are reminded that in 2014 Bray Park S.S will be trailing swimming/lifesaving lessons for students in yrs 4-7. From the 24th-28th November our upper school students will be travelling to Lawnton Pool to participate in either learn to swim or life saving lessons. The cost of these lessons is $56. Please ensure all money and forms are returned before 14th November.

Also in sport news, the fourth and final Pine Rivers District Sport Gala day will be played on Friday 21st November. Students in yrs 5-7 will compete in either O2 Tag or Futsal against students from other schools within Pine Rivers. Please ensure permission forms are returned before Tuesday 18th November.

Finally, earlier in the year our school raised a huge $6271 in the annual cross country. Some of this money was spent on purchasing new athletics singlets for the students to wear at district sport competitions. These singlets have now arrived and although I am definitely not a 'fashionista', I must say the singlets look great. The students will wear these as part of the Bray Park team while competing in athletics, cross country and touch football.

Matt Flannery
H.P.E Teacher

SCHOOL BANKING

The Commonwealth Bank are running another great promotion to reward regular savers! There are 40 x GoPro HERO3 White Cameras and 150 x Slip N Slide Wave Riders to be won! To be in the running, students simply need to make a school banking deposit between 20 October – 30 November. Every deposit during that period equals one entry. Don’t forget THURSDAY is our school banking day. Please bring your school banking books to the Office on Thursday mornings. Prep student can give their books to the class teachers please.

2015 BOOKLIST ORDERS

All students were given a booklist at the end of Term 3 for their 2015 stationery requirements. Spare forms are available at the Office or you can view your child’s year list via the My School Gear website www.myschoolgear.net.au

To have your order delivered free of charge, it must be submitted online by Friday, 31 October 2014. Manual order forms can be left at the school office, however these will incur a $6.60 delivery fee. A delivery fee will also apply to any online orders submitted after 31 October 2014. The My school gear shop is located at Unit 2 / 50 Kremzow Road, Brendale. Ph 3881 3100.

KEEP US UP TO DATE

A reminder to all parents and carers to please update your personal contact details with the school Office as soon as changes occur. Regularly we are finding that parent and emergency contact details are incorrect. This makes it very difficult to contact you in the event that your child is sick or injured at school. Please phone the Office to update any details or pop in to complete a change of details form. Thank you.

KEEPING COOL

With this very hot weather hitting us quickly, it can be exhausting for students as they still want to remain active and be outside during play time. Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school every day and encourage them to have regular drinks at the bubblers during break times. Perhaps also, an extra item or two in student lunch boxes will help to keep them fuelled up and able to concentrate in class during this hot weather.
P&C News - 28th Oct 2014

**School Dance** — With thanks to all who came along last Thursday evening to our last school dance for the year. A great night was had by everyone and we would like to thank our resident DJ Jak Speirs for putting on another great night of music. The P&C would also like to acknowledge and thank Jeannette Ware and her husband Steve who have generously supported Jak throughout this year as he ventured into the paying business of being a DJ. Thanks also to the teachers and volunteers who continually gave up their own time so the dances could go ahead. Monies raised from all of the P&C fundraising events throughout the year go back to the school to benefit all of the students.

**Donation to School** — The P&C Executive Committee would like to advise that at the October meeting a motion was passed to donate $5000.00 to the school which will be used for the purchase of literacy and numeracy resources. Without your support at our fundraising events this would not have been possible. Thank-you! 😊

**Carols by Glowstick** — Please mark Monday 1st December on your calendars to come along for a fun evening and support our students in their end of year performances. The P&C will be running a sausage sizzle from 5:30pm.

**Tuckshop** — To ensure our tuckshop is able to continue operating we DO need the help of parents, carers, grandparents, aunts and uncles to volunteer each day. All we are asking is for an hour of your time each week to help with the preparation of the orders. Please contact the office if you are able to assist. The tuckshop is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8.30 – 12.00pm.

