FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Volume 2
Principal’s Report

Dear Parents/ Caregivers

Morning Routine
Our school day commences at 8.45am. All students who arrive prior to the 8.45am bell are required to wait at the Hall. This includes students who are accompanied by parents. Our morning routine allows for teachers to undertake planning or meetings without interruptions. It also ensures that everyone on the school grounds is in one central location in case of any emergency situation.

If you are accompanying your child to school, please make your way to the Hall where we wait for the classroom teacher to collect his/her class. Students arriving after the 8.50am bell are required to obtain a “Late Slip” from the Office. Please instruct students to go to the side window (on the right) for Late Slips instead of entering the main Office door. It can get very congested in the front office of a morning. All mobile phones and/or electronic devices are to be checked into the Office upon arrival at school.

Parent Information Evenings
Next week we will be holding our Parent Information Evenings.
Prep – Year 2: Monday, 16 February at 5.00pm. This session will commence in the Hall with Mrs Hoisser – Head of Curriculum, discussing the new pedagogical approach to the early years of learning. Parents will then be invited to their child’s classroom.
Years 3 and 4: Tuesday, 17 February at 5.00pm. Class teachers will meet parents/caregivers in the classroom.
Years 5 and 6 (including 4/5/6E): Thursday, 19 February at 5.00pm. Class teachers will meet parents/caregivers in the classroom.

These sessions are general information sessions, not individual parent/teacher interviews. If you wish to speak to your child’s teacher, please make an appointment for either before or after school. We look forward to seeing you all at the information sessions.

Magazine donations
Our Hall student magazine collection is somewhat depleted (they were simply "loved to death"). If you have any car, 4 wheel drive, science, geography or children’s magazines that your family no longer requires, our family here at school would love them! Send them along to the Office and we will take them to the Hall for student enjoyment as they wait for their teachers in the morning. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Dogs on school grounds
We have signs on our boundary fences notifying the community that dogs are not permitted in the school grounds at any time. Our playground areas are for our children, not local pets. Thank you for your cooperation.

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P&C meeting
This Wednesday evening, 11 February, is the first P&C meeting for 2015. All parents are welcome to attend – “the more the merrier”. The meeting commences at 6.00pm and is held in the staffroom which is at the end of the Administration Building. I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting as we plan for an exciting year of fundraising fun!

Have a great week.
Maree Mortlock
Principal

LIBRARY NEWS
Book borrowing will begin for students in Years 1 – 6 this week. Borrowing days will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please check with your teacher to find out when your class borrowing day is.

EVERY student requires a library bag to transport books to and from school. This bag can be an old pillow slip, a plastic shopping bag, a plastic pocket folder, a book bag purchased on the book list or any other bag that will protect our library books from harm. “NO BAG = NO BOOK”.

Loans are for two weeks at a time and overdue notices are issued to classrooms on a weekly basis. Lost or damaged books will incur a $10 replacement fee.

BOOKCLUB – Catalogues for Issue 1 of BookClub have been distributed to students. Orders and payments are due by Friday, 20/2/15. If you are paying by cash, please ensure you include the correct money for the order, and place it into the blue payment post box at the Office. For online credit card payments, please place a copy of the Scholastic receipt in with your order form. Please ensure all envelopes/zip lock bags are well sealed and labelled with your child’s name and class.

Ms Moritz and Mrs Butterworth

DSTA NEWS
A very warm “Welcome” to our new Defence families!

DCO Brisbane is hosting a family day and expo to welcome Defence families to Brisbane
When: Sunday 15 February 2015, 10.00am until 2.00pm
Where: El Alamein Oval, Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera.
Defence students have been handed a note with more details about this event.

Just a reminder that our Defence Kids Lunchtime Club is up and running again for 2015. Students from Defence families are invited to come along to St Block at 11:00am each Monday. We have a variety of fun-filled activities planned for this term.

Mrs Catherine Hicks
Defence School Transition Aide

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Start practising those winning smiles! School photos are scheduled for our school on Friday, 20/2/15 All students were given a photo order form last week. Please keep these in a safe place at home until photo day. Money is unable to be accepted at the Office, students are required to hand it directly to the photographers on the day.

Class photos and individual student photos will be taken at school. If you wish to have a family/sibling photo taken, these can be arranged at the Silver Rose Studio.

Below is the timetable for classes on photo day. This has been scheduled around specialist lessons that occur on Fridays. Every effort will be made to adhere to these times however please be aware that delays can sometimes occur throughout the day.

