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.

Volume 4
Principal’s Report

10 March 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week sees the P&C AGM. We are seeking nominations for all positions including Sub-Committees. It was great to see some new faces at last month’s meeting and I would love to see lots more on Wednesday evening. The meeting commences at 6:00pm in the Staffroom.

Following the AGM will be the regular monthly meeting. At this meeting we will ratify our Annual Improvement Plan. Our focus continues to be on improving reading and numeracy outcomes for the students here at Bray Park State School. Our School Opinion Survey data did show an improvement from 2013 to 2014 and I am sure that we can continue this upward trend into 2015 as this is our third area of the Annual Improvement Plan. The final area of the Annual Improvement Plan is around Indigenous Education and the improvement of literacy and numeracy outcomes for our Indigenous students.

Parking
There are a number of parents without Parking Permits using the Sparkes Road car park. This car park is for staff parking and for parents/caregivers of students with a disability, holding a 2015 Parking Permit. Please exercise consideration and refrain from parking in this area. Our local Police Beat Officers will be in and around the school enforcing the parking rules in a school zone, including on-site parking.

Uniforms
My conversation with a number of students over the past fortnight has been around school uniform – the not wearing of, to be precise. Denim jeans, football club shorts, bike pants, leggings or ‘short’ shorts are not acceptable items of clothing to be worn as part of the school uniform. Students must have a broad brim black hat with them every day. I encourage students to wear their uniform with pride and acknowledge that they are part of the Bray Park State School community.

Principals’ Conference
Last week I attended the Education Queensland Principals’ Conference (and fortunately did not become ill). The Minister, Director General and Deputy Director Generals addressed Queensland Principals. The messages were very clear: Every student succeeding evidenced by improved student outcomes through improved pedagogical practices and involvement of the community.

The theme of the conference was “a great school has a great school down the road”. To continue to be great, we must enact the vision “expect the extraordinary” through having high expectations for all students and hold true the fundamental belief that every child will learn.
The Minister, Kate Jones, gave a passionate address to the Principals where she concluded with a quote from Rita Pierson

"Every kid needs a champion" - How powerful would our world be if we had kids who were not afraid to take risks, who were not afraid to think, and who had a champion? Every child deserves a champion, an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection, and insists that they become the best that they possibly can be.

As a school community let's continue to live and breathe our school motto "Believe, Achieve, Succeed" where we believe that every child can achieve and succeed.

Have a great week!

Maree Mortlock
Principal

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**STUDENT OF THE MONTH AFTERNOON TEA**

A reminder to all students who were awarded 'Student of the Month' for February, afternoon tea for you will be held on Wednesday, 11/3/15 at 2.30pm in the Assembly Hall. Parents/carers are also invited to attend.

**PAYMENT DATES TO REMEMBER**

Interschool Sport Gala Days – Gala days will be held on 20/3/15 and 12/6/15. The $10.00 payment and permission slip is due by Wednesday, 18/3/15. Late payments are unable to be accepted for this event.

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

School Run-4-Fun – The Fun Run will take place on 1/4/15. Sponsorship money collected by students can be returned to the Office with the Fun Run form at any time up until Wednesday, 3/4/15. Don’t forget to select the prizes you are eligible for!

Halogen Student Leader Conference – For our student leaders, please return your permission slip as soon as possible for the Leader Conference on 20/3/15. (No payment needed for this).

**DSTA NEWS**

Defence Kids Club for the remainder of Term 1 (all meetings held in the SI Room.)

16/3/15 – Birthday Party for Term 1 Birthdays with Old Fashioned Party Games.

23/3/15 – Making Pets Rocks (bring a friend.)

20/3/15 – Easter Biscuit Decorating Competition (Parents invited.)

*Defence families are reminded to please let Mrs Hicks know if there is a change in your service-related circumstances such as a new posting, a deployment, training exercise involving parental absence or promotion causing significant changes in daily routine. The DSTA is here to support your children through these transitional periods.

*Don’t forget to check the DCO website as they have workshops, support groups, and fun events running regularly.


Here are two being held this week....

18 March 2015 - Partner’s Support Group

Are you likely to experience the deployment or extended absence of your partner this year?
When: Wednesday 18th March 2015, 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Where: Gallipoli Barracks Community Centre, Rattey St, Gallipoli Barracks

Refreshments will be provided
RSVP please contact Kim or Bec at DCO Brisbane on 3354 0500

19 March 2015 - KidSMART Programs

DCO Brisbane will be conducting a number of KidSMART Absence workshops throughout 2015. The 2 week program assists children managing parental absence.

