

Brassall Newsletter

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Rule of the Term:

Be Respectful

Thought for the Week:

A single moment of understanding can flood a whole life with meaning.

Term 2 Planner

9 May	Living History Aust Presentation - Yr 7 - The Ancient World
12 May	Living History Aust Presentation - Yrs 4, 5, 6 & 5/6/7Y
13 - 15 May	NAPLAN Testing
16 May	Ipswich Show Holiday
21 May	Ipswich Eisteddfod - Singing Choirs Senior & Glee
22, 23 May	CSIRO - Materials Arounds Us - Yr 1
23 May	Ipswich Eisteddfod - Singing Choirs Junior
27, 28 May	Ipswich Beginner Instrumental Camp
29 May	Ipswich Eisteddfod - Choral Speaking Choirs
30 May	Student of the Month Assembly
4 Jun	CSIRO - Apprentice Scientist Year 3
4 Jun	Year 2 Science Workshop - Toys
9 Jun	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
18 Jun	Parents V Teachers Netball Game
19 Jun	Prep to 7 Athletics
24 Jun	Level A & B Behaviour Level Parties
26 Jun	Performing Arts Tour
27 Jun	Student of the Month Assembly
27 Jun	Term 2 ends

Term 3 Planner

14 Jul	Term 3 commences
15, 16 Jul	Yr 2 CSIRO - Living Things
21-25 Jul	Yr 5 Camp
28, 29 Jul	NAIDOC
1 Aug	Student of the Month
12-15 Aug	Yr 6 & 7 Camp
16 Aug	P & C Fete
16 Aug	Talent Quest Finals
21 Aug	Singfest - Singing Choirs - Junior
29 Aug	Student of the Month
19 Sept	Student of the Month
19 Sept	Term 3 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

15 May	Yr 1 CSIRO Lab on Legs
15 May	Ipswich Eisteddfod - Jnr Choir
15 May	Snr Choir & Glee
23 May	Ipswich Speech & Drama
30 May	Yrs 3 & 3/4/5W CSIRO Lab on Legs - Apprentice Scientist
11 Jul	Year 5 Camp
1 Aug	Yr 6 & 7 Camp - Maroon

Finance Hours

8 am to 10am Daily

Pick Up Arrangements After School

Lately the office has been receiving many last minute requests for change of pickup places, people and times for students across all year levels. We realize many of these changes are unavoidable but we ask that firm arrangements are made with your child/children before they leave in the morning.

Alterations to these arrangements should only be made in an emergency.

Across the Principal's Desk ...



To commence this weeks' newsletter I would like to commend and congratulate the outstanding efforts of our entire student population towards the success of our recent Anzac Day Service, especially our Senior Choir, Senior Verse Speaking Choir and Brassall Concert Band members.



With a continued emphasis on providing opportunities for students to demonstrate their leadership qualities, School Leaders Brodie, Hayden, Ebony, Darcy, Cheyenne, Dylan and Lewanna led our Anzac Day Service superbly. May I congratulate them on their efforts and the manner in which they conducted themselves - well done! A special thank you must go to special guest Flying Officer Aleishia Pudney and the RAAF Amberley Catafalque Party whose participation added to the significance of the occasion and reminded us all of the past and present contributions made by many brave men and women in our community. Lest we forget.



Have you checked out our new Website yet?

Last Friday we launched our new and improved Brassall State School website. There you will find the latest and greatest about our school, and discover some new features we haven't had previously. Information parents can access ranges from:

- School news items
- What's happening at Brassall
- School Newsletters
- School Annual Reports.
- Quicklinks - to our most recent Teaching and Learning Audit and 2014 Great Results Guarantee.

You will even see **Buzz** checking out all of the great things about our school and what's on offer at Brassall! For those wanting to know things *on the go*, you can now download the



QSchools app and subscribe to receive the latest news from Brassall State School on your smart phone or tablet. QSchools is free and available from the iTunes store and Google Play! Please note that over the next few weeks we will be tweaking and updating information on our new website so you are up to date with everything happening at our great school!

NAPLAN - Are we ready? Yes we are!

Next week on Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May, students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will take part in the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy, or NAPLAN, as it is commonly known. Skills that will be tested include: reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

These tests are done here at school and are considered just another part of the curriculum.

It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day. All students in Years 3, 5 and 7 are expected to participate in NAPLAN testing.

Later in the year we will send you an individual student NAPLAN report that you can use to view and monitor how your child is progressing. More information is available on the [NAP website](http://www.nap.edu.au/) (<http://www.nap.edu.au/>).

If you have any concerns, please contact either myself or Mrs Sue Ronayne and Ms Therese Melit our two Support Teachers for Literacy and Numeracy.

Religious Instruction at Brassall State School

We are providing religious instruction (RI) for students in Years 1 to 7 from Term 1. Our school offers Cooperative RI delivered by the Christian faith groups. RI occurs on Tuesday or Thursday for 30 minutes as allocated.

Students who do not participate in RI are provided with other instruction. The information on your child's enrolment form is used to place them in either RI or in other instruction, unless you have provided additional written advice to the school.

If we do not already have clear advice from you about your child's participation in RI please provide this to the school in writing.

April Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with their Student of the Month certificates on assembly last Friday.