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Photos will take place in the Assembly Hall. To enable the photographers to set up, our ‘before-school’ routine will need to change slightly on 20/2/15. All students are to assemble in their class groups at the undercover Tuckshop area, instead of the Hall. Teachers will collect students from there at the 8.45am bell.

If you have any questions about photographs Silver Rose can be contacted on 07 3262 5788.

AFTERNOON ROUTINES
RUNNING A FEW MINUTES LATE?
If you are held up and will be a few minutes late in collecting your child/ren, please know that they will be waiting happily at the Drop-off Zone (Hopetoun Street) with their friends, and will be supervised until 3.20pm. If you expect to be later than 3.20pm, parents/carers must pre-arrange for students to attend Outside School Hours Care (YMCA) 07 3205 4639. It is not possible for students to wait at the office after school for extended periods.

CHANGE OF PICK-UP ARRANGEMENTS
If you need to change the after school arrangements for your child, please contact the school Office as early in the day as possible. Often classes are not in their rooms during the afternoon session and so finding your child to pass on a message can be a challenging task. This causes anxiety for the Office ladies who are always busy at the end of the day and worry that your message may not be passed on. We do understand that emergencies occur from time to time, but if parents could please keep this in mind that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your assistance.
MUSIC NEWS
WEEK 4 ONLY – There will be no choir rehearsals in Week 4.

Instrumental Music
Instrumental lessons started last week for all students. By now you should have received an invoice, this should be paid as soon as possible. If you would like to set up a payment plan please contact Keith King our Business Services Manager to do this. School instruments cannot go home with students until either the invoice is paid or a payment plan is organised.

Loan agreement forms also need to be signed and returned asap, these were handed out in Week 2 lessons. If you have any questions about the loan forms please contact me through the school office.

Concert band for continuing students is on Tuesday mornings at 7:45 am. All woodwind, brass and percussion students have their lessons on Tuesdays. Please be organised, bring your instrument and music every Tuesday and check your timetable for your lesson time.

Strings lessons are held on Wednesdays, make sure you have your instrument and music at school. New timetables will be issued this week. String Ensemble will start in term 2.

Choir
Junior choir (Prep to Yr 3) rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 8.00am. Bags can be left in the port racks outside the music room. Prep children will be escorted to their classroom at 8:45am. All choir children will need to bring a folder (plastic document wallet is preferred) and a water bottle with them to rehearsals.

Senior Choir (Yr 4 to Yr 6) rehearsals are on Mondays at 7:45am. All children will need a folder for their music (plastic document wallet is fine) and a water bottle.

If your child has not yet signed up for choir, they are still able to join, just come along on either Monday or Wednesday morning.

Uniform
All students who perform in either our choirs, band or string ensemble will need to pay $35 to the Office for a music polo shirt. Shirts will be sent home for the year, children are responsible for wearing them to performances as requested by the ensemble director. At the end of the year $30 will be paid into your bank accounts upon the return of the music polo (in good condition). Children are required to provide their own long black pants (not jeans or leggings), black shoes and black socks. We have some black pants available for purchase for $5. Please see Mrs Gray to organise a time to try them on your child.

Ally Gray
Music Teacher

PAYMENT DATES TO REMEMBER
Year 5 Activity Day at PCYC, Tuesday 3 March – Permission notes for this event where sent home on Friday last week. $15.00 payments are due Friday, 20/2/15. Please note the payment due date was incorrect in the student note. Apologies for the error.

ICAS Competition Entries Yrs 3 to 6 – Entry forms and payment for the student ICAS Competition is due by Tuesday, 31/3/15.

STUDENT BANKING
Welcome to Student Banking for 2015! Banking is already under way and we’ve had quite a number of students banking already which is great! There are some fantastic prizes that students can choose from this year. For every 10 deposits, students can redeem a prize from the ‘Outer Space Savers’ range. These include ET DVD, planet handball, invisible inkmartian pen, intergalactic rockets, glow-in-the-dark solar systems, cosmic light beam torches, outer space savers money boxes and lunar light bands.

To sign up for banking simply take your child’s birth certificate to any Commonwealth Bank to set up an account. Then hand your bank book and money to the Office, where we will issue a student number. Banking is a fun way to encourage students to save. Hand your bank book in every Thursday before school, to earn some awesome prizes. Students in Prep A & B can hand their bank books to the teacher and these will be brought across to the Office for you.

