Across the Principal’s Desk …

It’s hard to believe but we are now well and truly past the half-way point of Term One. As Principal of our great school, I am extremely proud of the manner in which our students are working hard to be the best that they can be every day.

All of our students from Prep to Year 6 have set themselves Personal Learning Goals aiming to improve their Reading, Mathematical skills and Behaviour to start the year. If you haven't asked your child about their goals, please do so, I think you might be surprised at the high standards they have set themselves.

The one thing I’m confident in is the fact we have great teachers and teacher aides to support our students in reaching their goals throughout 2015. Our staff is completely focused on ensuring the fundamentals of Literacy and Numeracy form the basis of their programs, whilst maintaining high expectations of behaviour.

Better Attendance, Better Behaviour, Better Results = Better Brassall!

Our plan for this term is finalised and as the saying goes, the simplest plans are normally the best ones. Post our engagement in the Department’s new School Review process in 2014, our goal for 2015 centres upon 6 main improvement strategies:

- Refine the current school improvement agenda to a small number of key deliverables that can be clearly evident in all classrooms - Better Reading, Better Attendance and Better Behaviour.
- Design and implement an explicit school data plan that can track and monitor student progress throughout the year and across year levels. Build staff capacity to use this data to inform their daily teaching.
- Develop a school reading framework that clearly defines “The Brassall Way” for the teaching of reading. Apply this consistently across all classrooms through regular observations and feedback. Ensure significant resources are targeted to support this agenda.
- Develop a school-wide approach to managing student attendance.
- School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) has been clearly embedded across the school; the next step is to ensure that all decisions (staff up-skilling, areas for improvement, rewards etc.) are made based on the regular use and sharing of behaviour data.
- Develop a rich culture of observation and feedback through the continual coaching of staff by the entire leadership team in specific pedagogical practices.

In the next few weeks our Action Plan and Great Results Guarantee will be posted on our school website for our entire school community to access. Both plans will also be presented at our upcoming P&G Association meeting on Monday, 16 March at 7pm!

Class Captain Presentation 2015

Congratulations to our Semester 1, Class Captains at Brassall - well done to you all!

February Students of the Month

Well done to the following students who were presented with ‘Student of the Month’ certificates for the month of February, “For exemplary demonstration of the Brassall B’s”.

‘The Brassall Buzz’ Goes Digital!

The next 4 editions of the ‘Brassall Buzz’ are being issued in hard copy form for the last time as we begin to transition our school newsletter to being accessible either via our School Website, using the QSchools App or via Email. Given the size and progressive nature of our school, it is becoming inefficient, labour intensive and costly to maintain a printed version of the newsletter. To begin with, we would like to offer parents the opportunity to receive a direct email link to the fortnightly edition of the ‘Brassall Buzz’ - via Email. In readiness for this event, we plan to establish an email group so families who opt to do so can receive an email message on publication days, advising of the newsletter’s availability.

If you would like to take advantage of this offer, then please complete and return the slip provided to the office ASAP.

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Finance Hours

8 am to 10 am Daily

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:

TERM 1 ENDS

TERM 2 ENDS

Prep Meia M, Yama C, Tanaya T, Dejuy H, Ruby-Rose F
Year 1 Miaa G, Santiago B, Caitlin H, Christopher M, Mason G
Year 4 Lauren G, Alyssa W, Alyssa F
Year 5 Bryony T, Kimberley T, Madison L, Edwina S, Samantha B-W (5/6/7/8)
Year 6 Tristan C, India V, Nyley B, Keefa B

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Rule of the Term:
Be Respectful

Thought for the Week:
The future depends on what we do in the present. Mahatma Gandhi

Term 1 Planner

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If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, a return slip is included in today’s newsletter for return to the office ASAP. Your email address will be added to the register and from Thursday, 7 May those who join will receive an email prompt with a direct link to the school’s website that houses the ‘Brassall Buzz’. By moving to this medium we are hoping that families feel a little more connected to events, celebrations and activities conducted throughout our great school.

