

The BRASSALL BUZZ

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Rule of the Term:

Be Responsible

Thought for the Week:

The surest way not to fail is to determine to succeed.

Term 4 Planner

20 Oct	Student Free Day
24 Oct	Prep Grandparents' Day
30 Oct	Rugby League Gala Day
30 Oct	Brassall SS Soiree
31 Oct	Student of the Month
31 Oct	National Bandanna Day
6 Nov	Yr 4 CSIRO - The Super Science Show
13 Nov	Yr 6 CSIRO - Biological World
20 Nov	Musical - Seussical
28 Nov	Yr 4-7 Awards Morning
28 Nov	P - 3 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
2 Dec	Yr 6 Graduation
5 Dec	Level A & B Behaviour Level parties
8 Dec	Yr 7 High School Transition Day
9 Dec	Yr 7 Graduation
11 Dec	Yrs 6 & 7 - Wet & Wild
11, 12 Dec	Tuckshop Closed
12 Dec	Term 4 ends

Term 1 2015 Planner

19 Jan	School Office opens
21 Jan	Book Pack collection@ Brassall SS Hall - 9am to 11am
21, 23 Jan	Uniform Shop Open - 9am to 12noon
27 Jan	School resumes
2 Apr	Term 1 concludes

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

15 Oct	Yr 3 & 4 Swimming
17 Oct	BOOKCLUB DUE

REMINDER ~

**Monday
20 October
is a
Student Free Day**

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 all teachers have the opportunity to request a change to their status from year to year.

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.

As always every State School staffing and therefore class structure is dependent upon the Day 8 Enrolment Census at the start of each new school year. Class composition, teacher year level allocations and class placements are all subject to adjustment or change in the days following the Day 8 Census as Education Queensland adjusts each school's entitlement.

Last Week Highlights!!!

WOW! What an awesome end to Term 3 at Brassall SS. Book Week parade, FM96.5 broadcast and Channel 7 helicopter visit to name a few.

Warm regards,

Greg Brand,
Principal



From the Deputies' Desks

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)

Focus lessons:

Focus for week 2: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe - on excursions and at sport.

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

Congratulations to the children whose names appear below as they participated in our 'BUZZ' rewards before the holidays.

25 Buzz Cards Extreme Games - Nerf Games:

Class	Name
1G	Calen B
1J	Miley L, Deegan T, Dylan C
2G	Isabelle R
2E	TJ H, Levi H, Cullum M, Preston B, , AJ D
2B	Keshayna B, Aleerah H,
3M	Mary Jane S, Alexa D, Dylan G, Angelle E
3H	Mio G, Emma-Kay S
4L	Lilian G, Grace H, Hannah A, Jordan A, Lachlan T, Brandon D, Jakob S, Tyreece W, Edwina S, Hayley G
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

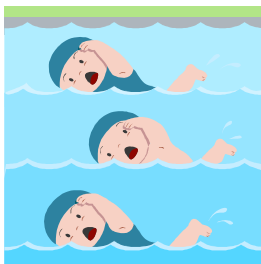
Prep Grandparent's Day - Friday 24th October - Save the Date!

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

School News

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	Shakya 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	Izaak B, Boedicia A, Samantha S-P, Sophie F, Zane M
Year 1	Riley G, Ariana W, Tiah W, Chloe D, Aeisha S
Year 2	Emilia B-B, Ben L, Brandon D, Joes M, Madison F
Year 3	Liam W, Bj S, James H, Kyle B, Tray M (3/4/5W)
Year 4	Kitty B-B, Tahlia B, Caitlin W, Jared G
Year 5	Luke S, Adam A, Davis H, Adelaide G, Sarah T-K (5/6/7Y)
Year 6	Ashleigh H, Alexxah 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:

FRIDAY 10 October 2014				
Sport	Location	Team	Opposition	Time
AFL	Limestone Park	Senior Boys	St Mary's	1:40pm
		Junior Boys	St Mary's	1:00pm
Basketball	Ipswich Basketball Stadium	Senior Boys	Silkstone	12:45pm
		Junior Boys 1	Mt Crosby	1:45pm
	IGGS	Senior Girls	Central	1:05pm
		Junior Girls 1	Mt Crosby	12:40pm
		Junior Girls 2	Silkstone	1:30pm
		BYE	Junior Boys 2	
Touch Football	Jacaranda St	Inter Girls A	IGGS	1:30pm
		Inter Gils B	Raceview	1:30pm
		Senior Girls	Karalee	12:40pm
	Len Johnson Oval	Inter Boys	Mt Crosby	1:30pm
Senior Boys		Mt Crosby	12:40pm	

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 selected applicant.

Application 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.