Our Vision: An Excellent School Where Students Achieve Their Potential

The BRASSALL BUZZ

Be a Learner
Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be Safe

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Parents & Citizens’ Association meets 3rd Monday of the month at 7.00pm.

Our Vision: A learning place where children do their best

Great state. Great opportunity.
Brassall’s Back!!!!!
Welcome to the start of the 2016 school year. I trust you had an enjoyable summer vacation with family and friends, spending time doing all those things you like doing best. I found it a great time to rejuvenate for the year ahead with time to reflect on the successes of 2015 and to consolidate the directions for our year ahead at Brassall State School.

To our entire school community I would like to say how privileged I am to be part of the Brassall community and work with such an enthusiastic and dedicated team of educators. Brassall State School enjoys a good reputation in the Ipswich community and beyond. In 2016 our work as a school will continue to focus on moving from good to great as a school! To achieve this we will need the energy and commitment of our entire school community in Raising the BAR at Brassall State School!

2015 was all about establishing a sharp and narrow improvement agenda focused on teaching Reading the Brassall Way, Improving Behaviour at Brassall and Knowing the next instructional steps to support all students at Brassall becoming successful learners! The BAR will be set against clear benchmarks focused on…..

Better Behaviour at Brassall SS.
Better Attendance at Brassall SS.
Better Results at Brassall SS.

I look forward to sharing the direction of Brassall SS with our school community in upcoming editions of a ‘new and improved’ Brassall Buzz.

Over the next few weeks we will be focusing once again on our School Values and Expectations:

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

It has been a delight to see all the students returning smiling and in uniform. I would like to wish everyone success and enjoyment for the new school year and I look forward to meeting many ‘old’ and ‘new’ faces in the coming weeks. We have such a vibrant community and I am very excited about the year ahead!

Enrolment Status
In terms of enrolments, we have experienced considerable growth which has far exceeded any predictions made at the conclusion of 2015. As of today (Day 7) our total student enrolment reflects the following:

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As such, enrolments have increased to a point that we will be entitled to form at least one new Prep class. Prep families will receive a letter home tomorrow with further details in relation to necessary new class arrangements. Whilst any change is a difficult process, we will always make sure any student transition is as smooth as possible.

New and Returning Staff Welcome
A very big welcome goes to new and returning staff members from our Brassall community:
- Mrs Kylie Osborne – Primary Class Teacher.
- Mrs Jodi-Lea Woodford – Primary Class Teacher.
- Miss Sandy Szollosi – Primary Class Teacher.
- Mrs Angela Broadhead – Special Education Class Teacher.
- Mrs Sharon Wilson – District Relieving Teacher.
- Miss Lee-Ann Ohi – District Relieving Teacher.

We trust your association with Brassall is both personally and professionally rewarding and we know that you will only add value to the education of our students.

School Leaders Ceremony - Monday 8 February
Next Monday, all Brassall parents and friends are welcome to attend our 2016 School Leaders Ceremony commencing at 8.45am in the Hall.

School Captains, Vice Captains, Indigenous Captains, Cultural Captains and Sports Captains will be presented formally with their badges. Special Guests will be Local Ipswich City Councillor Ms Cheryl Bromage, Principal of Ipswich State High School Mr Simon Riley, Australian Women’s Rugby League Team representative Ms Ali Brigginsawah, Local Elder Mr Ross Anderson and 2011 School Captains of Brassall State School Damika Doorley and Daniel Westphal.

Warm Regards and Best Wishes

Mr Greg Brand (gbran2@eq.edu.au)
Principal

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**From the Deputies**

**SWPBS - School Wide Positive Behaviour Support**

Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe, Be A Learner

**Buzz** welcomes you to a brand new year.

I shall start this year by just reminding you of our positive rewards system.