When: First workshop commences Thursday 19 March 2015, 3.30pm – 5pm
Where: Gallipoli Barracks Community Centre, Rattey St, Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera

RSVP: dco.brisbane@defence.gov.au or 07 3354 0500

Mrs Catherine Hicks
Defence School Transition Aide

**MUSIC NEWS**

Choir

Our first choir performance will be held on Tuesday 24/3/15 at the school assembly. The choirs are combining to sing for Harmony Day. Children can bring their music uniform to school to change into for the assembly.

Choir Rehearsal Week 8 – PLEASE NOTE!

Next week the Junior and Senior choirs will be having a combined rehearsal on Wednesday 18/3/15 at 8am in the Music Room. This is in preparation for the Harmony Day assembly in Week 9.

There will be no Senior Choir rehearsal on Monday next week.

Uniform Update

Thank you to those families who have paid their shirt hire and deposit. I would like to have the choirs perform in their shirts in Week 9. Music shirts will be sent home this week with children who have paid the deposit. If you have not yet paid the deposit please do so asap. Children who have not paid will need to change out of their music shirt before leaving after the performance.

Ally Gray
Music Teacher
SARARA SAYS ...

G’day, g’day, g’day, my friends one and all,
I hope you’ve had a safe time, as you venture around our school.
I’ve watched you as you play, and listened as you chatter,
I love the way you care, no matter what the matter.

I noticed a little boy, who fell and hurt his arm,
So many of his friends, tried to keep him calm.
You truly are amazing, in what you say and do,
The way you help each other and act responsibly too.

Another thing I’ve noticed, is how lovely you look each day,
With uniforms so smart and cool, as you work and play.
Our rule for last week, was about the dress code that we use,
From our shirts, shorts and hats, to our socks and our shoes.

When you wear your uniform daily, you look so smart as a school,
I love to watch in assembly, as you stand in the hall.
You look like a sea of blue, with faces shining bright,
I do so love to see it – it really is a delight!

Our rule for this week and next, is about showing great pride,
From how you behave, to your words from inside.
It’s all about being a citizen, who thinks about what they do,
From the shopping centre and playground, to home and school too.

Keep doing what you’re doing, you make us feel so proud,
I really want to shout it out, shout it very loud.
“BRAY PARK KIDS ARE GREAT!” they make smart choices too,
They are great ‘community citizens’ in what they say and do.

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

Sarara

SCHOOL BANKING

We have had a great start to the year with lots of new students participating in school banking. Other students who would like to participate can join at any time. Parents/carers you will need to visit your local Commonwealth Bank Branch with your child’s birth certificate and ID for yourself, to open a student account.

Our Banking day is THURSDAY! A little change for students in Prep A and B please, it would be appreciated if you could bring your banking books in on Wednesday to give to your teacher. This will help to ensure that all of your books will be ready at the Office first thing Thursday morning to be processed. All other students including those in P/1E, can you please bring your banking books direct to the Office. We are more than happy for you to bring your books in earlier than Thursday if it is more convenient for you, and we will keep them safe and secure here.

STUDENT LUNCHES

With this hot and steamy weather, our students are burning a lot of energy. Sick bay has had numerous visits from children feeling unwell, and often it seems they have not had enough to eat. Can parents/carers please ensure your students are bringing enough food to school to get them through both breaks, and also please remind students not to eat everything at first break!

For students who pack their own lunch, could parents please have a quick look each morning to ensure the contents are nutritious (sandwiches, wraps, fruit, yoghurt etc) Please limit sugary items.

YMCA HOLIDAY CLUB

Please phone Felicity on 07 3205 4639 to reserve a place for your student/s this Easter Holidays.

HOLIDAY CLUB Inspirations

Our holidays are certain to be full of fun and excitement as we explore many different and adventurous activities. These activities will suit a mix of indoor, outdoor, individual, group, musical, creative, dramatic and culinary experiences. While being linked by common inspirations each YMCA venue plans activities that are specific and individual needs. More information can be found on the ‘Only at...’ poster displayed at all venues or by speaking with the Coordinator of your chosen OSHC service

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Inclusions and Excursions

As well as our amazing activities onsite Holiday Club also includes amazing trips and exciting excursions. Each YMCA OSCH service plans individual excursions so discuss what is planned for your service with a member of the team.

No Drama! We love for parents to be involved but not to worry if you can’t make it as we will keep parents updated.

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING

Every great state school has a great state high school down the road...

Parent Information Evening

for 2016 enrolments
MONDAY 23rd MARCH
7-8pm, with questions to follow
Petrie State School Hall

Come along and meet key staff and receive important information from your local state high schools:

Bray Park State High School
Dakabin State High School
Pine Rivers State High School
PCYC ACTIVITY DAY

Last Tuesday, the year 5 students attended the PCYC at Bray Park for an excursion. We spent the whole day at the PCYC participating in 4 different activities: Rock Climbing, Fitness, Pilates, Low Ropes.

