Our Vision: An Excellent School Where Students Achieve Their Potential

The BRASSALL BUZZ

Be a Learner
Be Respectful
Be Responsible
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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.
Thought for the Week:

Education = Knowledge
Knowledge = Power
Power = Respect
Respect = Happiness

Enrolments and Classes for 2016

For 2016, I anticipate that we will have approximately 765 students attending Brassall to commence the school year. As such, we are forming 30 regular classes (P-6) and at least 1 Special Education classes reflected as below:

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

- Actual student enrolments as of ‘Day 8’ 2016 will determine our final staffing. We are staffed to optimum class sizes of 25 (Prep to Year 3) and 28 (Years 4 to 6). 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’ 2016.

- 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.

Across the Principal’s Desk ...

Stunning Soiree

Our Performing Arts program at Brassall has had a wonderful 2015. This was highlighted by our students who displayed confidently to our parents, family and friends what a talented and dedicated bunch they are, at Brassall’s annual Soiree! We were thoroughly entertained by a wide range of performances including Choral, Choirs and Instrumental groups.

To all Brassall parents who support their children (our students) with their practice and encouragement we thank you for your support both now and into the future.

A very special thanks to Mrs Natasha Raddie, Miss Hayley Barratt, Mrs Julie Pickwell, Mr Gary Rule and Mrs Kimka Hampson for their dedication to our students in making our Performing Arts program a vibrant string to our Brassall bow!

2016 Booklists:

Student booklists for 2016 will be sent home during the week starting 23 November. This delay has been the result of some unfortunate events. Our supplier (Perfection Press - a local, family-run business) has experienced some difficulties with the recent storms in Fernvale. We apologise for this delay.

Warm Regards and Best Wishes

Mr Greg Brand
Principal
Weekly Newsletter

Week 9

Focus lessons for the next two weeks are:

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

The next 3 weeks will be packed with rewards for the Buzz Cards. This year a record number of students have or will have reached the 30 Buzz Cards reward of the jumping castles. The numbers are looking close to 400 students. Six jumping castles will be operating - what a wonderful effort. A big thank you to the P & C for their support of our SWPBS program - they are supplying 4 of the jumping castles.

Congratulations to the children whose names appear below:


1G: Christopher D, Zahra K, Bella L, Haiden TB

1T: Dante B, Gabriella G, Dominic LS, Braydan P, Kayne R

2C: Calen B, Luca D, Dannii H, Ethan H, Lachlan T

2U: Trayven F

3K: Jorja C, Leila S

3PW: Zane C, Jordan G, Kodi R

4T: Kai C, Chelsie M

5R: Jenna M

6W: Adelaide G, Rebekah S

Rayne 'Buzz Man' Penny
Deputy Principal

Interschool Sport

This week is the last round for Interschool Sport and next week will be the finals. Final times and teams will be known to school early next week and we will advertise these on the school website and the P&C Facebook page.

Fixtures - Friday 20 November

Basketball

Junior Boys: Mt Crosby SS vs Ipswich Basketball Stadium

Junior Girls: Mt Crosby SS vs Ipswich Basketball Stadium

The finals will be played on Monday, 23 November. We are hoping to receive a piece of honey comb to go toward completing their honey jar.

Everyday Counts

School News

Final Homework Club for 2015

Monday, 23 November, will be the final Homework Club of the year. A huge thank you, to all of our wonderful staff who volunteered each week and to the Smith Family Volunteers. Well done to all of our students who took the opportunity to utilise this great program. Some only visited a couple of times and others made Homework Club a part of their weekly routine, but all showed an excellent commitment to improving their learning during each Monday afternoon session. Looking forward to seeing you all at Homework Club again next year!

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5H Collecting for Needy Ipswich Families

Tis the time for giving as the Christmas season is upon us! We are still collecting non-perishable foods for the needy families in Ipswich. We are hoping to pack over 20 boxes this year. Collections for these items will be every Monday and Thursday. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated. Please remember to check the expiry date of all donated items. If you have any enquires do not hesitate to contact Miss Hyett in 5H.

Let the giving continue!
School Volunteers’ Morning Tea to say ‘Thank you’

If you have volunteered at Brassall State School during 2015, we would like to show our appreciation by inviting you to join us at our annual Volunteers’ Morning Tea on Wednesday 9 December, at 10:00am on the Library verandah.

Please let the Office know, on 3813 4333, if you can make it. We hope you can come and let us ‘thank you’ for all your efforts. Please RSVP by Friday 4 December.

Come along to the Brassall State School BOOK FAIR! On now until 25 November in the School Library

Bring mum and dad, grandparents too, to the Brassall State School Book Fair - open daily from 8:20am to 4:00pm.

Books to buy - various prices. Also available, stationery items (fancy pencils, rubbers etc).

See you there!

Defence News - Posted Or Moving Schools?

Don’t forget to see me:
• so I can organise a farewell photo and certificate etc.
• to get your School’s Passport stamped with the Brassall SS stamp
• to get your fun moving pack (courtesy of DHA), containing a book featuring Rex the Dog and Activity booklet.

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SANTA’S LITTLE SECRETS

Pick a Meal:
1. Mini Burger
2. Mini Meat Pie
3. Mini Hot Dog

Choose a Drink:
1. Juice Pop Top
2. Springwater
3. Milk with a flavoured straw