Ideally we would like to have some regular volunteers so that we can have a roster in place to enable people to plan ahead. Tuckshop volunteer forms are available from Admin and any help you can offer is greatly appreciated and will also benefit the children that use the tuckshop. Please return these forms to the school Office.

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

**2015 Senior Polo** — Order forms have been sent home with the Year 5 students. If you did not receive one spare order forms are available from the office. The polo shirts will be priced at $40.00 and are being produced locally. Please return the form by the due date if your child is returning to Bray Park State School for 2015 and you wish to have your child’s name included on the polo shirt. Please note that full payment is NOT required until the start of the new school year. A 50% deposit is due by Tuesday 2nd December.

**General Meeting** — The November general meeting will be held in the staffroom on Wednesday the 12th at 6pm. This will be the last P&C meeting for the year. The first meeting for 2015 will be on Wednesday 18th of February at 6pm. Please come along and show your support.

**Uniforms** — Last year the P&C introduced an online ordering system for school uniforms through SchoolShopOnline. The web link is available via the school web page www.brayparkss.eq.edu.au or through the direct link www.schoolshoponline.net.au. Online orders are processed and either delivered to the child’s class or to the Admin staff for collection by the parent/carer. Please order your uniform requirements for 2014 sooner rather than later. Stock supplies cannot be guaranteed from suppliers as we get closer to the end of the year. Orders can still be left with the Admin staff but receipts will only be issued on Mon/Weds and Fri. As the end of the year draws to a close some delays may occur as thing get busier around the school, so we ask for your understanding and patience at these times.

**Booklists for 2015** — Just a reminder that booklists are due back with payment to My School Gear by Friday October 31st. Credit card payments can be made at the time of ordering via the direct link on the school website www.brayparkss.eq.edu.au or directly through www.myschoolgear.net.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 P&C in Term 1.

**Christmas Raffle** — The P&C is running one last raffle for the year. Toward the end of this week a book of 10 tickets will be sent home with the youngest in the family unless indicated otherwise with the return of the ‘Raffle Ticket Opt Out’ form. Tickets will be $1.00 each with money and unsold tickets due back toward the end of November. The draw will take place at the Carols by Glowstick evening. If you or a business you know of would like to donate a prize for the raffle please contact Kylie or Jane in the office.
Facebook – ‘Our Parents Page’ – Parents are invited to join the closed group ‘Our Parents Page’. This group is only for parents who have children currently attending Bray Park State School. Please note that it is a parent-run page and is a place to get information or ask questions in regards to events happening within the school. The link is www.facebook.com/groups/149345138566500/ or alternatively search FB for ‘Our Parent’s Page’.

Muffin Break - Calling all mums, dads, teachers, uncles, aunties and grandparents to vote for your school in the Muffin Break Great Bake Sale! The winning school will have the chance to WIN 1,000 muffins to sell at their next fundraiser and a $3,000 cash card. As a thank you, all voters will receive a ‘Buy one muffin get one free’ voucher for voting.

... there is no school break – like a Muffin Break.


Day for Daniel – The 10th Annual ‘Day for Daniel’ is being held on the 31st of October. To raise funds for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation the Student Council has decided to have a ‘wear red’ day. With a gold coin donation students can participate by wearing any of the following: red shirt, red socks, red hair bands/ribbons. Please do not use coloured hair spray.

Crazy Hair Day – On Friday November 7th the Student Council are running their Crazy Hair Day fundraiser. Please keep coloured hair spray use to a minimum.

Remembrance Day – Poppies and wrist bands will be available for purchase over the next couple of weeks through the Student Council. Representatives from the Student Council will be regularly going around to classrooms over the next few days selling these items. Cost is $1.00 each.

Raffle Ticket Opt Out

If you do not want your child to receive a book of raffle tickets to sell for the end of year raffle please return this form to the school office by no later than tomorrow 29th October.

I do not wish to receive a book of raffle tickets

Student Name: _____________________________
Class: _______________________
Parent Signature: __________________________
Parent Name: ____________________________