Please cut off the slip following, complete and return to the school office ASAP. The first planned direct email of the newsletter link is scheduled for Thursday 7 May. To receive this first link, you’ll need to be registered by Thursday, 2 April (last day of Term 1, 2015).
Parents and Carers who wish to receive a direct email link to the school’s regular Newsletter are invited to register by completing and returning the following proforma:

| Parent Name | Name of youngest child enrolled at Brassall SS | Year/Class
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p 07 3848 3946

Mr Greg Brand
Principal

Oppportunity to receive School Newsletter via Email link

Warm Regards and Best Wishes,

From the Deputies

From the Curriculum & Pedagogy Team

School Attendance

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School Photo Day is fast approaching - 31 March & 1 April

Your photo order envelopes will arrive shortly. Please start planning your purchases and payment options. Remember these helpful points:

- Read all relevant instructions for your preferred payment method. All payments are due on photo day.
- You may pay by cash, or place your order online using your child’s individual ‘shootkey’ listed on their envelope and pay with your credit card.
- Please enclose correct money as no change will be given.
- Sibling photo envelopes are available at the school office upon request. THESE PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN BEFORE SCHOOL, ON PHOTO DAY, USUALLY FROM 8AM
- Please instruct siblings to attend the photo studio during this time. Photographers are unable to search for students who do not attend.
- Do not seal envelopes inside each other. You may include payment for all children in one envelope, however please indicate on this envelope the names of all the children you are paying for.
- All students should wear their correct school uniform.
- Students appearing in any Extra Curricular Group Photos will be notified on how to order these, via a personalised order envelope, issued after photo day.

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School Attendance

Attendance - EVERY DAY COUNTS

Currently Prep E is our ONLY class to celebrate a 100% Attendance Week this year. We are hoping that next week we will be able to celebrate this milestone with another of our classes reaching this goal. Will it be your child’s class?

Friday Sport

This year has seen the sport coaches welcome our Year 4 students to trial for Friday sport and over the last 3 weeks we have seen a record number of students for Years 4, 5 & 6 at selections. All teams have now been selected and forms have been sent home. The cost of sport remains at $63 per player and these payments are due at the office by Wednesday 11 March. Sport will commence on Friday 13 March. Please ensure your child has the required equipment for their sport.

Summa Todd, Deputy Principal

Sport News

Rugby

Duran B has been selected for the 10years Ipswich Rugby development squad. This is an exclusive and great opportunity for Duran to progress his skills as a Rugby player. We look forward to seeing what a great player Duran will be, and congratulate him on his selection.

Cross Country Training

If you are keen to train for the upcoming Cross Country Carnival on the last day of term come to Running Club on Wednesday Lunch Time, Second Break at Skinner Oval with Miss Woods. Great work to the students who are already practicing.

Upcoming Sports Trials

In March the following sports will be trialling students to make Ipswich District teams. If you are talented in any of the following sports, Netball, Basketball (Boys and Girls), AFL (Boys and Girls, Hockey, Girls Cricket, and are turning 11 or 12, please see Miss Woods at the end of assembly for a form.

Asleigh Woods, PE Specialist

CRAZY HAIR DAY - Friday 13 March

Help raise money for people with cancer and support the cause. All you have to do is make a Gold Coin donation to join in the fun. You can colour your hair, wear a wig or style it however you wish, but NO mohawks please! There will also be a ‘Shave/Colour OFF’ at a special assembly - who will it be? If we raise $300, our School Captains will colour their hair, $600 will see our Deputy Principal’s colour their hair or beard, $900 will see our Chaplain’s curly locks shaved off and if we reach our $1200 target, Mr Brand will be brave and shave!!!

All donations are to be made on the day and donations over $2 are eligible to receive a tax deductible receipt.

Summary

Our Vision: An Excellent School Where Students Achieve Their Potential

School Photo Day

Be Respectful – Use polite and friendly words; Be Safe - Keep your head up and eyes open; Be Responsible - Do your best and contribute to class discussions; Be A Learner - Ask questions, read, write, catch up.