

The BRASSALL BUZZ

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Rule of the Term:

Be Responsible

Thought for the Week:

The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.

B. B. King

Term 4 Planner

TONIGHT

SEUSSICAL
THE MUSICAL

in the Brassall S S Hall.
Doors open at 6pm
Show commences at 6:30pm

24-26 Nov	P & C Christmas Stall
24-28 Nov	Book Fair coming to the Library
27 Nov	Prep Information Session - 3pm
28 Nov	Yr 4-7 Awards Morning
28 Nov	P - 3 Final Student of the Month
28 Nov	Carols in Sutton Park - Choirs & Glee
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	A & B Behaviour parties
8 Dec	Yr 7 High School Transition Day
8 Dec	Prep Meet the Teacher - 1:30pm
9 Dec	Yr 7 Graduation
10 Dec	Volunteers' Morning Tea
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

5 Dec Yr 6 & 7 Wet & Wild

Finance Hours
8 am to 10am Daily

School Volunteers'
Morning Tea
to say

'Thank you'



If you have volunteered at Brassall State School during 2014, we would like to show our appreciation by inviting you to join us at our annual Volunteers' Morning Tea on Wednesday 10 December, at 10:00am on the Library verandah.

We hope you can come and let us 'thank you' for all your efforts.

Please RSVP by Friday 5 December to Mrs Kemp at the front office.

Across the Principal's Desk ...

Brassall SS a cool school in more ways than one!

The first stage of our P&C Association's grand plan to air condition all classrooms at Brassall SS commenced this week! We are always aiming to provide the best learning environment for our students and this includes the provision of air conditioning in classrooms to ensure that students have a comfortable place in which to work - especially during the temperature extremes that seem to be becoming more frequent these days.

During the past 3 years, the P&C Association has been committed to fund raising to air condition the classrooms at Brassall State School and stage 1 of this project will see the P&C Association contribute approx. \$55,000 towards air conditioning H, I, and K Blocks (already complete), M Block upper, and Preps 1, 2 and 3 (to be completed ready for 2015).

It's important to remember that our P&C Association will need your ongoing support and commitment to realise this significant project being undertaken over the next 12 to 18 months. On behalf of the students and staff we say thank you for this work in making Brassall a 'Cooler' school than it already is!



Holidays are close but you still need to 'Be the Best that you can Be!'

With approximately three weeks to go in the school year, everyone is very busy finalising programs and preparing student reports to round out 2014. A great deal of energy is also going into planning for 2015. This is a particularly hectic time for all school staff. Anything you can do to support our great teachers is always gratefully received.

At this time of the year students can also become a little restless, with thoughts of the lazy days of the summer vacation ahead sometimes overwhelming the work ethic! Behaviour matching the standards of the "silly season" sometimes seeks to triumph over the expectations of the classroom. We still maintain high expectations of our 4 Brassall B's:

- Be a Learner
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Safe

The educational program at Brassall State School continues until and including the last day of the school year. As Principal, I have an expectation that students will maintain an appropriate standard of both behaviour and diligence until that time. The usual sanctions will apply to any student who is unable or unwilling to comply.

We have a fine group of school leaders in our Year 6 and Year 7 cohort and they are fully aware of my expectations in terms of their continuing role as models of responsibility and good citizenship within the school community. I look forward to graduation in early December and the opportunity to congratulate them all on a job well done!

Enrolments and Classes for 2015

For 2015, I anticipate that we will have approximately 785 students attending Brassall to commence the school year. As such, we are looking at forming 31 regular classes (P-7) and 2 Special Education classes to start next year.

When we undertake this task of forming class structures and student placements we need to consider that:

- Actual student enrolments as of 'Day 8' 2015 will, determine our final staffing. We are staffed to optimum class sizes of 25 (Prep to Year 3) and 28 (Years 4 to 7). School-based decisions are made on the class structure. We are conscious of ensuring the need to allow for growth through the year at every year level as our student population is becoming far more transient.
- Last minute staff changes may not be known until the end of the summer vacation. Some staff for personal reasons may need to change their fractional teaching loads, some staff may be transferred or take on promotions or positions at the last minute.
- The needs of the students - matching educational setting with special and specific needs, are of paramount importance to us.
- There are clear guidelines to class sizes, which, while forcing our hand in terms of class structure, also provide us with opportunities to better cater for an increasingly diverse student population.
- From experience, the best outcomes are achieved when decisions are confirmed as late as possible in the school year or early in the new year, balancing that with the need to ensure forward planning - always with the proviso that things might change up until enrolments are confirmed as of 'Day 8' 2015.
- Students will be allocated to classes according to staff recommendation and identified student needs. As has been the practice over the last few years, students will be notified of their class and teacher via correspondence forwarded at the conclusion of the second last week of school.

