FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Volume 20
Principal’s Report

Dear Parents

The end of the 2014 school year fast approaches and this is the final newsletter for the year. There have been many calls for celebrations over the course of the year – our sporting achievements, our performing arts accolades, our award winning Indigenous Education program, our NAPLAN Improvement data, the appointment of a Master Teacher to the school and most recently our School Opinion Survey data where 100% of parents surveyed believe that students at Bray Park State School are getting a good education and that literacy and numeracy skills are being well developed to equip students for the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents, care givers and community members for the support you have provided for both students and the school as a whole. Last week we celebrated the work of our volunteers with a lovely morning tea. Many of our programs would not run without the support from the wonderful volunteers we have here at Bray Park – your contributions are greatly appreciated!

2015 Classes

We are currently working on classes for next year however, with the uncertainty of enrolments over the next week and early in the new year, classes will not be drafted until the week prior to students returning to school. 2015 classes will be posted outside the tuckshop and the hall on Friday 23 January after 11.00am. As with every year, Day 8 is the time in which classes are finalised based on enrolments. When labelling your child’s belongings for next year, write only the year level. The class can be added at a later time.

Uniforms

As most families will be organising uniforms over the vacation period, I would like to remind everyone that our uniform comprises our Bray Park polo shirt, plain black shorts/skort, plain black shoes (laces/velcro/buckles), white or black socks and a plain wide brim black hat. Having consistency of uniform across the school creates a sense of school pride and school pride promotes positive behaviours.

The end of an era

This is the final year of Year 7 at primary school so we will not only farewell our Year 7s this year but also all of our Year 6 students.

Our Farewell to Primary School ceremony and dinner dance will be held on Wednesday 10 December commencing at 5.00pm. Only students who are leaving primary school, and their families, have been invited to attend.

Year 6/7 Break up day is at Lawnton Pool on Thursday 11 December. Students are to arrive at school and travel to and from the pool by bus.

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**Break-Up Day**

Prep – Year 5 students will celebrate the end of the school year on Thursday here at school. Most classes have organised a class party and Christmas activities.

Friday 12 December is the last day of the 2014 school year.

I wish you and your family all the best for the festive season and have an enjoyable break ready for an exciting 2015.

Maree Mortlock
Principal

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

Christmas is upon us and the year is at an end,
So there are messages of joy that I'd like to send.
I thank you for your friendship, and your kind ways,
The way you talk to me, and how you give me praise.

I’ve spent time in classrooms with every one of you,
And I’ve loved taking part in all the things you do.
I’ve sung songs in classrooms, I’ve done warm-ups with dice,
I’ve cuddled lots of children (which I think is very nice).

I’ve done guided reading, learnt computer skills,
I’ve played in the playground (and had many thrills).
But the greatest thing I’ve done, above all the rest,
Is watch you all, as you achieve your best.

You’ve shown how to be safe, in and around the school,
You’ve shown how to be responsible, from the classroom to the hall.
You’ve shown how to be respectful in what you say and do,
You’ve made me feel so proud – each and every one of you!

Be safe, responsible and respectful during the holiday break,
Be careful around water, whether the ocean, river or lake.
Wear your helmet when riding, practice sun safety too,
Don’t talk to strangers or do things that endanger you.

May your holiday be fun,
With your family and friends,
And I shall see you back at school,
When the holiday ends.

Until that time comes,
To my tree I shall retreat,
I’ll sleep away the hours,
Shaded from the summer heat.

Good bye my lovely mates,
I shall see you all next year,
A great big hug from me,
Merry Christmas my friends so dear!

**CHAPPY SNOW CONES**

On Thursday 11/12/14 ‘Party Day’, we are having Snow Cones to celebrate the end of another great year!

Each class will have an allocated time to come and buy a Snow Cone during the day.

Snow Cones are $2 each and there are Five great flavours: Blue Lemonade / Raspberry / Cola / Pine Lime / Fruit Cocktail.

**MUSIC NEWS**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children who have participated in our extra-curricular music program this year.

This year has been a very successful and musical one for our students. We took the beginner band, concert band and string ensemble to Fanfare; over 100 children represented the school at the Pine Rivers’ Show; we recorded Bring It On and won a National Song competition (thanks Mrs Spiers); the Junior Choir and intermediate Ukulele’s opened the Teddy Bears’ Picnic celebrations for Moreton Shire Council; the Performance Ukulele’s helped entertain crowds at Warner Lakes; we showcased our music program at the Performing Arts Night In Term 3; the Senior Strings took home a Silver Award at Music Fest; the Performance Ukulele’s and Senior Choir performed at Parliament House and finally the whole school contributed to a wonderful evening at our Carols By Glowstick. Along the way we have had different groups perform on assembly and at special celebrations at our school.

