Across the 
Principal’s Desk …

Parent Teacher Interviews
It has been fantastic to see parents making the time to attend our most recent Parent and Teacher interviews across the school this week. We certainly encourage all parents to have regular communication with their child’s teacher.

Where will you be in 2015?
With this edition of the newsletter you will find a letter to all parents in relation to notification of students not returning to Brassall in 2015. To assist our planning preparations for 2015, could you please ensure that this information is completed and returned to the office by Friday, 17 October. Thank you for your support.

2015 Class Placement Requests
During Term 4, I normally receive many requests from parents seeking specific class placement for their child in the coming year. Sometimes requests are for a specific teacher, sometimes a specific class, sometimes for placement with or away from other children. As a parent of three school-aged children myself, I understand and in fact also harbour your same concerns and best intentions.

I’m sure though, that you will understand that it is impossible to structure a school based upon such a process of requests, where guarantees can never be given. In fact it often complicates matters and sometimes causes distress when requests cannot be met. It’s important to remember that teachers will not necessarily be allocated again to the same year level/s, in fact it often complicates the process of class construction and placement is impossible to structure a school based upon friendship groups are maintained or multi-age grouping, classes are always prevented them influencing each other in the playground.

Ultimately class structures are determined by enrolments. Whether straight grades, composite or multi-age grouping, classes are always formed with the intention to reduce teacher-student ratios. Friendship groups are maintained in the playground as much and more than in the classroom environment. Similarly, separating some students in classes often still does not prevent them influencing each other in the playground.

If your child is diagnosed with a disability, then planning for the coming year, including programming and placement will be coordinated by Mrs Donna Bracker (Head of Special Education Services). Please feel free to contact Mrs Bracker to discuss any questions you may have.

In all other instances, a very careful and lengthy process of class construction and placement is undertaken. This involves all current Class Teachers, our Learning Support Specialists, the Deputy Principals, Head of Special Education Services and myself. By the time class placements are determined and class lists released you can be assured that considerable thought and professional judgements have been put into each child’s placement.
Save the Date!

Week 9 on Tuesday 2 December.

the 7 week unit starting in Week 3 on

25 Buzz Cards Extreme Games – Nerf Games:

- by Stewarts Swim School with qualified

Year 7 Tyler N, 7B
Year 5 Adam A, 5H
Year 4 Grace T, 4J
Year 3 Mio G, 3H
Year 2 Shakyta M, 2B
Year 1 Sienna H, 1J

will participate in 30min lessons at

Prep

You can gain a broader applicant pool. All applications already

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)

Focus lessons:

Focus for week 2: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe - on

Focus for week 3: Be Responsible - Use equipment for intended

Congratulations to the children whose names appear below as they

participated in our ‘BUZZ” rewards before the holidays.

BUZZ Cards Extreme Games - Nerf Games:

Class Name
1G Callan B
1J Miley L, Deegan T, Dylan C
2G Isabelle R
2B Keshayna B, Aleerah H, 
3M Mary Jane S, Alexa D, Dylan G, Angeloe E
3H Mio G, Emma Kay S
3/4/5W Samantha B, Alicia-Dea A, Draydon B, Justin W, Jemma W, Danny B, Tray M
5/6/7Y Mickayla H, Theresa S

Prep Grandparent’s Day - Friday 24th October - Save the Date!

The annual Prep Grandparents’ Day will be held on Friday 24th October at Brassall SS. This is a fun occasion for our Prep students to share with their Grandparents. More details to follow but remember to Save the Date!

Rayne Penny
Deputy Principal

School Swimming - Years 3 and 4

All students in Years 3 and 4 at Brassall SS will be participating in swim safety and stroke development as their PE unit throughout Term 4, 2014. These students will participate in 30min lessons at Ipswich State High School every Tuesday during PE lessons. The lessons will be run by Stewarts Swim School with qualified instructors at a cost of $35/student for the 7 week unit starting in Week 3 on Tuesday 21 October, and concluding in Week 9 on Tuesday 2 December.

Payment and Medical forms are due at the office by Wednesday 15 October.

Summa Todd
Deputy Principal

Book Week’s “Best Dressed”

The following students were the winners of an ereader valued at $90 each, for being the best dressed characters in each year level.

Congratulations to:

Prep  Boedicia A, Prep E (pictured)
Year 1  Sienna H, 1J
Year 2  Shakyta M, 2B
Year 3  Mio G, 3H
Year 4  Grace T, 4J
Year 5  Adam A, 5H
Year 6  Mickayla H, 5/6/7Y
Year 7  Tyler N, 7B

September Students of the Month

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

Prep  Izzaak B, Boedicia A, Samantha S-P, Sophie F, Zane M
Year 1  Riley G, Ariana W, Tjah W, Chloe D, Aleisha S
Year 2  Emilia B-B, Ben L, Brandon D, Joes M, Madison F
Year 3  Liam W, BJ S, James H, Kyle B, Troy M (3/4/5W)
Year 4  Kitty B-B, Tahila B, Caitlin W, Jared G
Year 6  Ashleigh H, Alexjah J, Brayden W
Year 7  Jarred C, Charli G, Molly-May W

School Sport

Interschool Sports commences again this Friday, 10 October 2014. Please see the table below for game information:

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Please note the draw for Friday 17 October is not currently available for Basketball. The game time and location for AFL and Touch Football will be the same each week. The Basketball teams could possibly change location and time from week to week.

Casual Position Vacant - School Crossing Supervisor

A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at Brassall Primary School. The hours of work for the School Crossing Supervisor may be up to one and a half hours on any school day in all weather conditions. Commencement of work for the successful applicant is dependent on:

- The favourable outcome of a health assessment carried out by a duly qualified Medical Practitioner according to the guidelines in the “Notes for Medical Practitioner” on the School Crossing Supervisor Scheme - Health Assessment Form;
- The applicant either holding a current Blue Card or having submitted an application for a Blue Card to the Public Safety Business Agency (previously Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian). An applicant will not be employed by the Department of Transport and Main Roads unless they meet this criterion.
- Department of Transport and Main Roads will organise and fund both for

Applications packs are available from Brassall Primary School. Completed applications should be marked Private and Confidential and returned to

The Principal
Brassall Primary School
Pine Mountain Road
Brassall 4305

Applications close at 3.00pm on 16 October 2014.

N.B Please note this position is being readvertised to gain a broader applicant pool. All applications already forwarded will remain active.