FROM THE PRINCIPAL
The next GENERAL meeting of the P&C will be held on Wednesday, 11 March 2015. The AGM will precede this at 6:00pm.

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Principal's Report

24 February 2015

Dear Parents,

EVERY DAY COUNTS: Is your child at school today?
Did you know??? Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day every school day:

- they learn better
- they make friends
- they are happier
- they have a brighter future.

Under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every day unless they have an acceptable reason. Illness, doing work experience or competing in a school sporting event are acceptable reasons for being absent from school.

Avoid keeping your child away from school for reasons such as birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends, if they sleep in, looking after other children, minor check-ups or care such as haircuts. Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during school holidays.

Every minute of every day counts
Just a little bit late doesn’t seem much but did you realise that ....

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Your child’s best learning time is at the start of the school day – that’s when every minute counts the most. Our school day commences at 8.45am. Please ensure that your child is at school on time each and every day.

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Great state. Great opportunity.
Healthy lunches
Concentrating on school work burns a lot of energy. To ensure your child is receiving adequate nutrition, use foods from the five food groups in lunches/snacks:
1. Vegetables and legumes/beans
2. Fruit
3. Grain (cereal) foods, mostly wholegrain and/or high fibre
4. Lean meat and poultry, fish, eggs, tofu, nuts and seeds
5. Milk, yoghurt, cheese and/or their alternatives

A healthy lunchbox includes four components:
1. A main item such as a sandwich, pasta with vegetables, frittata or sushi
2. A fruit or vegetable snack
3. A second snack based on a core food such as yoghurt or grainy crackers with cheese
4. A drink – tap water is best.

Don’t forget breakfast – it is the most important meal of the day!!

There are many alternatives children can have to start their day – fruit or vegetables, a dairy product (or alternative), protein such as an egg, a wholegrain bread, cereal or grain product or any combination of these.

Providing a variety of nutritious food helps children to concentrate for the duration of their very busy day.

NAPLAN 2015
This year’s NAPLAN dates have been set for Tuesday 12 May – Thursday 14 May.
Tuesday 12: Language Conventions and Writing
Wednesday 13: Reading
Thursday 14: Numeracy

Further information will be communicated through the newsletter as the test dates draw closer.

Have a great week.
Maree Mortlock
Principal

UNAUTHORISED CAR PARKING AND OUR AEIOU NEIGHBOURS
Dear Bray Park Parents

The AEIOU Centre (located on the corner of Hopetoun Street and Sparkes Road), has a designated car park for the children who attend the AEIOU centre, their parents, and for AEIOU employees.

It has been brought to our attention that Bray Park State School families are using the AEIOU Car Park when depositing children in the morning, and when collecting children in the afternoon.

Bray Park State School families are unauthorised to park in the AEIOU Centre or to use the car park as a drop-off or collection point.

The AEIOU car parking area is strictly for families whose children attend the centre, and for the many staff who work there. As such, the AEIOU staff are fully within their rights to notify traffic police when unauthorised parking, or use of the car park, occurs.

Bray Park School families are to use the 2 minute drop off and collection zone on the school footpath side of Hopetoun Street, or utilise parking on the opposite side of the street.

At the end of the day, the concern raised by the AEIOU centre is about child safety. As the Workplace Health and Safety Adviser at Bray Park State School, I acknowledge the concern and have seen incidents which are concerning.

Unauthorised parking, and use of the car park to drop off and collect children, only increases the risk to AEIOU students as well as to Bray Park children walking or riding bicycles as vehicles enter and exit the car park. The more cars, the greater the risk of potential harm.

PARKING ON THE SCHOOL PREMISES
All parents and staff acknowledge that the safety of the students at Bray Park State School is paramount. Due to the limited space available for parking, the car parks are for the use of staff in the course of their duties, emergency services, buses transporting students attending the Special Education Unit and also for families of students with special needs who possess a Parking Permit. On occasion, the car parks will also need to be accessed by persons associated with P & C associated activities.

Requests for Parking Permit applications are available at the main office. Applications are submitted to the Principal for approval after consultation with relevant stakeholders and the Workplace, Health and Safety Committee.

The Workplace, Health & Safety Committee have determined that the following Rules will maximise the safety of all stakeholders sharing the Sparkes Road car park vicinity. :-

1. Excluding holders of Parking Permits, vehicular entry into the school grounds is not permitted from 8.00a.m. to 3.30p.m. on any school day.
2. Dropping off or picking up students in vehicles during these hours will need to be done in the appropriate zones outside the school grounds.
3. Holders of Parking Permits must have the permits displayed where they can be clearly seen. Where a permit is granted it will be issued for the current year. A new request for a permit is to submitted each school year.
4. Holders of Parking Permits are not to park in the staff car park behind the Junior Toilet Block.
5. All car parks are out of bounds to all students at all times.
6. Students and parents entering of leaving the school via the Sparkes Road car park must stay behind the wire fence that separates the car park from the walkway.