In the rock climbing, some people faced their biggest fears and some people achieved their goals by just climbing to the top. Some students had to do push ups for misusing the equipment (by letting the carabina hit the floor). But all in all, it was heaps of fun for everybody, even if they weren't able to get to the top. Thank you to all our teachers who belayed for us the whole day.

In fitness, we did a variety of games, including jogging, red rover and other fun games. Everybody had fun doing this activity. In dodge ball, the teams were apple and banana... but beware that we are not allowed to play some of these games at school... this was just a special treat.

In Pilates, we did the normal exercises, including push ups, leaning our bodies on exercise balls, lots of jumping and planking too. Even if we did fall over a few times during Pilates, it was still lots of fun.

Last but not least, we did the low ropes. There were groups of 3, with one person doing the obstacle course and then 2 supporters to help. It was hard at first, but most people were able to do it after a couple of tries.

We think it's safe to say that all of the year 5 students enjoyed the fun activities at the PCYC.

Billie Brake & Jackie Guevarra 5B
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 still allows enough time for the orders to show up in our system. Only 2 weeks left of the competition whereby each student who places an online order has the chance to win themselves one of the 6 available lunchbox packs on the menu.

Winners from the last two weeks are: Angelo Venardos – 5A and Jordan Scheurmann – 5B. Congratulations! Vouchers will be given to you for use at the tuckshop.

Tip: Multiple orders can be placed in advance for the week, fortnight or month and then you only pay the processing fee once.

Tuckshop – Price Drop / Menu Item
Deleted - Please note that the price of a slushie has been reduced to $2.00. A reminder also that potato pies are no longer available as they have been deleted from the manufacturer’s product list.

Pink Stumps Day – Happening This Weekend! Saturday 14th 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 WARI... 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 bppspc@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.

Volunteers – As you are aware, the P&C is involved with various fundraising activities throughout the school year and is always looking for helpers to assist. It’s the help and commitment from the parents and carers within our school community that makes it all possible so please let the office know if you are able to assist in any way - big or small. If you are able to assist us on Saturday with Pink Stumps Day please leave your details at the Admin office. Thank-you! 😊

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.

More Tuckshop Volunteers Needed
The P&C would like to acknowledge and thank the people that have been volunteering in the tuckshop over the last few weeks BUT we really need a few more volunteers to help it run more smoothly, especially on a Friday. We are looking for volunteers to help out from 8am – 10am OR 10am – 11:30am on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. With enough volunteers we can produce a roster whereby you would only be needed once a fortnight. It’s a great way to meet other parents and to do something that is of benefit to the children at school.
The new 2015/2016 Entertainment Books are coming soon! Entertainment™

Memberships are packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for the best local restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel and much more! Available as a traditional Entertainment™ Book OR the new Entertainment™ Digital Membership for your Apple or Android device, your Membership gives you over $20,000 worth of valuable offers valid through to 1st June 2016! Order your new 2015 | 2016 Brisbane, Sunshine Coast and Surrounds Entertainment™ Membership from the Bray Park State School – P&C Association link, which will be available to use from Friday 13th March, and 20% of your Membership purchase, $13, will go directly towards fund-raising for much needed classroom resources for Bray Park State School students.

To purchase your books use the following link: https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/225y589

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’.

4GB USB’s For Sale
If anyone is interested the P&C is selling a bulk amount of 4GB USB flash drives. These are brand new and still in the package. You can buy them through eBay or order through me. They are only $4.50 each on eBay but I will sell to parents/friends of the school for just $3.50 each 😊

Fundraising Date Claimers for Terms 1 & 2

1st Term
Easter Raffle- $10 per book of 10 tickets
Entertainment Book for 2015/16 - cost $65

2nd Term
Bingo – Saturday 9th May
Mother’s Day - buy mum a flower (more information to follow)
School Dance – Thursday 11th June

BINGO Night –
Our first ever bingo night will be held on Saturday 9th May. Doors open at 4:30pm and games commence at 5:30pm. Bring your family and friends and come along for a fun evening. More info on this will be sent home with students next week.

Easter Raffle – As in previous years the P&C is running its annual Easter raffle. This week 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.

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BOOKS OF 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 12/3/2015 if you DO NOT wish for your child to receive raffle tickets.

Child’s Name:

______________________________________________

Class:______________

Parent/Carer Signature:__________________________

Date:______________
The Bray Park State School P&C Association would like to acknowledge and thank the following businesses for their support in donating a prize for our Pink Stumps Day raffle.

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