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Rule of the Term:
Be Respectful

Thought for the Week:
Life is like a camera...
Focus on what's important,
Develop from the negatives,
And if things don't work, take another shot.

Term 3 Planner
14 Sept Book Week Parade
15 Sept P & C Meeting
18 Sept 2015 Prep Information Evening - 6pm
19 Sept Students of the Month
19 Sept Term 3 ends

Term 4 Planner
7 Oct Term 4 commences
8, 9 Oct Prep/Teacher Interviews
15 Oct Rugby League Gala Day
20 Oct Prep Student Free Day
21 Oct Stiklesfest & Jnr Singing Choir
14 Oct Prep Grandparents Day
30 Oct Sitere
31 Oct Students of the Month
6 Nov Yr 4 CSIRO - The Super Science Show
13 Nov Yr 6 CSIRO - Biological World
20 Nov Musical - Jesusical
28 Nov Yr 4 - 7 Awards Morning
28 Nov Pre - Prep Final Student of the Month
29 Nov Mayor’s Carols by Candlelight - Glee
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 Yrs 6 & 7 - Wet & Wild
12 Dec Term 4 ends

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
12 Sept Yr 6/7 Yearbook deposit

Finance Hours
8 am to 9 am Daily

Brassall School DISCO
TONIGHT
Where: “Brassall School Community Hall”
Time: Prep to 3: 6:00pm -7:15pm
Years 4 to 7: 7:30pm -9:00pm
Cost: $2.00 entry per child
- Drinks: Soft drinks $2.00, water $1.50 and poppers $1.00
- Hot Chips: $2.00
- Chocolates $2.00
- Fairy Floss $1.00
- Glow Sticks $1.00

Come along and celebrate the end of Term with your friends.
Listen to great music and win prizes!!!

Across the Principal’s Desk …

96five Family Show - Live from Brassall State School
Wow - what an amazing last week to Term 3 we have in store at Brassall! Next Wednesday, 17 September, we are inviting all Brassall families to come and see the 96five Family Show broadcast live from Brassall State School. Liam, Robbie and Ness, and Romeo the Radio Dog will broadcast from 6am to 9am and there’ll be loads of other fun family activities including a Jumping Castle, Sporting Games, Freebies and of course a Coffee Cart for our parents! But if you thought it couldn’t get more exciting, you’re sure to catch the Head News Host Bill McDonald, in the Seven Helicopter when they land on our school grounds - yes that’s right, the Seven Helicopter will be landing at Brassall everyone! A big thanks in advance to our Chaplain Mr Lilley for organising this great opportunity for our students and school community - it will be fantastic!

As part of the visit all parents need to be aware that both Channel Seven and 96five will be filming and broadcasting during the morning, with recordings and footage being used for promotional purposes. If you have any concerns, you are encouraged to contact me directly prior to the event. Further details will be sent home next Monday to all Brassall families - we can’t wait to see you there!

2014 Discipline Audit
Education Queensland believes that clear and consistent school discipline is an essential component of a high performing education system. Children and young people need self discipline as part of their social development in order to achieve their academic and life goals. In 2013, the Queensland Government introduced comprehensive audit requirements for state schools in the area of discipline. During 2013 and 2014 all Queensland state schools will have a discipline audit conducted at the school site.

To ensure that a consistent and evidence-based audit process is maintained across the state, the Discipline Audit Instrument was developed by the Department of Education, Training and Employment and is firmly grounded in research.

All Queensland state schools will be audited against five domains contained in the Discipline Audit Instrument. The audits will provide school leaders with an opportunity to engage in conversations about the strength of the school in building discipline, and where there are opportunities for improvement. The Discipline Audit provides school leaders with information that they need to continuously improve their approach to discipline.

On Thursday, 28 August Brassall’s Discipline Audit took place and I am pleased to announce that our feedback and results overall were very positive. The Auditor spent the day in the school and interviewed teachers, spent time in many classrooms and spoke with a number of students and parents.

Very soon we will receive a written report comprising an Executive Summary and a 5 Page Profile. I will ensure that these documents are posted on our school’s website in the very near future, along with a Parents and Carers’ fact sheet.

