FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The next GENERAL meeting of the P&C will be held on Wednesday, 12 November 2014 at 6:00pm in the Staffroom.

Volume 18
Principal’s Report

Dear Parents,

We have already reached Week 6 with only 23 schools days remaining of the 2014 school year and a range of activities to be undertaken in this short timeframe.

2015 Classes - Later this term, we will be looking at classes for 2015. If your family is not returning to Bray Park State School in 2015, please complete the tear off slip at the end of the newsletter and return to the Office as soon as possible. This will enable us to make more accurate predictions on the number of classes and class sizes for next year.

Prep enrolments continue to increase, which is great for growing our school numbers. Once again, if you know of families with children of Prep age – born 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, please encourage them to enrol now so that children can attend the Pre Prep program and we have a better idea of Prep classes for next year.

Years 4-7 Swimming - During Week 8, students in Years 4 to 7 will be undertaking swimming/life-saving lessons at Lawnton Pool. Students need to wear their school uniform to school and bring their swimmers, towel, thongs, cap and goggles to school in a separate bag. All items should be clearly named. Students will get changed at school prior to leaving for the pool. Please ensure permission forms and payments have been finalised at the Office.

P&C Meeting - Tomorrow night is our final P&C meeting for the year and I invite all parents to attend. On the agenda will be some exciting fund raising ideas for 2015 as well as forming partnerships with PCYC to run programs for our students here at school in 2015. The P&C meets in the staffroom at 6.00pm and I hope to see some new faces.

I would like to thank the P&C for their continued dedication and hard work. At last month’s meeting, the P&C donated $5,000 to the school to support Literacy and Numeracy across the school. This is a huge achievement from this small group. Just think how much more could be done to support our students with an even broader membership of the P&C.

Congratulations - Congratulations to Isabella Seller who last weekend won a Lions Children of Courage Award. It was wonderful to see Isabella take the stage at the Pine Rivers Special School Hall to accept her award from the Pine Rivers Lions Club.

Have a great week

Maree Mortlock
Principal
**SARARA SAYS ......**

Disposing of rubbing properly is our rule of the week,
To do this well, a bin you must seek.
Look very carefully for bins are of different types,
Recycle for reusable items, not food scraps, nappies or wipes!

Don’t throw your rubbish on the ground,
In drains or waterways,
For it will end up in the ocean,
Killing turtles, fish and rays.

At school we dispose of rubbish,
In all tasks that we do,
From the classroom to our eating areas,
And even in the loo!

Our environment is very precious,
We must look after it,
By disposing of rubbing properly,
We can all do our bit.

Another rule I’d like to share,
Involves each of us,
And if we do it properly,
We can avoid all sorts of fuss.

Sharing equipment with others,
Is something we must do,
Especially if the equipment,
Does not belong to you.

Items that we use at school,
Like cricket balls and bats,
Play equipment we venture on,
And ropes and jumping mats.

They all belong to everyone,
So do the right thing and share,
If we do it properly,
We show we really care.

Toodle-loo
From me to you

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**GRANDPARENTS DAY**

We are all looking forward to a great day on Friday, 14/11/14 to celebrate the wonderful grandparents we have in our school community! Grandparents are invited to do activities with their grandchildren in the classroom from 9.00am to 10.00am. We will then provide a morning tea for the grandparents, and concert in the Hall. Please remember to invite your grandparents along. Please RSVP to the school Office 07 3480 7333, by Wednesday, 12/11/14 to assist with catering numbers.

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**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.

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Going Nuts for Peanuts!**

Staff and students are currently participating in activities based on the characters of the popular Peanuts comic strip. By participating, students can help our school win a $2000 prize from Just Kidding Magazine.

Students in years 4 to 7 are currently enjoying some Peanuts sleuthing. Staff have selected a Peanuts character who they feel they are most like and students are trying to work out which teacher matches which character.

Entry forms, hints and information are available in the library. The first correct entry will win the Peanuts prize.

Students in Prep to year 3 are completing a Peanuts colouring competition. There will be a prize for each year level. Entry forms are available in the library and must be returned to the library by November 19th.

Just for the fun of it, there will be a Peanuts cartoon running in the library at first break each day from 10th to 14th November.

**Book Fair is Coming!**

Our end of year Book Fair will run in the library from November 20th through to November 26th. We will be open before school, after school and during lunch breaks. Come along for some great end of year bargains and Christmas treats!

As usual, we will be holding a guessing competition for the students. More information will be available to students soon.