**Pollen Points**

Pollen Points are part of our SWPBS reward system and students receive them for following the 4 Brassall Bs. All students win at least once with these Pollen Points as they count towards their tally and are either recorded on their Buzz Card or their Buzz Chart. Be A Learner Pollen Points (for classroom behaviour) are then placed in their class box and the Line Manager for each class draws out 4 for an extra reward. Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be Safe Pollen Points (for playground behaviour) are placed in a P-3 or 4-6 Buzz Barrel and 4 from each are drawn out on Friday’s assembly for an extra reward at the Buzz On In Café. All the pollen points that the children receive then tally towards a Buzz reward card to be sent home and extra rewards at school - eg sausage sizzles, ice creams, fun sessions, extreme games, jumping castles etc. The students are all very excited about these rewards.

Each week our students will be explicitly taught focus lessons.

**Week 1:** Be A Learner - Know and Follow the 4 Brassall Bs and Being Positive.
- Be Respectful - Follow the playground music cues.
- Be Responsible - Transition / Lining up and Positive Dobbing.

**Eating Area Focus** - Sit and eat quietly.

**Week 2:** Be Respectful - Wait to be dismissed to play and put your rubbish in the bin.
- Be Respectful in the playground - stop play at 1st bell Cooperating - suggesting and persuading (not bossing).

**Eating Area Focus** - Sit and eat quietly.

**Week 3:** Be Responsible and Safe at the Office.
- Be Respectful - Knock to Enter a room, wait to be invited in and use your manners.
- Be Responsible in the playground - use the chill out chairs and stand up for yourself against others.

**Week 4:** Be Responsible - wear the school uniform. How to act confidently.
- Be Safe in the playground - wear a sun safe hat. How to share and include others.
- Be responsible - Hand Personal Electronic Devices to the Office.

Rayne ‘Buzz Man’ Penny (rpenn11@eq.edu.au)
Deputy Principal

**RACQ Streets Ahead Program**

In Week 3 of Term 1, the RACQ Road Safety Education program “Streets Ahead” will visit our classes, teaching us how to be safe pedestrians, passengers and bike riders. For videos explaining the content in the RACQ program, please scan the below codes using a smartphone or click the links below.

- [Crossing the Road](#)
- [Safety Door](#)
- [Bike Safety](#)

**Attendance: Buzz Needs You At Brassall Every Day!**

At Brassall we celebrate the great work our students and our families. Some of the great rewards we offer our students for 100% Attendance are:

- Class 100% Attendance for the week = PIZZA PARTY
- Student 100% Attendance for the Term = Certificate
- Student 100% Attendance for the Semester = Wristband

A huge congratulations to Prep G, Prep S, Prep T, IVO, 2U and 3D for achieving 100% Attendance for Week 1. This was an awesome effort to start the year.

Our Attendance target for 2016 is 91.8%. To reach this target it is important that our families ensure their children are arriving at school EVERY DAY. If you child is away from school for any reason you must notify the classroom teacher or the office.

This year we are adding a **SUPER REWARD** for the students if we are able to keep our attendance rate over this target for Term 1. Keep an eye out for Mr Brand towards the end of the term if we are able to reach this target!!!!!!!!!

**EVERYDAY COUNTS!**

Summa Todd (stodd19@eq.edu.au)
Deputy Principal

**School News**

**Reading Rocks at Brassall**

**Daily 5**

In 2015 the Daily 5 was introduced to support a common approach to the teaching of reading across the school from Prep to Year 6.

In 2016, students will continue to develop the skills and strategies around how to:

- Read to Self, Read to Someone, Listen to reading, Work on Writing, and Word Work
- Build their stamina and read/write for longer periods
- Choose “Good Fit Books” based on their interest and ability
- Work independently so the teacher can work on reading strategies with small groups (Guided Reading) and individual students
- Develop a “Sense of Urgency”, i.e.: I know if I do these things daily I will become a better reader

Ask your child what they have been doing around the Daily 5 in their classroom.
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**Sound Waves**

In 2016 Brassall SS will be teaching spelling to your child using a phonemic approach through the use of Sound Waves resources. Children in years 1 to 6 will have the same weekly focus as they learn about the 43 phonemes (sounds) and the graphemes (letters) that represent them.