Warm regards,


Greg Brand,
Principal

Position Vacant - 20 hours per week (2015) Temporary Administration Officer - A02 School Engagement Officer - Brassall State School

Desirable Experience -

Excellent telephone manner & good written communication skills

Strong interpersonal and customer service skills

Ability to work with limited supervision

Attention to detail

Intermediate knowledge of Microsoft Outlook, Excel & Word

Sound knowledge of OneSchool.

Please forward Application (no more than 2 pages) outlining relevant skills and abilities, along with contact details for 2 Referees (one to be your current supervisor) to Janice Clark, Business Services Manager jjclar576@eq.edu.au by 3pm Thursday 4 December 2014.

Please be advised that the successful applicant must hold or have evidence of applying for a Working with Children Blue Card, provide proof of eligibility to work in Australia and will be subject to a Criminal History Check.

From the Deputies' Desks

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)

Focus lessons:

Focus for week 8: Be Responsible & Safe - Arrival / Departure

Focus for week 9: Be a Learner - Know and Follow the 4 Brassall Bs.

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

25 Buzz Cards Extreme Games - Nerf Games in Hall:

Class	Name	Class	Name
1J	Sienna H, Zyisha W	10M	Bianca M, Matthew K, Noah R
1W	Nelson M, Luke W	1G	Sophie G
2B	Isabelle T, Ben L, Kane C	2E	Kaileb T, Madison F, Crystal L, Ezra V, Cullum M, Zaleigh Y, Jalib R, Preston B, Byron W, Henry N, Jayden H
2C	David B, Jackson W	3H	Blake N
3ZT	Alyssa P	4L	Joel E, Jared G, Hannah A, Clay K, Lachlan T, Grace H, Jordan A, Amber P, Lillian G, Anneke S, Megan W
4J	Tanesia C, Jenna M	3/4/5W	Braydon B, Lachlan G, Jordan P
5H	Phoebe V	5/6T	Adelaide G, Orlando A
7B	Maddison W	5/6/7Y	Thomas N, Brock S
7G	Isabella S, Lachlan W, Luke W		

20 Buzz Cards Games & Music:

Class	Name	Class	Name
1J	Tyler D, Scott W, Zakery S, Jane F, Johnathon B	1G	Tilly Kate J, Abigail G, Elizabeth H
1V	Memphis S, Emily P, Isabelle C, Riley J, Tyler M, Reece N, Tyler S, Phoenix E, Jaida C, Jaida K, Manni G	1P	Skye H
1W	Nelson M, Naydean C, Jesse P, Luke W, Mystique W	10M	Keely G, Kyren B, Micah M, Noah R, Tahlia S, Tyler T, Taneisha N, Chloe D
2C	Vicky T, Alisha E, Zoey S	2G	Joel M
2B	Patrick B, Lilly K, Isabelle T, Schyann D,	2T	Jedt A, Meah S, Emily F, Patrick K, Jazmine H, Marlee M, Jayden M
3T	Tarni T	3ZT	Ella F, Willow H, Damien K,
3H	Ellah E, BJ S, Jessica B, Nikola G, Blake N, Seth T, Tealah R	3M	Liam W, Skye S, Braedyn R, Tommy A
4L	Cadence P, Hannah A	4RT	Ethan S, Sharni K
4J	Stanley H	5O	Renee B
5H	Taylor V, India V, Gasolo T, Dayne T, Chris K, Jesse K, Heath D, Keefa B, Georgina A	5S	Charnt'e F, Rose M
5/6T	Rebekah S, Kai B, Connor L, Tess M, Holden T, Caitlin P, Kybe L, Adam I, Ashleigh H, Adelaide G, Orlando A	6B	Emma P, Hayley F, Bridget B, Taneisha M, Abby K, Ella G, Mickaeta M
7G	Isabelle W, Luke W, Lachlan W, Lakeisha W, Jarred C	5/6/7Y	Cheyenne T, Justin M
7M	Nick G, Zane D, , Kallan O		

Awards Ceremony for Years 4 to 7

Our annual Academic, Sporting and Cultural Awards Ceremony for Years 4 - 7 will be held next

Friday 28 November 2014, commencing at **9am** in the **School Hall.**



This formal event recognizes the overall achievements of our students in the above areas. If your child is receiving an award this year, invitations will be sent out early next week.

