FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The next GENERAL meeting of the P&C will be held on Wednesday, 11 February 2015 at 6:00pm in the Staffroom.

Volume 19
Principal’s Report

Dear Parents,

End of year activities - This is a busy time of the year leading up to the Summer Vacation. As you will appreciate, forming our classes for next year is an exercise with much to be considered. If you have any concerns you regarding your child for next year, please put them in writing and deliver to the Administration Office by Friday 28 November 2014.

If your child will not be at Bray Park State School next year, please complete the tear off slip at the end of the Newsletter and deliver to the Administration Office. Our staffing is heavily reliant upon our student enrolments therefore, knowing the movements of students in advance, allows us to make more accurate plans around classes and staffing.

This week sees Years 4 – 7 undertaking swimming lessons or life-saving lessons at Lawnton Pool.

Book Fair closes on Wednesday 26 November.

Monday 1 December, Year 6 will experience their Orientation Day at the local high schools. Carols by Glowstick will commence at 5:30pm with a sausage sizzle.

Tuesday 2 December, the Year 7s will head off to the high schools for their Orientation Day.

Wednesday 3 December is the Best of the Best Assembly. Please come along to this fabulous celebration of student achievement. I am certainly looking forward to sharing this occasion. During this assembly we will announce our 2015 School Leaders.

On Thursday 4 December we will have a morning tea to celebrate the work of, and say thank you to, all of our wonderful volunteers.

Gold Assemblies will happen in Week 10 this term. Please note the schedule in this newsletter. Your child will bring you home a personal invitation to come along and share in the special celebration.

Uniforms

I have noticed that some students are not wearing the correct school shorts. Football shorts do not comply with our school uniform code, nor do bike pants or cropped shorts. Our school uniform code requires students to wear shorts that are mid-thigh length and are plain black. Please encourage your child to wear the correct school uniform every day. We encourage the wearing of plain black shoes to complement our uniform. The wearing of our school uniform promotes a sense of community and pride in being a member of that community.

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**SARARA SAYS ......**

When representing our school,
We must demonstrate great pride,
From how we wear our uniforms,
To how we feel inside.

Be proud of who you are,
And of things that make you great,
From the words that you use,
To how you treat your mates.

Use your manners well,
Be responsible and respectful too,
For this reflects on our school,
(On your family and on you!)

Show sportsmanship as a team,
Even if things don’t go your way,
Be mindful of how you act,
Be mindful of what you say.

Bray Park is our school,
That shines with pride and joy,
Let’s represent it well,
As every girl and boy!

Toodle-loo
From me to you

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**Best of the Best Celebration 2014**

**Wednesday, 3 December**

All parents are invited to attend the ‘Best of the Best Celebration’ on Wednesday, December 3.

The celebration will be held in the school hall. Please arrive at 12.45pm for a 1.00pm start.

Award recipients will be in reserved seating.

Family member seating will be available outside the main part.

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Congratulations to our Peanuts winners!**

**Year 4-7 Character Guessing Competition**
Charlotte Morrissey 5/6E
Jade Millburn 6A
Kane Sands 6A
Lachlan Ogle 4/5E

**Prep – 3 Colouring Competition**
Maddelyn Dixon Prep B
Grace Stanger Prep A
Tanika Millburn 2/3E
Dennis Valenzuela 3A

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**Book Fair**

Our end of year Book Fair is running in the library until tomorrow, 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!

**Our Book Fair Colouring Competition Winners**
1st Place – Lainie Clinch Prep A
2nd Place – Bryson Johns 1C
1st Place – Tavana Muava’a Savage 3B
2nd Place – Cherami-Mya Remulta 2A
1st Place – Sophie-Lee O’Brien 5B
2nd Place – Tiahla Simon 4A
1st Place – Zakaree Bony 6A

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**Borrowing**

Borrowing for students has now finished for the year. Books borrowed last week are on loan for two weeks, 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.

**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

Well the hot weather has really begun now. Luckily for our year 4 - 7 students, all this week they are participating in learn to swim and lifesaving lessons. Students are reminded that lessons are running all week, therefore they must remember to pack their swimming things everyday.

Also on the topic of swimming I would like to remind everyone that Bray Park S.S will not be having a swimming carnival this year. Students in yrs 4-5 who demonstrate high ability swimming skills, will have their different strokes timed by the pool staff. Students whose times are fast enough will qualify to compete at the district carnival early in 2015.