From these reports, our work now focuses on identifying and developing the next steps in our journey in embedding School Wide Positive Behaviour Support across the school in every classroom, with the immediate goal of moving towards becoming a Tier 2 school. The audit process greatly affirms our collective work over the last two years has been extremely worthwhile and that we are continuously improving in our discipline processes and practices - with a little help from Buzz along the way! May I offer my congratulations to the students, staff and community of Brassall, well done!

2015 Prep Enrolments
As we enter the back part of the school year it is time for us to start planning for 2015. One of the biggest impacts on our planning for next year is student numbers. To assist us in planning for 2015 we need to have an accurate forecast of our 2015 Prep numbers. If your child will be attending Brassall’s Prep program in 2015 we ask that you return your enrolment forms as soon as possible. We also ask that you pass this message to any families who may be joining us for the first time next year. We would like to make the start of the year as smooth as possible for all involved and appreciate your assistance.

Next Thursday, 18 September we will be holding our first Prep Information night for 2015 parents, starting at 6pm in our Prep Classrooms (Prep M). We look forward to seeing you there!

Tree Removal
Over the holiday period we are taking the opportunity to remove a number of trees deemed as being ‘at risk’ due to their overall poor health. Some trees being removed are also in close proximity to our buildings which are causing ongoing maintenance issues. Whilst we take great pride in our leafy green surrounds, student and community member safety remains a priority. The Brassall P&C Association supports the necessary work to ensure a safe workplace at Brassall State School.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays
With holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please call School Watch on 13 17 88. The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education, Training and Employment, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy—13 17 88—and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

Greg Brand,
Principal

MISSING BIKE… Academy Desire brand, black with magenta around handle bars. If you have any information, please contact the Office.
School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)

Focus lessons:
Focus for week 10: Be Respectful - Win or lose fairly in the playground
Focus for week 1 Term 4: Be Responsible - Report damages, unsafe equipment or situations to an adult.

New Brassoall 4 Be Signage in all eating areas:
The signs have arrived and are up in all the eating areas. They look fantastic and all of the children can be reminded of our expectations whilst out and about.

Congratulations to the children whose names appear below as they participated in our "BUZZ" rewards last week.

10 Buzz Cards Sausage Sizzle:

1G  Emily S
1J  Steviva E, Thomas W
1V  Emily P
1W  Nelson M, Mystique W
2C  Lane M, Matthew H, Emilina B, Alj H
2H  Talon D, Hannah S
2T  Noah G
3H  Katelyn B, Alana W
3T  Tarni T, Deegan W, Allarrah M, Alyssa W, Liana D
3ZT  Raiza E, Samantha B, Damien K, Willow H, Ma C, Dylan G, Bonnie H
4J  Jamie M, Chloe S
4P  Breanna K
4RT  Kalitha P, Pae R, Michael H, Sharni K, Alex M, Tealeah C, Ethan S
4TS  Brodie T, Kody L, Kayleigh T, Lachlan J, LC J, Rhys C, Cazhal S, Sarah A, Nicholas A
5G  Anleta W, Sonya B, Sharielena T, Talata A, Caleb S, Mackenzie T, Sam H, Regan B, Isaiah B
5TS  Connor L
6S  Isabella S, Lilywh Y, Alich J, Ellie K
7B  Josh B
7G  Lakshita A, Kate Z
7M  Mikaela W
5/6/7Y  Kaylah W, Braydin V, Sarah T, Dylan V

15 Buzz Cards Ice Cream:

1G  Crystall M
1J  Solivan T, Zaynya W, Zakerly S, Scott W
1P  Tyler M, Harley T, Harley R, Michael H, Wil T, Brian M
2B  Brayla A, Kiera M
2C  David B, Jackson W, Kody P, Joely S, Vicky-Lee T, Alisha E, Jessica W
2G  Alexna L, Roxanna G, Kirra P, Joel M
3H  Jessica B, Elijah-Lee E, Bij J
3M  Belinda F
3L  Alyssa W, Dyana C, Ella F, Phoenix R
4J  Tenasica C, Stanley H
4L  Joel E
4RT  Sharni K, Pae R, Michael H
3H  Gisakio T, Dayne T, Chris K, Keefa B, Georgia A
5G  Khan T
5S  Malya L, Ashleigh H, Timothy P
6B  Emma P, Ella G, Bridget B, Hayley F, Mikaela M
6S  Alexxa J
7G  Bella S, Luke W
7M  Marloa B, Bree P, Liam K
7M  Tilly T, Kayla S, Mckayla H, Thomas N, Brock S