Family and Friends welcome.

Report Cards

Semester Two report cards will be posted home to parents/caregivers in the last week of term. Please ensure that the postal address held by the school is accurate. If you have any queries, or need to change postal details, please contact the school office.

Rayne Penny and Summa Todd, Deputy Principals

School News

4L Collecting for Needy Ipswich Families

Class 4L are collecting donations for the Queensland Times Adopt a Family Christmas hampers for needy Ipswich families. We would like you to bring in non-perishable food items and we will present them to a representative of the Ipswich Ministers' Fraternal on our last parade of this year. Good things to bring are tins of fruit or vegetables, tins of spaghetti or baked beans, pasta and pasta sauces, biscuits, chips, soft drink, long life milk and juice and special Christmas food like cakes, shortbread and lollies. Students from 4L will visit classrooms on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons to collect your donations.

The final day for donations will be **Friday 5th December**. Thank you for helping us show people who don't have as much as all of us, that we care. Please remember to check all use by dates and not donate individual bars or packets.

Jump Rope for Heart Jump-off Day

Thank you to all students, parents and teachers who attended Jump off Day. We had a great time watching our students show off their amazing new skills. Congratulations to all! Please return all money raised to the administration office by **10:40am Friday 21st November**.

CHRISTMAS STALL



P&C Fundraiser

ON THE LIBRARY DECK
GIFTS RANGE IN PRICE FROM
\$1 TO \$10

MONDAY 24TH TO WEDNESDAY
26TH NOVEMBER

SEE TEACHER FOR YOUR
CLASS DAY

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER
8.40AM TO 9.30AM
ALL WELCOME!!

Get **10% off** kids stationery and gifts at spencil.com.

15% of every sale goes back to your school for fundraising

Please use code at checkout: F2015-BRASSALL

School Sport

Interschool Sports

This week is the last round of games for sport this year. Finals will be played next Friday 28 November. Please see the following table for game information.

Fixtures - Friday 21 November

Touch Football - Jacaranda Street Inter Girls A v IGGs at 1:30pm Inter Girls B v IGGs at 1:30pm Snr Girls v IGGs at 12:40pm	Basketball - Stadium Snr Boys v Raceview @ 1:45pm Jnr Boys 2 v Silkstone @ 12:45pm Snr Girls v Silkstone @ 1:15pm Jnr Girls 1 v Bundamba @ 1:15pm
Touch Football - Len Johnson Ovl Inter Boys - Bye Snr Boys v Mt Crosby at 12:40pm	Basketball - Silkstone SS Jnr Boys 2 v Amberley @ 12:45pm Jnr Girls 2 v Amberley @ 1:15pm

AFL - Limestone Park Snr v Central @ 1:40pm Jnr v Central @ 1:00pm

Finals Info:

AFL - game times will be as usual as all players will play in a final
Basketball & Touch - currently no game info is available.

Soccer Trials Western Pride

Are you interested in playing Soccer? Are you U12 or U13 age level? Then you should come to the free soccer session trial held at Brassall State School by Western Pride coaches. Bring your shoes and get ready for a free coaching session at second break on the Soccer Oval. For more information ask Miss Woods.

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 six weeks. These include a Jumping Castle, Technology Van, Waterslide, Dunking Tank and excursions to Ten Pin Bowling, Movies and Ipswich PCYC for a Christmas Themed Disco. Reasonable daily fees and less if you claim CCB. Visit our room in the hall to pick up a program or www.ipswichpcyc.org.au/sac/school-aged-care.

LOST / STOLEN - Purple & white Pro Skooter - skull pattern. Can't fold down. Please contact the office if you have any information.