On Friday 21/11/14, our year 5-7 students competed in the final round of district sport gala days. Bray Park S.S entered teams into OzTag and Futsal. Mrs Elliott tells me the futsal students had a great time. They scored plenty of goals, won a few games and enjoyed the day’s competition. Bray Park’s OzTag teams were once again very competitive. The boys Bray Park Titan's finished first and only conceded 2 tries all day. A big congratulations should go to Ted Champman who scored 7 tries during the day. The girls Bray Park Unicorns were also very dominant, finishing 2nd behind Our Lady of the Way. Well done to Alkary Robinson, who led the team around and demonstrated great leadership.

Finally with this hot weather now upon us, we have started Ten Pin Bowling lessons during H.P.E. Bray Park S.S has hired 5 full size bowling kits from Bowling QLD. The kids have been having a great time practicing their technique and learning how to score a game correctly.

Mr Flannery
H.P.E Teacher

MUSIC NEWS

Instrumental Music - Instrument offers for beginning students in 2015 have all been sent home and are due back now, thank you to those families who have already done so! Please return your form promptly as we have children on a waiting list – we can’t offer them a place until we know your child's intention. An information afternoon for beginning students and their families was held in the music room on Tuesday 25 November at 3:15. If you were unable to make to the information session please let me know so I can forward the information to you.

Unfortunately we have had to cancel our visit to Pinewood Aged Care. Those families who had already paid need to contact the Office for a refund or to arrange a credit to your child's account. We hope to be able to take all our ensembles to do a music tour at Pinwood's next year.

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.

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

Missing School Polo Shirt – A school polo shirt has gone home with the wrong student after the Grandparents Day performance last week. It is a size 6 labelled with ‘Taylah McTavish’. Could all parents of performance students please check all of their shirts at home for this one. Thank you.

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The Bray Park S.S P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle at the Warner Lakes Carols on 5/12/14 – if you are able to assist them please contact the school Office. Please note if you are able to help with the sausage sizzle you will still need someone to supervise your children when they are off stage.

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). All school music and instruments will need to be left at or returned to school after Carols by Glowstick.

Happy music making,
Mrs Ally Gray, Music Teacher

TERM 4 GOLD ASSEMBLIES

Gold assemblies will be held in the Assembly Hall on Monday 8/12/14 and Tuesday 9/12/14.

Monday 8/12/14:  
Year 4 - 9.00am  
Prep - 10.30am  
Year 2 - 12.45pm  
Year 3 - 2.15pm

Tuesday 9/12/14:  
Year 1 - 9.00am  
Year 5 - 10.30am  
Year 6&7 - 12.45pm

Parents/careers please note:  
Class 2/3E go with Year 2  
Class 4/5E go with Year 5  
Class 5/6E go with Year 6&7

GREAT JOB!

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.
**DATE CLAIMS**

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**DSTA NEWS**

Parents/Carers of Defence Students are invited to our “Farewell Party” on Tuesday 9th December, 11:20am, in the SI Room (Parent Network Room). This will be one of our regular Monday “Defence Kids Club” sessions and we will be saying goodbye, and presenting “Farewell” certificates, to our Year 6 and 7 students who are off to High School. We will also present “Farewell” certificates and packs to those students who are relocating with their families to a new posting locality.

Students are requested to bring a small plate of party food to share such as - fruit, veggies or crackers and dip, wrapped lollies, potato chips or corn chips etc (no nuts please).... Items requiring refrigeration can be brought to Mrs Hicks in the old library (B Block) before school.

Monday 1/12 - Christmas Craft and in SI Block.
Monday 6/12 - Completing Christmas Craft in SI Block.

Thank you.

Mrs Hicks, Defence School Transition Aide

**REMEMBER OF PAYMENTS DUE**

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

**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**.

Year 6 & 7 Break-up Day (Lawnton Pool) & Farewell Dinner/Dance - $20 per student (this covers both events). Payment is required by **Wednesday, 3/12/14**.

Year 1 Excursion to Australia Zoo - $32 per student. Payment is required by **Friday, 5/12/14**.

**STUDENT DENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM**

Dental treatment has commenced for students at our school. The Dental Van will remain here at Bray Park until approximately mid Term 1, 2015. The staff are working through the list of students, so if you are yet to receive an appointment time don’t worry, your child may be seen early next year. Parents and carers are requested to contact the Oral Health Program staff on 0408 779 592 if you need to cancel or reschedule your child’s appointment.

