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.
2015 NAPLAN Reports go home next week!

In 2015, Australian schools undertook the seventh year of testing under the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The national tests assess the skills of all students in Years 3 and 5 in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy. Students from all state and non-state schools across Australia take part in these national literacy and numeracy tests in May of each year. These tests provide an important measure of how all students are performing against national standards. These individual reports are being distributed for parents in Years 3 and 5 on Thursday, 6 August.

2016 Prep Enrolments

As we enter the back half of the school year it is time for us to start planning for 2016. One of the biggest impacts on our planning for next year is student numbers. To assist us in planning for 2016 we need to have an accurate forecast of our 2016 Prep numbers. If your child will be attending Brassall’s Prep program in 2016 we ask that you complete and return your enrolment forms as soon as possible. We also ask that you pass this message to any families who may be joining us for the first time next year. We would like to make the start of the year as smooth as possible for all involved and appreciate your assistance.

Parent Opinion Surveys - get online now, only 2 days left to have your say!

The annual Parent Opinion Survey is a great opportunity to have your say about what this school does well and how this school can improve. All parents/caregivers were invited to take part. Responses to the survey questions provide useful information to us about how our school is progressing against a range of items. This information is used to help us reflect on our programs and practice. If not already completed, the online surveys will remain open until midnight on Friday, 31 July 2015.

Survey responses are anonymous and are reported back to the school later this year in a way that cannot identify any individual response. These surveys are an important part of our monitoring and reporting processes. I encourage all parents/caregivers to fully participate in the survey. If you have already completed your Parent/Caregiver Survey, thank you and please disregard this notice.

If you have any questions or concerns about the survey, please contact myself (Greg Brand) on 3813 4333 or make a free call to 1800 067 971.

Brassall’s Got Talent Final

Some of our most talented performers ‘dazzled’ a captive audience at the recent Brassall’s Got Talent finals held at Brassall on Friday, 17 July.

Brisbane Show Holidays Notice

With the Brisbane Ekka just around the corner, it is timely to remember Queensland state schools receive only one show holiday annually. In the Brisbane area, that day is the public holiday on Wednesday 12 August. Elsewhere across the state, schools close for either an appointed show holiday or a day in lieu if the area does not have a show.

Brassall students have already had Friday, 15 May as the Ipswich’s Show Holiday in 2015.
Class Captain Presentation for Semester 2, 2015

Congratulations to our Semester 2 Class Captains at Brassall - well done to you all!

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Sporting Stars continue to shine at Brassall

Congratulations to Tahlia Marshall (6D) whose recent efforts have seen her selected for the Metropolitan West Regional squad for Girls Touch Football (10 - 12yrs). This is a tremendous effort which we should all be very proud of as a school community. Well done Tahlia!

Warm Regards and Best Wishes

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Staffing News:
For the next fortnight (3 August to 14 August) I will be taking leave to support my family whilst my wife recovers from surgery. During this period Mrs Summa Todd (Deputy Principal) will be Acting Principal. Subsequently Mrs Chantel Collie (2C) will be Acting Deputy Principal looking after Years 1, 5 and 6.

In other staffing news:
- 2C - Mr Ross Pedley is replacing Mrs Chantel Collie during her time as Acting Deputy Principal.
- 1V - Mrs Annette Van Hunnik has reduced her fraction to 0.6 FTE and will be working every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for the remainder of 2015. Mrs Michelle Tink will be working in 1V on Thursdays and Fridays.
- Prep TM - Mrs Dannielle McFarlane is now full-time on class for the remainder of 2015.

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Mr Greg Brand
Principal

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SWPBS - School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

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

Focus lessons for the next fortnight are:

Week 2: Be Responsible in the Playground - stop playing at 1st bell.

Week 3: Be Responsible - with transitioning and lining up.

Congratulations to 152 students who were at their 20 Buzz Reward party of games & music in the hall last week. They all had a great time.

20 Buzz Reward – Music and Games

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CAFÉ Strategy: Use Beginning and Ending Sounds

Often when learning new words, children apply the strategy of using beginning sounds to help them identify the word. When they do this, they often guess a word that may not fit in the sentence. They may use the beginning sound and guess a word starting with the same sound without looking at the rest of the word. To gain accuracy, it is important that children also look at the end of the word when reading. Applying the strategy using beginning and ending sounds helps with both accuracy and comprehension since reading the correct word will enhance the meaning of what is being read.

How can you help your child with this strategy at home?
1. When listening to your child read, encourage him/ her to slow down enough to pay attention to the end of the word. Have your child point to the end of the word and tell you the sound it makes.
2. Have your child cross check the word just read. Remind him/ her to ask “Does it look right, does it sound right, does it make sense?” to help them identify the word.
3. If necessary, revisit letter sounds and the concept words of beginning and end. Then, when stumbling on a word, have your child stretch out the words, saying the beginning, middle and end sounds. After having him / her focus on the beginning and ending sound, help your child read the word correctly and ask, “Did that make sense?”
4. If your child is still struggling with this strategy, have him / her write the word out. Slowing down to write the word can help focus attention on the end sound.

Thank you for your continued support at home, and remember, Reading at Home is fun!

Colleen Brown
Literacy Coach

Woolworths Earn and Learn
Woolworths and Modern Teaching Aids have teamed up again to support schools. Every time you shop at Woolworths you will be offered Earn and Learn stickers to collect for our school. The stickers are points towards the purchasing of learning resources for our Brassall students. In previous years this promotion has helped us purchase Home Readers, Science resources, art and craft, and sports equipment. If you shop at Woolworths, please collect the Earn and Learn stickers and send them to school for counting.

Ipswich State High School Enrolment Sessions and Processes for Year 7, 2016 for 25 August 2015 and 15 September 2015
This year Ipswich State High School are changing their processes for 2016 Year 7 Enrolments. Firstly, parents/guardians are asked to contact the school as it is essential to book for the enrolment session … the next one will be on 25 August 2015 with the first session at 3:30pm and then an evening session at 6:00pm. Remember you have to ring the school on 3813 4488 and book into the Enrolment Session you wish to attend. Further sessions will also be available on Tuesday 15 September 2015 at 3:30pm and 6:00pm.

From these bookings Ipswich State High School will pre-populate the enrolment form with the student’s current information from their Primary school. These forms are given to parents to make any amendments eg telephone numbers, contact details, etc and parents are asked to contact the primary school to amend any information pertaining to their child.

Bremer State High School Enrolment Application Process for Year 7 in 2015
Thursday 27August, 2015 ; Wednesday 7 October, 2015
3.30pm - 5.30pm
Bookings essential - phone 3810 9333 or 3810 9307
What to bring:
- Original birth certificate
- Proof of residency (rates notice/tenancy agreement)
- Year 6 Report Cards

Refer to Bremer State High School website for full details www.bremershs.eq.edu.au

Athletics Results
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