You can help you child learn the sounds and spelling choices by talking with them about the focus sound and identifying words that use that sound.

**Focus Sounds Year 1 to 6:**

- **Week 3 (Feb 8-12):** 'a' short vowel sound, as in cat/apple
- **Week 4 (Feb 15 – 19):** 'c, k, ck' consonant sound, as in car, kite, back.

**Prep students will continue to develop their sound and letter knowledge through the Jolly Phonics program.**

**Focus Sounds Prep:**

- **Week 3 (Feb 8-12):** 't' consonant sound, as in top, sit
- **Week 4 (Feb 15 - 19):** 'p' consonant sound, as in pin, sip
- **Week 5 (Feb 22 - 26):** 'n' consonant sound, as in no, pin

**Kandice Hutson (khuts4@eq.edu.au)**
Head of Curriculum

**Melanie McDonald (mmcd0211@eq.edu.au)**
Pedagogy Coach

**Homework Club for 2016**

Thank you for all of the enthusiastic enquires about when Homework Club will commence this year. As it is supported by The Smith Family, who are bound by very strict procedures, Homework Club will not recommence this year until Term 2. This will allow us time to complete forms, organise volunteers to tutor and make sure our adult/student ratios comply.

Please contact me at the school by phone on 3813 4333 or email nlove6@eq.edu.au if you would like to volunteer as a helper and I will give your details to The Smith Family. They will then organise an interview and Blue Card with you. If you would like to register your child for Homework Club please collect a Consent Form from the office.

I am looking forward to supporting our students at Homework Club again this year and would like to thank you for your patience. This process will allow us to better assist the students and run our Homework Club more effectively in 2016.

**Nicole Lovey (nlove6@eq.edu.au)**
(HOC Student Services)

**In-School Presentations and Excursions**

A number of events are held throughout the school year which requires families to make payments for. These events are locally known as in-school Presentations and Excursions. When your child has one of these events scheduled for their year level, our school’s online management program - OneSchool - automatically invoices the parents through email. This has recently caused some confusion as the invoices are often sent before the permission letter arrives home. This automatic process of emailing invoices is unable to be altered as it is a feature of OneSchool’s programming. We ask, if you receive an email invoice from the school, that you wait a few days before contacting the office for further information - as the permission letter is often on its way to you too.

On the bottom of each invoice there is a new payment option - Bpoint. See instructions below on how to use this payment method.

**Upcoming Term 1 events are listed in the Newsletter Calendar section.**

**Janice Clark (jclar576@eq.edu.au)**
Business Services Manager

**Defence News**

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new ADF families to Brassall State School.

Our Welcome Afternoon Tea for ADF Families is in the hall foyer at 1.45pm tomorrow, Friday 5 February. The afternoon tea will allow us to renew friendships and introduce new families to our school.

Next week, lunchtime activities will commence in the library at second break. Activity on offer will be displayed on the library door.

**Mrs Dawes**
Defence Schools
Transition Aide
jdawe35@eq.edu.au
**Dental Clinic News**

The School Dental Clinic is currently opened; we are now offering eligible students in Years 2 and 5 (including siblings) an examination and treatment.

West Moreton Oral Health Service provides a free dental service, including general dental treatment as well as general advice and referral letters:

- All Children from 4 years old to Year 10.
- Children aged 0-3 years who have a current concession card.
- All children aged 2 - 17 years who are eligible for the Child Dental Benefit Schedule (CDBS).

CDBS Eligible Clients - It is a requirement for Qld Oral Health to Bulk Bill all CDBS eligible clients. Opting to use your CDBS funds within our service will ensure NO FEES OR OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES, even if your benefit cap has been reached. If you choose not to use your CDBS funds with our service you have the option of attending a private dentist.