**Borrowing**

As we come towards the end of the year, we come to the end of borrowing for 2015. The last borrowing day for students will be Friday 21st November. Books are on loan for two weeks at a time, so this will mean all books are due back at the library by Friday 5th December. That leaves us with one more week to hunt down any outstanding loans.

**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


H.P.E NEWS

Upper school swimming yrs 4-7

Please be advised payment for swimming lessons is due on Friday (14th November). Learning to swim is an important life skill and is an integral part of the health and physical education school program. Bray Park S.S will not be holding a swimming carnival this year, therefore these swimming lessons will also be used as trial for the 2015 school swimming team (this will only effect students in yrs 4-5).

Lessons will be held on 5 consecutive days from the 24th - 28th November.

For your child to be eligible to partake in this valuable program, fees must be received on or before this date. The cost of five lessons is $56, this covers the cost of instructions and bus travel.

District sport gala days

The final round of district sports gala days will be held on 21st November. Students from Bray Park S.S will compete in a variety of sports against other schools in the Pine Rivers District. Students have already selected a sport (either Oz Tag or soccer) and all teams have been training hard each Friday afternoon this term. Permission forms are to be handed to the school’s office staff no later than Tuesday 18th November, 2014.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries.

Mr Flannery, H.P.E Teacher

MUSIC NEWS

Rehearsal Notice – There will be no Junior Choir rehearsal next Tuesday, 18/11/14.

Instrumental Music - Instrument offers for beginning students in 2015 will be going home this week. Auditions for string instruments are still taking place. If your child receives an offer please return the forms to school as soon as possible to ensure your child’s place in the program. An information afternoon for beginning students and their families will be held in the music room on Tuesday 25 November at 3:15. Come along and ‘meet’ your instrument and find out more information about learning an instrument!

All continuing students need to return their 2015 information to Mrs Gray, especially if you are hoping to use a school instrument again in 2015.

Carols By Glow Stick - This is an annual event in our school calendar and involves our whole school. Classes have begun to work on their performance item and each year level and ensemble will have a great tune to perform for you on the night. It is a fantastic way to celebrate another year together as a community. Children will sit with their parents in the hall and be called to the back of the stage area when it is their turn to get ready to go on stage. Children need to be dressed in their favourite Christmas clothes. All school instruments and music need to be handed in after this concert.

Our Carols evening is being supported by our wonderful P and C who will be holding a sausage sizzle from 5:30. Please support them by coming and having an early tea to kick off what is going to be a fantastic night!

Upcoming Performances

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There will be no before school rehearsals in weeks 9 or 10 (the last two weeks of the year). Instrumental lessons will finish at the end of week 8 (November 28).

Happy music making,
Mrs Ally Gray, Music Teacher

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: ________

Student Name: __________________ Class: ________

Student Name: __________________ Class: ________

Please cut out and return to the office, thank you.
**CHAPPIE'S CHAT**

The Chaplaincy Committee would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended our Trivia Night on Saturday 1st November. We had over 100 staff, parents, students, past students, community members and local church members turn up for our event and we raised $1427 to go towards the chaplaincy program here at Bray Park! A big congratulations to the Taylor family who took out the win this year! We would like to acknowledge Councillor Mick Gillam for all the work he puts into organising and running the trivia night and we would like to extend our thanks to all the local businesses who generously supported us: Warner Tavern, Lynette Dzian Remedial Massage, Noodle Box Strathpine, Strathpine Hyperbowl, Radiant Nails at Kensington Village, Lazer Zone, Angela Webb, Mary Kay Consultant, Amart Sports Strathpine, Strathpine Florist Flowers and Gifts, Tonestar Hair, Samantha's Hair Design, All Things Sweet Bakery, Lawnton.

We couldn’t put on such a great event without the support of our local community. Thank you! Chappy Kirsty

**CLOTHING DONATIONS FOR SICK BAY**

We are always in need of clothing donations to help with little emergencies and accidents that occur during the day at school. We are especially in need of spare underwear and shorts. Any donations of can be given to the school Office. Also, if your child has recently been given some emergency clothing it is important that these items are laundered at home and returned to the school please. Thank you.

**2015 SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERS**

An order form was included in a recent newsletter to assist with parents/carers planning uniform orders for next year. Please return these as soon as possible to ensure we can adequately fill orders before the beginning of the year.

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**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 will be given their "farewell" items. Let Mrs Hicks know, via the school office, no later than 23/11/14 if you are leaving. Please include the date of our child's last day at school if you will be moving before the end of the school term.

A huge *Thankyou* to Warner Vet for their generous support of our DSTA program. Our Welcome Packs for new 2015 Defence Students are looking very full!