Kylie & Jane
Banking Co-Ordinators

FREE OFFICE 365 SOFTWARE FOR STUDENTS
All state school students from Prep to Year 12 can now download multiple free copies of the Microsoft Office 2013 Suite to their personal home and mobile computer equipment.

Students who want the free software will need an active Managed Internet Service (MIS) login, school email account and password - those who don’t have these should contact their school’s MIS Administrator or class teacher. The administrator will help students activate their MIS login.

Currently, MS Office Suite 2013 is available for students’ personal equipment only - not equipment which is part of a school network.

Negotiations are underway to potentially permit staff access to the same suite early in the new year.

Please note that the initial login page requires a MIS email address and password with the following authentication page only requiring MIS ID and password.
https://mishelp.eq.edu.au/studentadvantage/Pages/default.aspx

STUDENT ABSENCES
If your child is absent from school, please phone the Student Absentee Line – 07 3480 7366 and leave a message with your child’s name and class, and a reason for their absence.

The ‘Register Absences’ function via the school website is now back and up and running, so parents can now enter student absences this way also.
Prep to Year 2 Investigative Learning Approach

Our Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 teachers have been moving towards full implementation of our investigative learning approach in their classrooms over the last two weeks. It takes time to get the students into the swing of things and to get the classrooms set up in just the right way to meet the needs of the students.

Part of the room setup for investigative learning is including natural textures and materials in the learning areas.

If you have any of the following items that you could donate to the school we would be very grateful:
- Wooden bowls, plates, chopping boards, dishes, platters, etc.
- Bamboo, wooden, woven fibre placemats
- Baskets – any size or type

If you would like to learn more about what the investigative learning approach entails please come along to the parent information evenings next Monday (16 Feb).

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. Also, if your child has used emergency clothing from Sick Bay, please ensure you launder these items and return them to the school as soon as possible. Thank you!

VACANCY – SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS

Casual positions exist for School Crossing Supervisors at multiple schools throughout the region. Please tell neighbours, friends and family of these positions available. Please help us to help our students.

School Crossing Supervisor positions are for up to 5 days per week on a roster. Remuneration $27.49 per hour.

Please Contact the Brisbane North Road Safety Office for more information on Phone: 3863 9873, or email to Email: zillmere_road_safety@tmr.qld.gov.au

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

The beginning of a new year is a good time to update your contact details with the School. A ‘New Details Form’ has been sent home with the youngest in every family. Please ask your children to check their bags for this form if it hasn’t already been passed on to you.

It is essential that we have current contact details for parents and carers of every student at our school. It is also important to provide an alternative emergency contact (other than yourselves as parents/primary carers), in the event that we cannot reach you immediately.

Thank you for your cooperation with this important task.

USE OF BUS ZONE & PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

Parents and transport providers including external minibus drivers are, to be reminded to follow bus parking regulations to ensure children’s safety around school drop-off and pick-up zones.

Cyclists on zebra and children’s crossings; From 1 January 2015, a cyclist will be able to ride across a zebra or children’s crossing as long as they come to a complete stop before doing so. They will then have to proceed slowly and safely, give way to any pedestrians on the crossing and keep to the left of any oncoming cyclists and people using personal mobility devices. This change will complement the ability of cyclists to ride on footpaths in Queensland. It will also make the rules for cyclists on crossings more consistent for the benefit of all road users and will speed up the journey for cyclists.

STUDENT DENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

The Dental Van will remain here at Bray Park until approximately mid Term 1, 2015. For parents of new students to the school, if you would like your child/ren to attend the Dental Van, please see the Office for a Medical Consent Form. Each child requires their own form. Dental Staff will communicate with parents/carers once an appointment time has been set for your student/s. 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.

UNIFORMS

Uniforms can be purchased from the school Office on any day between 8.30am – 3.00pm. These can be paid for via cash or EFTPOS/Credit Card. Orders can also be placed online via our school website www.brayparkss.eq.edu.au at any time. For online orders we will contact you via phone to advise when these are ready for collection.
**Pink Stumps Day – McGrath Foundation**

On the 21st February Bray Park State School is hosting a pink stumps cricket match to raise money for the McGrath Foundation.

There will also be food / stalls and entertainment on the day.