20 Buzz Cards Games & Music in Hall:

Musical:
1J  Dyana C, Blake B, Charlotte P
2B  Ben L, Kian B
2C  David B, Madison C
2E  Madison F, Jayden L, Zaheavy Y, AJ D, Preston B, Calvin M, Byron W
2G  Blake T, Cryssania C, Alexie L
3H  Summer M, Ruben A
3J  Alysia F
3M  Wunupanal F, Marli S, Alexa D, Chantele A, Taylia H, Skye S, Lauren G
4T  Alysia P
4TFS  Lochlan Kc, Tray M, Denii B, Noah Y
4J  Jaiada T Pae R
5FS  Kyley R, Trac S, Lisa W
7M  Pijpen-Jay H

This Friday and next Friday will see some more children being congratulated as they attend the 25 Buzz Card Extreme Games in the Hall. An afternoon of fun with nerf guns and games.

Support Staff Celebration
Each year on the first Friday in September, schools celebrate the support provided to students and teachers by their teacher aides and school support staff. This celebration day enables the school community to recognise the skills, abilities and flexibility that these staff contribute to the daily life of our school. Last Friday, the school community held a special celebration on assembly to say thank you to our support staff for their exceptional contribution to Brassall State School. All support staff were presented with a small token of appreciation from the students and teachers.

Thank you to all of the Support Staff at Brassall State School for the wonderful work that they do.

Rayne Penny and Summa Todd, Deputy Principals

August Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with their Student of the Month certificates on assembly recently -

Prep

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

Year 7

Book Week

Do you have a favourite book character? Superman! Cinderella! Gerald the Giraffe! Now is your chance to choose your favourite book character for a day. Brassoall State School Book Week will be held from Monday 15th till Friday 19th September. The theme for Book Week this year is “Connect to Reading”. On Monday, there will be a special book week parade starting at 8-40am. All students from Prep to Year 7 are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. There will be book prizes and an eReader to give away for best dressed characters for each grade. The library will also be celebrating Book Week activities in the library at second break, lessons focused on some of our fantastic novels, a fantastic super hero display, and an exhibition of children’s art work. We look forward to seeing each student participate in some way in this “celebration of books.”

Steve Tuddenden, Acting Teacher Librarian

Ball Games - HPE Week!

Next week is HPE week and we are celebrating as we are completing a Ball Games afternoon. P-3 students will be Wednesday afternoon at the bottom oval, this day will be run by Year 6/7 students as a part of their ‘kids teaching kids P.E.’ unit. The next afternoon Years 4-7 will complete ball games. This is a friendly and fun afternoon where we are encouraging maximum participation, perhaps even from some teachers. Students may wear their house colours on this day. HAPPY HPE WEEK!

Swimming News

We are excited to announce that in Term 4, 2014, our Year 3 and 4 students will be participating in a skills and survival based school swimming unit. This is something we hope to extend to all year levels in the forthcoming years. We are very excited to start developing what we believe is a crucial skill to all Queensland students. Letters are going home to all Year 3 and 4 parents next week.

Farewell Lorraine

After 29 years on the crossing at Brassall Primary School in Ipswich, Lorraine Pforr has decided to retire her loyal pop stick and spend time touring and enjoying life with her husband, Wayne. Lorraine commenced duty at Brassall Primary in 1985. She is well recognised in the Ipswich community due to her being selected to promote the importance of safety around school crossing in a number of media articles over the years. Amongst her greatest accomplishments in the role is the school showing recognition of her position by including her in a mural which is painted on a ceiling in the school. The mural portrays Lorraine (pictured) stopping a dragon who is threatening Harry Potter. Lorraine has many highlights to remember in her 29 years on the crossing at Brassall Primary School. All support staff were presented with a small token of appreciation from the students and teachers. Congratulations and thank you Lorraine...job well done. You will surely be missed.