**The BRASSALL BUZZ**

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**Rule of the Term:**

Be Respectful

**Thought for the Week:**

Shoot for the moon...even if you miss you will land among the stars.

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### Term 3 Planner

- **29 Aug**
  - Student of the Month
- **10 Sept**
  - Year 1 ‘Fun with Maths’
- **10 Sept**
  - Yr 2 Historical Excursion
- **11 Sept**
  - Yr 6 & 7 ISHS School Experience Day
- **11 Sept**
  - School Disco
- **15 Sept**
  - P & C Meeting
- **18 Sept**
  - 2015 Prep Information Evening - 6pm
- **19 Sept**
  - Student of the Month
- **19 Sept**
  - Term 3 mid

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### Term 4 Planner

- **7 Oct**
  - Term 4 commencements
- **7/8 Oct**
  - Parent/Teacher Interviews
- **20 Oct**
  - Student Free Day
- **21 Oct**
  - Silkstone Eisteddfod - Jrn Singing Choir
- **24 Oct**
  - Prep Grandparents Day
- **30 Oct**
  - Sorry
- **31 Oct**
  - Student of the Month
- **6 Nov**
  - Yr 4 CSIRO - The Super Science Show
- **13 Nov**
  - Yr 6 CSIRO - Biological World
- **20 Nov**
  - Musical - Sussical
- **28 Nov**
  - Yr 4/7 Awards Morning
- **28 Nov**
  - P 3 Final Students of the Month
- **29 Nov**
  - Mayor’s Carols by Candlelight - Ghre
- **1 Dec**
  - Yr 6 High School Transition Day
- **2 Dec**
  - St Joseph’s Nativity Play - Prep
- **5 Dec**
  - Level A & B Behaviour Level parties
- **8 Dec**
  - Yr 7 High School Transition Day
- **11 Dec**
  - its 6 & 7 - Wet & Wild
- **12 Dec**
  - Term 4 mid

**N.B.** Dates are correct at time of printing, and may change if deemed necessary.

**Payment + Closing Dates**

**No money will be accepted after these dates**

- **2 Sept**
  - Interschool Sport
- **5 Sept**
  - Yr 1 Fun with Maths
- **5 Sept**
  - Yr 2 Art Gallery
- **12 Sept**
  - Yr 6/7 Yearbook deposit

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**Finance Hours**

8 am to 10 am Daily

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**Lost Property**

Our staff will be clearing the Lost Property basket during the coming holidays, and any un-named, unclaimed items will be bundled up and given to charity.

Please check, or remind your child/ren to check regularly for any missing items.

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**Across the Principal’s Desk ...**

Brassall SS PBC Fete - A Truly Marvellous Event!

What an amazing day our ‘Brassall Fete’ turned out to be on Sunday. Thankfully we were greeted with fine weather, warm sunshine and more importantly the overwhelming support of our local school community. Throughout the day it was obvious to see that people were having a great time, lots of fun and enjoying the sights and sounds of the beautifully presented stalls, games, rides, activities, performances, food and drenching on offer, Early figures indicate the day raised over $42,000 - WOW!

Whilst we say thanks to the many parents, families, staff and local businesses that supported and assisted in our preparations, I need to make a special mention of Fete Coordinators Jo Baker, Kylee Grainger, Fiona Bentley, Trudi Kemp, Sandy and Andy Eaton. This wonderful team of Brassall parents, dedicated, enthusiastic and organisation made the Brassall Fete the fantastic success it was, and that our school community needs to recognise. On behalf of the school community, students and staff at Brassall, we truly appreciate the contributions you have made to improve the opportunities for all of our students. A big thank you also goes to the following people who coordinated the various stalls on offer:

- Ipswich Business Community - support by way of donations to raffles & product stalls.
- Local Community Services such as Police, Fire, SES & St. Johns Ambulance
- Scouts for loan of popcorn & fairy floss machines
- RSH - Performing Arts Team, & for loan of fryers for Year 3 chips stall
- Dancetime Studio
- Special thanks to parents:
  - Sonya Roberts - Glebe Road Takeaway for donations of chips & helping ALL day on the stall
  - Mademe All for help with security on the day
  - Rachel Pratt for time taken seeking donations
- Local politicians - Cr Cheryl Bromage, Sean Choat MP, Shanye Neumann, Mayor Paul Pisasale.
- Sista Burley for coming and entertaining, as well as judging our Brassall’s Got Talent quest
- All the hard working Dads, Mums and Grandparents who helped ‘clean up’ on the Sunday afternoon!!!

Is it too early to say, see you in two years’ time for another fantastic, fabulous, fun and fine Brassall Fete?

**2014 NAPLAN Reports - go home today!**

In 2014, Australian schools undertook the sixth year of testing under the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The national tests assess the skills of all students in Years 3, 5 and 7 in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy. Students from all state and non-state schools across Australia take part in these national literacy and numeracy tests in May of each year. These tests provide an important measure of how all students are performing against national standards. These individual reports are being distributed today for parents in Years, 3, 5 and 7.

**Eisteddfod Success**

Our Performing Arts program keeps on enjoying great success and we are very proud of their achievements at recent local Eisteddfods. Our Junior and Senior Choral Speaking groups ‘cleaned up’ at the recent Beenleigh Eisteddfod, held on Thursday, 14 August. Both groups placed 1st in their respective divisions against some pretty stiff competition for other schools.