Prep	Blair E-G, Tyson L, Jarryd W, Caitlin H, Ciara M
Year 1	Thien-Nhi (Angel) L, Summer W, Allira G, Harley T-K, Olivia-Jean E, Michaela F
Year 2	Shakyta M, Maddison C, Zaleigh Y, Zoie F, Marlee M-B
Year 3	Emma-Kay S, Kieu An L, Lily R, Phoenix R, Seth C (3/4/5W)
Year 4	Stevie-Jo M-B, Lachlan T, Bronte H, Sharni K
Year 5	Lachlan S, Mackenzie T, Mason W, Oliver H, Cassandra J (5/6/7Y)
Year 6	Hayley F, Callan C, Louis B
Year 7	Dylan L, Tysen W, Pyper-Jaye H

Greg Brand,
Principal

From the Deputies' Desks

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)

CONGRATULATIONS to Kaileb in 2E.

Kaileb is leading the way in acquiring pollen points for rewards at Brassall SS. Kaileb has received an amazing 620 Pollen Points at present, this equates to 31 completed Buzz cards. Kaileb enjoyed his 10 Buzz card sausage sizzle along with other students at the end of Term 1. Kaileb has vouchers for an ice cream cone, an afternoon of games & fun in the hall, an extreme games or movie in the hall, and a fun time at the jumping castles. These vouchers are the extra rewards, along with a piece of Honeycomb towards the class party, acknowledging the excellent behaviour and work that Kaileb has done in following the 4 Brassall B's - Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe and Be A Learner.



These rewards are available to all students as they collect Pollen Points and fill in their Buzz cards and class Honeycomb pieces.

After seeing the Respectful and Responsible behaviours shown by every Brassall School student at the ANZAC Ceremony, every class was rewarded with the colouring in of 5 Honeycomb pieces, the equivalent of 100 pollen points. Congratulations everyone!!!!

Matrix Lessons for the next 2 weeks:

Focus for Week 4: Be a Learner - know and follow the four Brassall B's.

Be Safe - in the playground, play only school approved games and rules.

Focus for Week 5: Be a Learner - be ready to listen and learn.

Ask and play by agreed rules in the playground.

Rayne Penny,
Deputy Principal

Sporting Achievements

What an amazing couple of weeks to start the term. So far we have had Brassall Sportsmen and Sportswomen represent our school with pride and determination to get chosen at a state level for their selective sports. Congratulations to Brodie K and Casey K who went away with Miss Woods in the first week of school to trial for State Netball selections, Caleb D who trialled for State Hockey selections and to our Cross Country Runners who last Monday went away with Miss Woods and competed against the Ipswich District.

A special mention goes to Madison W (3rd place), Kody L (2nd place), Tahlia M (6th place) and Kane M-S (5th Place) who have advanced to the Met West Trials for Cross Country! We wish you luck! Training will continue with Miss Woods on Monday and Wednesday lunch.

Sarah Comino,
Deputy Principal

School News

Solid Pathways for High Achieving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students

Congratulations to 5 of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who received Certificates of Participation on parade recently.



Khan T, Shaieisha T, Caleb G, Mikael S, Isaak M-H were selected to participate in the University of Queensland's Solid Pathways program which provides online critical thinking lessons. The program also exposes students to University via the Uni-Event Days.

Brassall's Got Talent

Brassall's Got Talent heats are due to commence in Week 6 this term. Forms are still available from Mrs Raddie in the Music Room, or at the Office. We can look forward to some stars being born at the finals which will be held at the School Fete on Saturday 16 August.

Reminder - Singing Choirs going to Ipswich Eisteddfod

Just a reminder that payment for the Senior and Junior Singing Choirs going to Ipswich Eisteddfod is due next Thursday 15 May.

Road Safety - Walking / Safest route

Walking to school is great exercise and gives children the chance to learn about road safety. However, it is recommended you walk to school with primary school children and point out the dangers to them. Show them the safest route to school. It is usually the way with the least traffic and fewest roads to cross. The footpath is the safest place to walk. Encourage children not to play with balls or other toys when walking to school as they may dash onto the road to retrieve them.

School Sport

Fixtures – Friday 9 May

Rugby League - Brothers 1
Jnr v Central at 12:45pm
Snr v Central at 1:30pm

Soccer
Girls v IGGS at Sutton Park #2
Boys v Raceview @ Worley Park, Raceview

Netball - Limestone Park Courts
Snr C v Ips Central on Court 12 @ 12:45pm
Snr D v Sacred Heart on Court 19 @ 12:45pm
Jnr D1 v Ips Cent on Court 12 @ 1:35pm
Jnr D3 v Sacred Heart on Court 24 @ 1:35pm

Friday 16 May

No Fixtures –
Ipswich Show Holiday

Community Billboard

Uniforms for Sale

Size 6 Girls Maroon Leggings _ NEW 2 pairs for \$10
Size 6 Girls Maroon - 1x Skort & 2x bike pants - \$8
Size 8 Girls Maroon - x3 Skirts & x2 bike pants NEW - \$20
Call Helen 0409065003.

Are you a parent of a child with type 1 diabetes?

Every day, thousands of Australian children suffer the effects of type 1 diabetes and families struggle with illness management and children's behavioural and emotional adjustment. Positive Parenting for Healthy Living is an adaptation of the successful Triple P- Positive Parenting Program offering practical ideas and support for parents of children with type 1 diabetes. This innovative group program is designed to help parents manage their child's illness, assist children in coping with their illness and emotions, and prevent and manage difficult child behaviour. Over the next few months and for a limited time only, parents of 2-10 year old children with type 1 diabetes are able to access Positive Parenting for Healthy Living Triple P as part of a University of Queensland research project. Parents will be able to attend the program free of charge, and will be asked to complete 2 sets of assessment measures (questionnaire and family observation) over a 6 month period, as part of the study. Contact Aditi Lohan on (07) 3346 7689 or email diabetes.healthyliving@uq.edu.au, or visit <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/t1diabetes> for more information.