**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.

**‘BRING IT ON’ T-SHIRTS**

There is an opportunity for school and community members to purchase the ‘BRING IT ON’ shirts that our students wear for school and public performances. Earlier this term an order form was sent home with all families in the school. The order cut-off date has been extended to Friday, 5/12/14. Shirts cost $22.00 each (cash only please) and can be ordered in Black, Forest Green or Royal Blue. Both child and adult sizes are available. If you require a new order form please see the Office. The shirt order will be placed after 5/12/14 and shirts will be then available at the beginning of the new school year.

**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 will be on **Wednesday, 26 November** at 2.30pm in the Assembly Hall.

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**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to Pirtek (15 Paisley Drive, Lawnton) for donating a hose to the school for our PE Department. It is greatly appreciated. ☺️
Rivers Baptist Church

Neighbourhood Christmas Carols and Kids Activities
Saturday, 20/12/14, 5.00pm
FREE food, tea, coffee and cake!!
Lots of activities, including jumping castle, rock climbing (bring closed-in shoes like sneakers) and activities for the kids
Christmas carols from 7.00pm
At Rivers Baptist Church, 90 Francis Road, Lawnton
For more information, email office@riversbaptist.com

Rivers Baptist Church Soccer Club
For girls and boys, 5 years to senior men and women
$185 per player – no per game fee
New players receive FREE socks and shorts
Jerseys are borrowed by all players for the season
Fee help available through Get Started vouchers – Next application round opens 2 February at www.nprr.qld.gov.au/getinthegame (bring your voucher to sign-on)

Sign-on Days 2015
Friday 30 Jan 6 pm - 9 pm, Saturday 31 Jan 8 am - 1 pm,
Friday 6 Feb 6 pm - 9 pm, Saturday 7 Feb 8 am - 1 pm
For more information, email riversbaptistsoccer@gmail.com

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. It therefore makes sense to be 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.
The SPEAK provides lots of fun, free activities, ideas and information for parents, carers 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.
P&C News - 25th 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 – Just a reminder that as the school year draws to a close some food items will become unavailable as stock is run down for the summer holidays closure. Students will be advised of this at the time of ordering and given the option to order something else. Please note that the tuckshop will be CLOSED on the last day of school.

Two of our current volunteers in the tuckshop Dave and Diane, will not be available to help out in the tuckshop next year so it is imperative that we have a band of volunteers to form a roster so the tuckshop can remain open. Please leave your name and contact details at the office if you are able to volunteer next year for a couple of hours a week. 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.

The P&C would like to acknowledge Dave and Diane and Robyn and sincerely thank them for giving up their time to volunteer in the tuckshop so it could remain open this term. Thanks also to all the other volunteers that have helped at other events throughout the year.

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 – 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 first meeting of the P&C for 2015 will be on Wednesday 18th of February at 6pm. We look forward to welcoming you and seeing some new faces at our meetings.

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 MUST 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 of 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 night’s accommodation for two at Hotel George Williams in a Garden Room, including breakfast at the hotel’s restaurant, 325 on George. Valued at $324.00 (Donated by YMCA)
- **Correction from last newsletter** $150 bicycle voucher at Strathpine Bicycle Centre (Donated by Peter Dutton MP)
- Portable BBQ valued at approx. $100.00 (Donated by Bunnings Lawnton)
- Gingerbread House valued at approx.$80.00 (Donated by Alison Tann)
- Family Pass for 4 to Australia Zoo
- Foxy O’Grady $10.00 Beauty Voucher
- Ballerina Quilt Valued at $120.00 (Donated by The Slab Hut Art & Craft
- Voucher for ½ Hour Relaxation Massage (Donated by Pure Aqua Day Spa – Petrie)
- ‘Team Bray Racing’ t-shirt, cap and signed poster (Donated by Melissa Searle)
- Mini Pamper Bath Pack (Donated by Kerrie King)
- Christmas Hamper (Donated by Silver Rose Photography)
Donations of Non-Perishable Food Items:

RIVERS BAPTIST HURCH

We are asking for families to send along donations of non-perishable items (eg 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.

Shop for Labels & Raise Funds — for those purchasing school labels for the new school year, the P&C has been given the following fundraiser codes:

‘Stuck On You’ fundraiser code: BRAYPARKSS

‘Bright Star Kids’ fundraiser code: Bray Park State School P&C

When you place the order search for Bray Park State School in the ‘nominate a fundraiser’ section located under the review and pay section. Enter the fundraiser code and 15% of the purchase will be donated to the school.