Intent to Attend forms have been issued to students for completion and return by Thursday 11 February.

**Road Safety News**

**Loading Zones - Drop off/Pick Up areas**

The success of loading zones requires cooperation from all motorists using it to ensure quick movement of vehicles through the area. Please observe any time frames on the sign (see example) and only stay in the area for as long as it takes to get the children in to or out of the car within a two minute timeframe. The driver must not park the car in these signed areas and go into the school with the children or to pick up their children. This area is designed to keep the vehicles moving. It is there for the convenience of ALL motorists.

Please do ☑️

- Plan your trip to avoid arrival at peak times
- Pick-up or drop-off children via the car’s kerb doors
- Drive out safely
- Talk to your children about what time to be there and not to stray or wander away
- If your children are not at your arranged spot, go around the block and try again

Do not ☑️

- Get out of your vehicle
- Double park
- Stay more than 2 minutes
- Arrive early in the afternoon and sit in the zone
- Use staff parking areas

Road Safety is Everyone’s Responsibility. If you would like more information on this or any other road/child/bike safety or other transport issue, please phone your local Road Safety Office on 1300 360 135.

**Community Billboard**

2016 AFL Sign On - Ipswich Central Junior AFC / Ipswich Cats
Saturday 6 February and Sunday 7 February – 9am to 2pm

- Club Home grounds - Ivor Marsden Sports Centre, 202 Old Toowoomba Road, Amberley, via One Mile/Leichhardt.
- Brassall Shopping Village
- Booval Fair Shopping Centre
- Riverlink Shopping Centre
- Winston Glades Shopping Centre

Phone - Club President, Sean McComb 0418 195 755
Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/ipswichcatsjunioraff
Tweet - @IpswichCatsJAFC
Email – IpswichCentralJuniors@aflbj.com

Join in the fun with a great family club.

Female football (soccer) trials
Western Pride Football Club is looking for sport loving girls aged 10 to 13 years to represent the Ipswich region in football (soccer). The club invites girls who have some football experience and were born in 2003, 2004, 2005 or 2006 to try out for Pride’s U10/11 and U12/13 Girls. Please register your interest by sending an email to the club’s Technical Director at td@westernpridefc.com.au and come along to training any time in February to show your skills to our female coaches. Girls who were born in 2003 and 2004 (U12/13) train on Monday and Wednesday at 5:30pm, girls who were born in 2005 and 2006 (U10/11) train on Tuesday and Thursday at 5:00pm. More info about the club: www.westernpridefc.com.au

**Queens Park Scouts**

Is your 8-11 year old looking for adventure? Want them to develop skills other than Facebook, Xbox & PS3? Then Join the Queens Park Scouts!!! Want to find out more? Queens Park Scouts will be holding Sign on Days - Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th February from 9am to 3pm at the Den, Milford Street, Ipswich (next to Army Barracks). Displays and Information available to give a better understanding of Scouting.
**Blackstone United Dragons**

Come and sign up to play soccer with the Blackstone United Dragons in 2016! It’s a great way to exercise, have fun and make new friends. Blackstone United Dragon’s have teams for those aged 5 and upwards. All games are played on Saturday. Details can be found on our website [http://blackstonesc.org/club/](http://blackstonesc.org/club/)

Sign on day: Saturday 13 February between 8am and 11:00am
Address: Blackstone Soccer Field, 6 Thomas Street, Blackstone.

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**COLLEGIANS Hockey Club INC.**

Are seeking players to join our family friendly hockey club.

The only skills required are to have fun and make new friends!

Girls and boys to join our Hook in2 Hockey teams- U5; U7 & U9’s.

Girls to join our junior teams; E Grade (under 11’s); D Grade (under 13’s); C Grade (under 15’s).

To Sign on or for more information – contact Mrs Lorraine Iobegeiger – 32818684 for more information.

*Fee help available for eligible youth 5-18 years with Government - Get started voucher*