These experiences are only possible with the support and commitment of students, parents and staff. I am looking forward to continuing our successful music program in 2015. Have a safe and relaxing holiday – we have definitely earned one!

Happy music making,
Mrs Ally Gray, Music Teacher

**‘BRING IT ON’ T-SHIRTS**

Due to the small number of orders received for the ‘BRING IT ON’ shirts, unfortunately an order won’t be placed this year now. We will however seek expressions of interest again early in 2015 and hope to have a large order to place then. Mrs Spiers will inform everyone when this is occurring. Thank you.

**UNIFORMS FOR 2015**

Uniforms can be purchased from the school Office up until Friday 12/12/14. Orders can also be placed online via our school website [www.brayparkss.eq.edu.au](http://www.brayparkss.eq.edu.au) at any time.

If stock is available the orders can be filled immediately. Otherwise all orders will be available to collect from the school Office from Monday 19/1/15.

**CLOTHING DONATIONS FOR SICK BAY**

Stop, stop, stop!!! Don’t throw away those old uniforms that look a bit faded or are now too small. We want them!!! ☺

Any second hand uniforms are greatly accepted for our school sick bay. They are regularly needed for those little accidents and emergencies that occur during the day. Please bring any wearable uniforms to the Office that you are happy to donate. Thank you!

**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.
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**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM OSHC!**

**Join us for Breakfast**

**YMCA Bray Park OSCH**

We would like to say thanks for allowing us to care for your children by having you join us for our end of year breakfast:

- **When:** Wednesday 10 December 2014
- **Where:** At our Service
- **Time:** 7:00AM—8:30AM

Our team members and children will be cooking bacon and egg muffins/ wraps and the fluffy pancakes you've ever tasted. We will also have fresh juice, tea or coffee and water available.

As we approach the end of Term 4 we would like to remind you that Holiday Club/Vacation Care starts Monday 15 December 2014. We have so many exciting and adventurous activities planned it's going to be an awesome summer. Please give us a call and we can email you a program/booking form.

**YMCA Bray Park OSCH**

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**FAITH COMMUNITY ANGLICAN CHURCH**

**a Night in Bethlehem**

A Hands-On Holy Land Experience

Faith Community Anglican Church  
Cnr Samsonvale Rd & Sutherland Drive, Strathpine  
On Saturday 20th December, beginning @ 5.30pm  
Be part of a Community Event  
Visit Bethlehem Village The Night Jesus was born,  
Enjoy making Craft, Tasting food  
Watch the Christmas Story Enacted at 7.30 as the Citizens of Bethlehem "Sing the Christmas Story"  

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**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.)

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Please cut out and return to the office, thank you.
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Tuckshop — Just a reminder that as this is the last week of the school year a lot of food items are unavailable as stock has been 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 Friday (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.

If you have any enquiries 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.

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.

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.

General Meeting — The first meeting of the P&C for 2015 will be on Wednesday 11th of February at 6pm. We look forward to welcoming you and seeing some new faces at our meetings.

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 Winners
1st Prize: Afi Nuku (Hotel George Williams – Accommodation Package)
2nd Prize: Nicholas Learmonth ($150.00 voucher to Strathpine Bicycle Centre)
3rd Prize: Alex Fosk (Australia Zoo Family Pass)
4th Prize: Lachlan Irvine (Ballina Quilt)
5th Prize: Taylah Mc Tavish (Portable BBQ)
6th Prize: Lynnette Sands (Gingerbread House)
7th Prize: Christine Adams (½ hour Relaxation Massage)
8th Prize: Joshua Best – 1B (Team Bray Racing Memorabilia Package)
9th Prize: Elizabeth Szetu (Silver Rose Christmas Hamper)
10th Prize: Elaine Shelby (Lavender & Rose toiletries)
11th Prize: Rasela Pothae (Hair Care Package)
12th Prize: Chelsea & Jacinta Skinner (Martini Bar Set for Two)
13th – 22nd Prizes: Ella Gordon-Calam, Jonathon Kerrison, Jade Johnson, Connie Scafide, Elizabeth Szetu, Lesley W, Xavier Sheeran, Seth Griffiths, J Hill, Dale Younger (Foxy O’Grady $10.00 Beauty Voucher)
23rd Prize: Brock Hein (Skateaway Albany Creek Passes)

The P&C would like to acknowledge and thank the following people and businesses for donating prizes for our Christmas raffle.

- YMCA – Bray Park OSHC
- Peter Dutton MP - Federal Member for Dickson
- Bunnings Lawnton
- Alison Tann
- Unity Water in conjunction with Australia Zoo
- Foxy O’Grady - Strathpine
- The Slab Hut Art & Craft - Samford
- Pure Aqua Day Spa – Petrie
- ‘Team Bray Racing’ and Melissa Searle
- Silver Rose Studios
- Angela Adair
- Skateaway – Albany Creek