Members of the Workplace Health and Safety Committee, will be checking vehicles entering the school grounds to ensure that only vehicles with a permit are on the school premises. All parking permits must be clearly displayed. Where parking permits are not visible, parents will be made aware of the need for car park awareness specifically in regard to the safety of children and of the large numbers of children who exit via the Sparkes Road gate. Over the next few weeks, staff will be monitoring the car parks between 8.00a.m. and 3.30p.m. and will attach to vehicles, not displaying a Parking Permit, a reminder notice.

Everyone’s cooperation and application of the above mentioned rules will make Bray Park a safer place for all.

Peter Orphanides (Workplace Health and Safety Officer)
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, 4 March at 2.30pm in the Assembly Hall.

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DSTA NEWS

Just a reminder that our Defence Kids Club is up and running again at 11:00am each Monday. Last week we had a Scavenger Hunt and yesterday we had a game of Target Practise. Club activities are held in the SI room unless stated otherwise.

2/3/15 - "Get Ducky" DVD in the Library.
16/3/15 - Birthday Party for Term 1 Birthdays.
30/3/15 - Easter Biscuit Decorating Competition. (Parents Invited.)

Mrs Catherine Hicks
Defence School Transition Aide

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO FAMILIES WHO ARE CONNECTED TO DEFENCE FORCE SERVICES

Dear Parents,

Bray Park State School is one of the few schools who has a DSTA (Defence School Transition Aide). We are very fortunate to have Mrs Catherine Hicks as our DSTA for the current financial year.

The DSTA undertakes an immensely valuable role for all children and families connected with the Defence Services. This also applies to families where primary school age children have older siblings (brothers or sisters, or step-relations) in the Defence forces.

Having a DSTA is determined annually by numbers. At the present moment, we have 25 children whose parent/sibling/step-parent etc are associated with the Defence Services. These children are therefore eligible for support. Support is also able to be provided where parents have had a separation, and one or both parents were in Defence.

Can you please contact the school on 34807333 if you know there are children who should be supported, but who are not on our list. Bray Park will submit a re-application for the continuation of a DSTA and we trust that our numbers will meet the requirements to have Mrs Hicks continue in her role for the 2015-2016 financial year.

Regards
Peter Orphanides (Deputy Principal)

MUSIC NEWS

Instrumental Music - Instrumental lessons are well underway. If you have not yet made arrangements with the office for payment of instrument hire please do so as soon as possible – other children are progressing quickly with their instruments, it can be difficult and discouraging to students who do not keep up with practice at home.

Concert band will not be on next Tuesday 3/3/15 as year 5 and 6 students will not be at school that day. Lessons for year 4 students and students not attending camp will be on as usual.

Uniform - Thank you to those families who have paid their shirt hire and deposit. I am hoping to have the choir perform for the first time in week 8 or 9, so it would be great to have choir shirts finalised by then. If you are available to help outfit children for music shirts please let me know. The job can probably be done in a few hours with two or three people.

Ally Gray
Music Teacher

SARARA SAYS ...

Hello Girls and Boys, I’m back to discuss the rules.
There are so many things to know, in and around school.
This week it’s time to reflect, and think about the term,
And all the rules we’ve shared with you, to practice and to learn.

We talked about the need, to follow class rules,
These are so important, for everyone at school.
The way you follow rules, helps as we learn and play,
And when we follow them, we have a great day.

We talked about toileting, and how we take great care,
We respect how we use them, for we all have to share.
We wash our hands with soap, and use the water too,
And we walk as we move, in and out of the loo.

Being prepared and organised, participating too,
Is really so important – especially for you!
For when you join in, you learn and can apply,
And soon you know the answers, to when, to how and why!

Remember there are others, as you work and you learn,
So remember to not disrupt, and always take your turn.
Follow expectations that teachers ask of you,
Like homework tasks and challenges that are brand new.

There’s much to think about, so reflect throughout the week,
I’ll be dozing from my tree, and having a little peek.
I am so proud of each of you; you are my special crew,
I’ll be speaking to you next time, with something brand new.

Until next time,
Toodle-loo from me to you!

Sarara
**SPORTS NEWS**

Below are the dates for the District trials throughout the year. As the dates approach please see Miss Riley for further details.

