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.

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Great state. Great opportunity.
**Road Safety**

In light of recent events now is the perfect time to remind our students of the importance of Road Safety. On Friday 21 August, our school Adopt-A-Cop, Senior Constable Kolera will address all of our classes about the importance of Road Safety and remind them of the behaviours that will keep them safe and around our roads. To complement the messages being shared at school, below is a range of topics for discussion at home:

**Stop, Look, Listen and Think.**

Stop one step back from the footpath or shoulder of the road if there is no footpath.

Look all directions for approaching traffic.

Listen in all directions for approaching traffic.

Think about whether it is safe to cross the road - when the road is clear of all traffic while crossing.

**= Walking to school headphones**

Talk to children about the dangers of wearing headphones and listening to music when crossing roads. This can make it difficult to hear oncoming traffic.

**= Safest place to cross**

Talk to your child about how to cross the road safely by identifying and choosing the safest places to cross the road. These are:

- A supervised children’s crossing - teach them to only cross when the crossing supervisor has signalled it is safe
- A pedestrian (zebra) crossing - teach them to only cross when cars have stopped for them
- Pedestrian traffic lights - teach them to only cross when they can see the ‘green man’ or the green WALK sign and never cross when they can see a ‘red man’ or the red DON’T WALK sign.

If there are no crossings available, they should choose a safe place where they can see traffic in all directions and where drivers can see them.

**= Holding hands**

Always Hold Hands - Parents and care givers should always hold hands with children when they are near traffic or the road. Young children lack the skills, knowledge and judgement to be able to cope with traffic and therefore need to be constantly supervised.

**= 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.

**Staffing News**

Mr Brand has extended his leave until 21 August as he continues to support his family. I am excited to continue in the role as Acting Principal for the duration of this leave. Mrs Chantel Collie (2C) will remain in the role of Acting Deputy Principal. Class 2C will remain in the care of Mr Ross Pedley for this time period.

**Interschool Sport**

All teams will be finalised this Friday, 14 August and remaining letters will be sent home. If your child is selected in a team there is a cost of $65 that must be paid to the office by 2 September. If you have any concerns about paying this amount please contact the office ASAP.

**Attendance**

We have not seen great attendance rates to start Term 3. Please see the current Attendance Rate for Term 3 only, sitting significantly below our 2015 target of 91.2%. There has been a significant drop off in the number of students attending each day. We understand that there have been a range of factors, including illness, impacting on student attendance however we ask you to consider your child’s academic progress when making decisions to keep children home from school. EVERY DAY COUNTS.

If you wish to discuss your child’s attendance please contact the office to make an appointment with your child’s line manager.

**Letter Retraction**

Parents please note that we require a retraction of the Swimming Letter for Years 1, 2, 3 & 5 which was sent home this week. This note did not contain the correct information. The correct information will be sent home on Monday 17 August on pink paper.

Yours in Education

Mrs Summa Todd
A/Principal
Focus lessons for the next fortnight are:

**Week 6:** Be Responsible in the playground - follow the music cues.

**Week 7:** Be Safe in the playground – wear a sunscreen hat.

Before the end of this term Lockdown and Evacuation Drills will once again be conducted at Brassall State School. It’s important that all students and staff reheatse these situations so that everyone is aware of their roles and responsibilities.

Teachers will be discussing these events with their class over the next few weeks and focusing on the importance of safety. Be sure to follow this up with your child at home.
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StoryArts Festival Ipswich - 8 & 9 September 2015.
Brassall State School library has organised excursions to this exciting festival that only comes round every two years for Years 3, 5 and 6. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to meet and listen to successful authors and illustrators. More information to follow!

Buzz’s Show Special
Pluto Pup with Sauce, Fruit Popper, packet of Popcorn, Wobbl Jelly and a packet of Hello Panda Biscuits...............All for only $7.00
Available for the Month of August.

Ipswich State High School - Enrolment Sessions and Processes for Year 7, 2016
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.

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Tigers Softball Club Inc. SIGN ON DAY
15th - 16th August 2015 10am - 12pm
NORTHERN SUBURBS LEAGUES CLUB
PELICAN STREET, NORTH IPSWICH
Tigers have teams in T-Ball, Rookie Ball, U12, U14, U16, C Grade, B Grade & A Grade. All junior teams are mixed & suitable for girls & boys. For further details please contact Fred 0412 805 165 or email: tigers softball@hotmail.com.

We are a Get Started Club.
To find out if your child is eligible for a Get Started Voucher to help pay registration costs, visit www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/getintheffame for more information.

Ipswich Falcons Junior Touch
SIGN-ON DETAILS
WHEN: Mon 24th, Tues 25th August & Tues 1st September
TIME: 6.30pm till 7.30pm
WHERE: Ipswich Touch Grounds, Jim Finimore Oval, Old Toowoomba Road, One Mile
Fees: $80 ($70 for U8s) - 15 week comp.
AGE GROUPS: Boys & Girls U8, U10, U12 & U14
SEASON START: Thursday, 10th September
GAME TIMES: 5.30pm; 6.10pm; 7.00pm
Teams or individual players welcome.
Get your friends together and come join the fun!
Find out more at www.ipswichtouch.com or email: j.verrenkamp@bigpond.com or phone 0411581625

Northsiders Cricket Club Want You!!
Calling Junior Players for the 2015/2016 cricket season.
Junior teams from U10 to U16; Milo in2Cricket for 4 to 8 year olds.
Focus on skills and development for all ages. For more details email northsiderscricketclub@hotmail.com or visit www.playcricket.com.au

Ipswich LIttle Athletics Centre
Athletes aged 5-16 years
Bill Patterson Oval, Lion St Ipswich

2015/16 Sign On
Friday 21st August 5-7pm
Friday 28th August 5-7pm
Tuesday 1st September 5-7pm

First Competition Night
Friday 4th September 5:30pm

We strive to support and encourage athletes of all abilities.
For more information visit our website www.ipswichla.org.au