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Have you downloaded the new QSchools app?

Brassall State School’s new website is the place to find the latest and greatest information on what’s happening and school news at Brassall! Parents now have the ability to download an app that will link directly to our school website via an iPod, iPhone or Smartphone. The QSchools app is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information and from and about schools.

See when news, events and newsletters are posted to our website and access other information such as tuckshop menus, uniform shop information, class times etc. The school community can also receive emergency announcements such as natural disasters and school closures through the app. The QSchools app is particularly useful to parents who have students in different schools, as the app can manage updates from multiple schools.

In 2015 our newsletter, “The Brassall Buzz”, will only be available via either the QSchools App; from our website www.brassallss.eq.edu.au; or via an email distribution list on request. More information regarding this will be communicated in future newsletters.

QSchools Version 2.1 for iOS and Android are available for free download from the iTunes store and Google Play. QSchools Version 2.0 for Windows 8.0, Windows 8.1 and Windows phone 8 are available from the Windows Store and Windows Phone Store.

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**Need to let us know your child is away?**

A recent feature launched on Brassall SS website provides parents and carers with an easy and simple way to notify us of a student’s absence from school. Just click on the icon Student absences and you go to a simple Student Absence registration form to complete and submit.

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**Our Future - An Excellent School Where Students Achieve Their Potential**
Art Show Winners and Grinners!

Congratulations to the following students on being recognised at the recent Brassall $5 P&C Fete Art Show. The ‘top three’ place getters from each Year Level receive either a $25 (1st Place), $15 (2nd Place) or $10 (3rd Place) voucher from AMART All Sports!

**Year 1**
1. Calen B (1G); 2. Layla D (1J); 3. Angel L (1G)

**Year 2**
1. Bella H (2G); 2. Cristy C (2G); 3. Joshua B (2T)

**Year 3**
1. Marce S, (3J); 2. Anika S (3T); 3. Dylan G (3A)

**Year 4**
1. Clayton K (4L); Stevie J M B (4J); 3. All K (4F)

**Year 5**
1. Shaeisha T (5S); 2. Chloe F (5S); 3. Aliza S (5S)

**Year 6**
1. Natasha Y (6W); 2. Connor A (6W); 3. Tashia B (6B)

**Year 7**
1. Kiara B (7M); 2. Hayden W (7B); 3. Molly May W (7M)

SEP
1. Cheyenne T (5/6/7Y); 2. Cody F (3/4/5W); 3. Leah B (5/6/7Y)

Greg Brand, Principal

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)

Focus lessons:

**Week 6**: Be Responsible - Use timeout chairs if necessary in the playground

**Week 7**: Be Responsible - Hand Personal Electronic Devices to the Office

New Brassall 4 Be Signage in all eating areas:

In the next few weeks you will see some more Brassall 4 Be signage going up in all of our eating areas. This is a part of our SWPBS program and is to ensure our School Expectations (Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe, Be A Learner) are always visible where ever children are to be. Staff can also point out these expectations if children need to be reminded about them, especially during the eating times. I encourage all parents and carers to continue using the language of the 4 Brassall Be’s when talking with your children.

New Brassall Buzz Postcards for 2013:

The SWPBS Leadership Team and Staff have been looking at providing even extra incentives for children who work hard, follow the 4 Brassall Be’s and gain Pollen Points. From the beginning of 2015, the Buzz Postcards sent home for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 Buzz cards will be Australiana collectables with Buzz in various locations around Australia. We are hopeful we can also have a special folder for the children to keep and collect their special Buzz postcards. We are sure that after the children see others with them, they will be “buzzing” with excitement to gain Pollen Points and collect even more.

Buzz’s Parent Waiting Areas:

A big “BUZZ” thank you to all our parents who are waiting for their children in the correct areas. This enables the teachers to continue to teach and ensure your child is being A Learner inside the classroom.

Rayne Penny, Deputy Principal

Friday Sport

We have selected all of the students who will participate in Interschool Sport for the Summer Season of 2014. The first games will occur on Friday 5 September for Basketball, Touch Football and AFL, and sport concludes in Term 4 on Friday 28 November. A sport fee of $65 per season will be required to be paid by each child participating in school sport. There is a short turn around and the full amount will be required to be paid by Tuesday, 2 September 2014.

Netball Finals

Wow! Congratulations to our 3 Interschool Netball teams for WINNING their division in the Ipswich Primary School Sports Competition. This is a great achievement for Brassall State School.

- Senior C1 defeated St Josephs
- Junior D1 defeated Ipswich Central State School
- Junior D3 defeated St Josephs

The following girls are congratulated:

Senior Division 1: Casey K, Jasmine M, Jasmine L, Carina N, Aaliyah A, Emma O, Mikaela W and Michaela H.

Junior Division 1: Imarni D, Talaylin B, Lucie B, Tia H, Rose M, Ceihna C-F, Rebecca S.

Junior Division 2: Katie G, Mackenzie T, Shai T, Renee B, Courtney D, Adelaide G, Mia W.

All of these teams ended the season as premiers. Each player will be presented with a premiership ribbon at a coming assembly.

Summa Todd, Deputy Principal