**Monday Lunchtime Defence Student Club** will continue until the end of term.

**Monday 17/11** - Birthday Party for all Defence Students with cake and games in SI Block (Parent Network Room).

**Monday 24/11** - DVD in the library. (Popcorn provided.)

**Monday 1/12** - Christmas Craft and Farewell Activities in SI Block.

**Monday 8/12** - Completing Christmas Craft in SI Block.

Thank you.

Mrs Hicks, Defence School Transition Aide

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**Chatter Matters - Get DETE’s new SPEAK oral language app**

Research supports the importance of oral language, not only as the foundation for the development of literacy skills but also as a strong indicator of later reading, writing and overall academic achievement.

Children with a language impairment are six times more likely to have a reading problem than children without. Therefore, making sense is proactive in the early years of a child’s life and DETE’s new SPEAK app helps this happen.

The SPEAK (Speaking Promotes Education And Knowledge) oral language app has been developed by the Department of Education, Training and Employment as a joint initiative with Queensland Health and Redland City Council to help develop children’s speaking and listening ability.

SPEAK provides lots of fun, free activities, ideas and information for parents, careers and educators to support and nurture oral language development in children from 0-6 years of age.

The information and activities were developed by the department with the help of speech pathologists, educators and health professionals.

The SPEAK app is available for free download from the iTunes store and Google Play.

Additional information is available from the DETE apps website.

**REMINDER OF PAYMENTS DUE**

There are a number of payments due over the coming weeks. These are:

- **Years 4 – 7 Swimming lessons** - $56.00 payment due Friday, 14/11/14
- **Year 6 2015 Camp (for current year 5 students)** - $125 deposit payment due Friday, 21/11/14. No late deposit payments will be accepted as student numbers need to be provided to the camp at 4.00pm on 21/11/14.
- **Year 6 2015 Senior Shirts (for current year 5 students)** - $40 per shirt. The deposit of $20 per shirt must be paid by Tuesday, 2/12/14. Full payment is required by Friday, 30/1/2015.
P&C News - 11th November 2014

**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 queries about volunteering please contact Tamara White (P&C President) via pandc.president@brayparkss.eq.edu.au or alternatively phone the school on 07 3480 7333.

**2015 Senior Polo** – Please return your child’s order form with payment by the due date if your child is returning to Bray Park State School for 2015 and you wish to have their name included on the polo shirt. Please note that full payment is **NOT** required until the start of the new school year but 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** – Please order your uniform requirements for 2015 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. Online ordering is available through www.schoolshoponline.net.au

**Booklists for 2015** – Just a reminder that booklists were due back with payment to My School Gear by Friday October 31st. 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.

**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’.

**Christmas Raffle** – Just a reminder that for auditing purposes **ALL** tickets whether sold or unsold need to be returned to the school. Tickets are due back no later than Tuesday 25th November and the draw will take place at the Carols by Glowstick evening. If you or a business you know would like to donate a prize for the raffle please contact Kylie or Jane in the office.

**PRIZES to date include:**

- A voucher for one nights accommodation for two at Hotel George Williams in a Garden Room as well as breakfast at the hotel’s restaurant, 325 on George. (Donated by YMCA)
- $250 bicycle voucher (Donated by Peter Dutton MP)
- Portable BBQ valued at approx. $100.00 (Donated by Bunnings)
- Gingerbread House valued at approx. $80.00 (Donated by Alison Tann)
- Family Pass to Australia Zoo
- Foxy O’Grady Beauty Voucher
Donations of Non-Perishable Food Items:
RIVERS BAPTIST CHURCH

We are asking for families to send along donations of non-perishable items (e.g. tinned food), to the school office.

Donated food items will be presented to Senior Pastor Stewart Harris and Chappy Kirsty from the Rivers Baptist Church.

The Baptist Church are partners in our school and support the school and students in many ways.

Carols by Glowstick

Monday 1st December at 6:30pm

Glowstick items will be available for purchase on the night.

The P&C will be running a sausage sizzle from 5:30pm with cold drinks, ice-creams and killer pythons also available for purchase. We look forward to seeing families attend on the evening to support students' performances and to have an enjoyable evening in the lead up to school holidays and Christmas.

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.
But we need

Volunteers are what makes it possible for the P&C to provide a tuckshop to the school community.

There are no special requirements and no limitations on those who apply—grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends are all welcome (we'll even help them get a blue card). We just need volunteers who can give an hour or two on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday between 8:30am – 11.30am.

If you are interested in using your existing knowledge to help or are keen to develop new skills please go to the school office and fill in the form or contact the school office on 3480 7333.