Running club continues at 8am on Tuesday mornings, weather permitting. The club is focusing on distance training and of course FUN! 😊

Congratulations to all students for an awesome start to the year. I have been impressed by the skills, but most importantly a great attitude to learning and sense of sportsmanship!

Ms Riley, PE Teacher

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**PINE RIVERS DISTRICT SCHOOL SPORT CALENDAR 2015 - 11/02/15**

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We would like to say a huge Thank You to the P&C for their generous donation of coloured pencils, felt pens and exercise books to the Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms. This support for our new investigative learning approach is greatly appreciated!

Thanks!

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**Prep to Yr 2 Investigative Learning Collage Area**

Collage is a form of art that involves making pictures and designs by pasting different materials, textures, objects or shapes onto a background. When working with collage materials children are able to make choices about what materials they will use to represent ideas, and to explore the elements of colour, texture, line and shape. As children sort, select and paste with collage materials they engage in ways to be imaginative and creative.

**Can you help?**

We are asking for donations of any of the following items for our collage areas:

- Gift wrapping – paper, tissue, cellophane, ribbon, bows
- Paper – scrapbooking paper, wallpaper, coloured paper, tracing paper, brown paper, crepe paper
- Paper bags, paper plates, doilies
- Cupcake papers
- Streamers – crepe, paper
- Ribbons – fabric, curling, raffia
- Feathers, marabou
- Fabric, lace, buttons
- Sequins, pompons
- Wool
- Foil
- Cottonwool
- Pipe cleaners
- Gum nuts

Please send any donations to any Prep, Year 1 or Year 2 classroom or to the office. Thank You!

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**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. Please speak clearly as messages left in a hurry are often very difficult to interpret when we play them back.

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. Thank you to parents who are currently using this system.

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**PAYMENT DATES TO REMEMBER**

Year 5 Activity Day at PCYC, Tuesday 3 March – $15.00 payments were due Friday, 20/2/15. Please note the payment due date was incorrect in the original student note. Apologies for the error. Any students still wishing to attend must pay as soon as possible.

ICAS Competition Entries Yrs 3 to 6 – Entry forms and payment for the student ICAS Competition is due by Tuesday, 31/3/15
Online Ordering – Tuckshop
Orders can now be placed online via the following link: https://tuckshop.schoolshoponline.net.au/brayparkss/index.aspx. Cut-off time for placing orders has been changed to 8:30am which should still allow enough time for orders to show up in our system. Over the next 4 weeks we will be holding a competition where each student who places an online order has the chance to win themselves one of the 6 available lunchbox packs on the menu. 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.

Pink Stumps Day – Postponed until 14th March — Due the VERY wet weather last week the Pink Stumps Day had to be postponed. Please come along on the new date of Sat the 14th of March. Watch the Redback Garrison participate in what is going to be a fun game of cricket.

REMEMBER, THIS IS NOT JUST A NORMAL CRICKET GAME! This is WARR... 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 bpsspc@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 the P&C.

P&C AGM/General Meeting — The AGM will be held in the staffroom on Wednesday the 11th of March at 6pm. The P&C Executive Committee positions will become vacant at the AGM so if you are interested in an Executive position on the P&C please obtain a nomination form from the Admin office. The March P&C General Meeting will follow after the AGM. Please note that you will need to be in attendance if applying for a role on the Executive Committee. For general membership please fill out the form which is available from the school office. Completed forms can either be left at the office or handed in at the P&C AGM meeting in March.

Easter Raffle — As in previous years the P&C is running its annual Easter raffle. Within the next couple of weeks a book of 10 tickets will be sent home with the youngest in the family. Tickets will be $1.00 each. Please ensure money and ALL ticket stubs are returned to Admin by Tuesday 31st March. Please note that all unsold tickets also need to be returned for auditing purposes. If needed there are extra books available from the Admin office. We are seeking donations of items that can be used for prizes in the Easter raffle. It would be greatly appreciated if each family is able to assist in some small way with the donation of Easter eggs, soft toys, books or something else that can be used as a prize. All donations can be left in the Admin office. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 2nd of April. The Easter Hat Parade commences at 2pm.

Please cut/tear below and return to Admin office if you do not wish for your child to receive raffle tickets.

EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS
Please note that unless otherwise advised raffle tickets will be sent home with the youngest family member currently enrolled.

Please return form to Admin before Thursday 5/3/2015 if you do not wish for your child to receive raffle tickets.

Child’s Name:

Class:

Parent/Carer Signature:

Date: