Across the Principal’s Desk...

Deputy Principal Appointment
I wish to inform you of the outcome of the recent Merit Selection process and permanent appointment of Deputy Principal for Brassall State School. To share with you some history, the Deputy Principal’s position has been in an ‘Acting’ capacity since March 2012. The position was advertised in Term 1, 2014. As a testament to our schools excellent reputation, the position saw a significant applicant pool and subsequent short-listing of a number of high quality applicants.

The outcome of this process was confirmed last Friday and I would like to announce to you that the successful applicant to the position of Deputy Principal of Brassall State School is Mrs Summa Todd. Mrs Todd is currently the Acting Deputy Principal at Amberley State School and has recently worked as Acting Deputy Principal of Redbank Plains State School (2011 to 2014). Mrs Todd brings with her a wealth of experience, working in a variety of roles including Acting Principal (Rosewood SS), Acting Deputy Principal and Acting Head of Curriculum (Springfield Lakes SS) and Literacy Coach (Redbank Plains SS). Mrs Todd is extremely excited by her appointment and feels privileged to join our Brassall school community. Mrs Todd officially commences duties in Term 3, 2014.

This announcement also confirms that current Acting Deputy Principal, Miss Sarah Comino, will not continue in this role. It is an outcome which I can appreciate the obvious disappointment felt by our school community due to Miss Comino’s work and commitment in realising positive outcomes for our students and school.

In saying this, I would like to assure you that such a transition will be extremely smooth and I believe that all members of our school community will welcome Mrs Todd in the same generous manner in which any new staff members, new students and families are received, a quality that underlies one of our strengths as a school community.

I thank you for your time and look forward to your ongoing support in being the best that we can be at Brassall.

Semester 1 Student Reporting
All of our students from Prep to Year 7 receive their semester Report Cards next week. The issuing of Report Cards is an ideal time for parents to have a reflective discussion with their children about progress made and how well they feel that they have applied themselves to their learning. It is a great opportunity for you and your children to have a real discussion about their learning and to set some realistic learning goals for them for the remainder of the year. Many of our students have made significant progress throughout the semester, and their achievements should be commended - well done!

This semester, students across Prep to 7 will receive a Principal’s/Deputy Principal’s Award based on four distinct criteria:

- Overall attainment of ‘A’ or ‘Very High’ and ‘Applying’ for their Achievement in English and Mathematics.
- Overall attainment of ‘A’ or ‘Very High’ for their Effort in English and Mathematics.
- Overall ‘A’ or ‘Very High’ standard for Behaviour.
- Students who had zero (0) days absent for the entire Semester.

Farewell Mrs Sue Ronayne
Next Friday we say a sad farewell to Mrs Sue Ronayne, Learning Support Teacher of Brassall State School. Mrs Ronayne has decided to ‘pull up stumps’ on her career in education, that has seen her work across a number of schools, including Amberley, Bardon, Jindalee and Raceview. Since 2009, Mrs Ronayne has been part of our school community, working diligently to support our students learning fundamental literacy and numeracy skills as well as supporting our teachers to deliver high quality programs in the classroom.

To Mrs Ronayne, we take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your contributions to our school community, and we wish you all the very best for the future. Please know that you will be sorely missed by all of us here at Brassall.

Staffing News: Term 3, 2014
- 1W - Mrs Jodi-Lea Woodford is returning to full-time for Semester 2, 2014.
- 1P - Mrs Melissa Parker is increasing her fraction in Semester 2, 2014. Mrs Sherrie Sullivan’s contract is concluding with the return of Mrs Jordanna McDougall from Family Leave. Mrs Parker will be working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with Mrs McDougall working Thursday and Friday.
- 6B - Mrs Tamara Boan is taking leave (every Wednesday) for Semester 2, 2014. Mrs Jordanna McDougall will be working every Wednesday in 6B.
- Prep G - Mrs De Goodwin is taking leave (every Wednesday) for Semester 2, 2014. Mrs Danielle McFarlane will be working every Wednesday in Prep G.

Teachers win…it’s a miracle!
Our school was showered in Blue and Maroon to help celebrate our annual Parents vs Teachers netball challenge. The teachers were lucky enough to come away with a victory but not without a valiant effort from our Brassall parents. Mr Maher was the star with a marvellous performance...ha ha! Thank you also to our many volunteers who gave up their time to help organise, sort and deliver our pizza packs to the students! Awesome day all around!
**Keep a watch on our school these holidays**

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number - 13 17 88.

**Every day counts - will your children be in school?**

It’s almost time for the school holidays to mark the end of Term 2. Parents and carers are reminded of the importance of children attending school every day. For more information visit the Every Day Counts webpage.

**School holiday fire safety campaign**

These school holidays are a perfect time for parents to teach their children about fire safety. A Queensland Fire and Emergency Services campaign will roll out from 23 June asking families to nominate “junior firefighters” in their home. The Blazers’ Brigade campaign is designed to assist children’s learning about fire safety around the home with fire safety koala, Blazer.

**2014 Brassall State School Athletics Carnival**

We welcome all parents / carers to come along and have an enjoyable time watching our students as they compete. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all competitors the very best of luck and remind everyone that the most important part of competing is to do your best and have fun.

Please find below a timetable of events, however these times are approximate and may vary.

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**Tuckshop Menu for Sports Day**

Due to an expected large demand for Tuckshop on Sports Day, ALL FOOD NEEDS TO BE ORDERED AND PAID FOR PRIOR TO THE DAY. This will include orders for Students, Teachers and Parents. A bright orange Order Form is included with this newsletter. Orders are to be returned to the Café no later than Wednesday 25th June.

Greg Brand, Principal

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**School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)**

**Focus lessons for week:**

**Week 10: Be Responsible - Stop play at first bell.**

**Buzz** congratulates all of the children who have achieved a Behaviour Level A or B or equivalent on their report cards for Semester 1. Achieving an A means your child has no major or minor incidents during Semester 1, while achieving a B means your child has no major and no more than 4 minor incidents in Semester 1. These children will be congratulated in the form of some fun activities on certain days next week.

- Monday 23 June in middle session - Years 2 & 3
- Monday 23 June in afternoon session - Years 6 & 7
- Tuesday 24 June in morning session - Years 4 & 5
- Tuesday 24 June in middle session – Year 1
- Tuesday 24 June in afternoon session - Prep.

Our next 10 Buzz cards reward sausage sizzle and 15 Buzz cards reward ice cream will be happening on Monday 23 June. The children’s names who are receiving these rewards will be published in the next Brassall Buzz as some are still being finalised.

Rayne Penny, Deputy Principal

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**Support Local Business - Support your School**

SUPA IGA at the Brassall Shopping Centre in Hunter Street have offered our school a wonderful fundraising opportunity.

We will be sending home next week a letter with a barcoded keytag which will explain the program fully but for every dollar you spend at SUPA IGA they will donate a % back to the school - this should again bring us closer to our goal of air-conditioning our school sooner rather than later. SUPA IGA have also been very supportive with donations for our fete and are now one of our major sponsors for the fete.

Please support this local business and in turn support your school.

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**Defence Kids Craft Club at the library**

Every Wednesday at 2nd break, Defence Kids Craft Club is operating on the library verandah.

Each week we will be creating “works of art”. Come along for a fun lunchbreak and an opportunity to discover new friends as well as your creative flair!

Mrs Dawes, DSTA

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**School Sport**

**Matches – Friday 20 June**

- **Soccer**
  - Girls v Central @ Ipswich PCYC, Limestone Park
  - Boys v St Marys @ Tim Moloney Oval

- **Netball**
  - Limestone Park Courts - FINALS
  - Snr C1 v St Josephs on Court 12 @ 12:45pm
  - Jnr D1 v Ipswich Central on Court 11 @ 12:45pm
  - Jnr D3 v St Josephs on Court 21 @ 12:45pm

Presentations will follow at 1:35pm

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**Community Billboard**

**Brassall PCYC OSHC Vacation Care Program**

Our Vacation Care program is now out for the upcoming school holidays. There are many fun and exciting activities planned over the two weeks. These include a Jumping Castle, Technology Day, Christmas in July and excursions to Ten Pin Bowling and Ipswich PCYC for a Superhero Themed Disco. Visit our room in the hall to pick up a program or visit [www.ipswichpcyc.org.au/sac/school-aged-care](http://www.ipswichpcyc.org.au/sac/school-aged-care).