**BUT THIS IS NOT JUST A NORMAL CRICKET GAME! This is WAR!... STAR WARS to be exact.** The Redback Garrison - 501st Legion... Darth Vader and the Emperor will be umpiring a cricket match between the Emperors XI and the Death Stars. What a great photo opportunity for the kids (and big kids) to have their photo taken with Storm Troopers whilst raising money for a good cause. Please share this around to any Brisbane friends and if you are interested in holding a stall on the day please contact me ... Tamara White 0402 858 306 or email bpspc@outlook.com

For up-to-date info join the Facebook page via the following link:-
https://www.facebook.com/pinkstumpsbraypark

Remember to return your orders for wristbands so you can have all-day access to the rides. Spare order forms are available from the school office. Please come along for a fun day and support the McGrath Foundation and P&C.

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**Tuckshop** — A reminder that the tuckshop is open only on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at first break.

Please consider volunteering an hour or two of your time to help out in the tuckshop. Without regular volunteers the tuckshop cannot run as effectively as needed so please seriously consider volunteering an hour or two of your time to assist where you can. It doesn’t have to be every day or every week. With enough volunteers to form a regular roster your help may only be needed once a fortnight. Please leave your name and contact details at the office if you are able to help out.

Remember, the tuckshop operates to benefit the students of the school. Tuckshop volunteer forms are available from Admin and any help you can offer is greatly appreciated. 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.

**Online Ordering – Tuckshop**

Orders can now be placed online via the following link:-

Cut-off time for placing orders is 7:30am which should allow enough time for orders to show up in our system. In the event you encounter any unexpected difficulties please let me know and I would ask for your patience and understanding whilst I sort out the issue. The link is also available via the school website www.brayparkss.eq.edu.au

**Tuckshop Menu Error** — Please note that the tuckshop no longer sells jelly as it is classified as a red food and unfortunately the potato pies have been deleted from the supplier’s product range. Please cross these items off your copy of the tuckshop menu that was sent home with the last newsletter.

**2015 Senior Polo Shirts**

There are still a number of parents who haven’t returned the order form giving permission for their child’s name to appear on the shirt. **Even if you are NOT placing an order for the 2015 senior polo shirt it would be appreciated if you would please return the form indicating if your child’s name can appear on the shirt or not. Spare order forms are available at the school office.** Sample sizes have been received and Mrs Smith will work with the class teachers to ensure all students try shirts on for correct sizing before firm orders are placed. Please note that the size of the shirt ordered will also allow for growth throughout the year.
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 tomorrow, Wednesday 11th of February, at 6pm. We look forward to welcoming you and seeing some new faces at our meetings as well as hearing your ideas and suggestions for fundraising.

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’.

Message from SARARA
G’day girls and boys, I’ve been watching you all so well, I’m delighted with your behaviours; there is so much to tell. 
I’ve watched you follow rules in the classroom and outside, 
The pride I have in you all cannot be denied.

Thank you for being responsible, as you go about each day,  
It makes such a difference in what you do and say. 
This week is very important, as you learn about the ‘loo’, 
So take the time to follow, to do ‘what you have to do’. 

Going to the toilet, is what this rule’s about,  
You must be responsible, (without a doubt). 
Check that you enter and go to the right place, 
For ‘girls’ and ‘boys’ have a different space!

The toilet for disabled, has a special mark,  
(Just like the sign on a disabled car park). 

Be responsible as users, both girls and boys, 
Don’t bang on the door, or make a noise!

Be responsible as a user, when you use the loo,  
From what you say, and what you do! 
It is 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, ever, use your feet! 
Toilet seats can break, and can 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 that you have 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!

Thank you for following this important rule,  
As being responsible is important at school. 
I’ll be watching from the treetops, as you work and play,  
So keep a look out for me, each and every day!

Until next time 
Toodle-loo from me to you!

Sarara
Bray Park State School

Pink Stumps Day Rides
Saturday 21st February 2015
10am – 4pm

Titanic Giant Slide – 5 yrs to adult
Zapzone Laser Tag – 7 yrs to adult
Ball Crawl – up to 10 yrs
Chair-o-Plane
Pony Rides

Enjoy unlimited use of the rides all day with a $20 wristband.
Pre-order yours now and avoid the ticket line!

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Pink Stumps Day – Rides
(PLEASE NOTE THAT CASH PAYMENTS ONLY CAN BE ACCEPTED)

Student Name:__________________________________________

Class:_______ Receipt Number: _____________ (office use only)

I would like to order _____ pre-paid wristbands @ $20 each = TOTAL:$________

☐ Please send the wristbands home with my child
☐ Please hold the wristbands for collection on the day

Parent Name:__________________________________________

Signature:_________________________________ Contact Number:_________