

Brassall Newsletter

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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

6 Mar	OT Making the Grade Prep Photos
13 Mar	Crazy Hair Day
13 Mar	Interschool Sport Commences
17 Mar	10 Buzz Card Sausage Sizzle
24 Mar	15 Buzz Card Ice Cream
25 Mar	Year 3 Fun With Maths
26 Mar	Year 4 Fun With Maths
26 Mar	P & C Disco
27 Mar	Student of the Month Assembly
27 Mar	Prep to 2 Easter Bonnet Parade
30 Mar	Year 5 Ocean Life Adaptations
31 Mar	School Photos
1 Apr	School Photos
2 Apr	10 Buzz Card Sausage Sizzle
2 Apr	Prep to 6 Cross Country Carnival
2 Apr	TERM 1 ENDS

Term 2 Planner

20 Apr	TERM 2 COMMENCES
21, 22 Apr	Parent / Teacher Interviews
23 Apr	Final hard copy of <i>The Brassall Buzz</i>
24 Apr	ANZAC Remembrance Day
25 Apr	ANZAC DAY (No Public Holiday)
28 Apr	Ipswich District Cross Country
1 May	Student of the Month Assembly
4 - 8 May	Mother's Day P & C Stall
4 May	Science Factory Prep & Yr 1
5 May	Science Factory Yrs 1, 2, & 3
6 May	Science Factory Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6
7 May	Science Factory Yrs 5 & 6
7 May	<i>The Brassall Buzz</i> goes digital
12 - 14 May	NAPLAN Testing
15 May	Ipswich Show Holiday
20 May	Ipswich Eisteddfod Snr Singing Choir
22 May	Snr Glee
22 May	Beginner Strings Workshop
29 May	Student of the Month Assembly
8 Jun	QUEENS B'DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
15-17 Jun	Year 6 Camp - Emu Gully
16, 17 Jun	Advanced Strings Workshop
24, 25 Jun	P-6 Athletics Carnival
22, 23 Jun	2015 NAIDOC
26 Jun	Student of the Month Assembly
26 Jun	Yrs 3-6 Behaviour Level A & B Party
26 Jun	TERM 2 ENDS

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

11 Mar	BOOKCLUB due
11 Mar	Interschool Sport payment due
20 Mar	Yr 3 Fun with Maths
20 Mar	Yr 4 Fun with Maths
20 Mar	Yr 5 Ocean Life Habitats Program
1 Jun	Year 6 Camp

Finance Hours

8 am to 10am Daily

March Madness at the Buzz-on-in-Cafe

Buy a delicious 6" sub roll for only \$5.00 and receive a FREE Nudie Juice

Choose -

1. Meatballs with lettuce and tomato/bbq sauce
2. Chicken tenderloins with lettuce, tomato and mayo
3. Crumbed fish fillets with lettuce and mayo

Upgrade for \$1.00 - get a delicious cookie

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 focussed 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 planning for 2015 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 planning 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&C 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!

Class	Captain
Prep E	Lachlan L
Prep G	Kiara M
Prep J	Cooper F
Prep M	Matilda C
Prep TM	Baylee B

Class	Captain
1B	Ellie C
1E	Haiden T-B
1G	Haylee J
1O	Santiago B
1V	Izabella G
2B	Lillian J
2C	Sophie G
2E	Emmanuel G
2T	Joey B
2U	Aeisha S
3H	Giselle B
3KW	Alice S
3PW	Schyann D-P
3S	Aleerah H
3/4M	Tarni T
4D	Mary S
4S	Mykaela K
4T	Angelle E
2/3/4/5M	Alicia-Dea A
5B	Elise B
5H	Clayton C
5R	Stevie-Jo M-B
5S	Ali K
5/6Y	Braydin V
6B	Summa N
6D	Regan B
6M	Taylor V G
6W	Ace L

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".

Prep	Kyarla M, Linkin L, Taliaha T, Dejay H, Ruby-Rose F
Year 1	Meia G, Santiago B, Caitlin H, Christopher D, Mason G
Year 2	Elizabeth H, Bianca M, Luke W, Joshua B, Tyler T-K, Bailey O (2/3/4/5M)
Year 3	Malakai M, Bella H, Roxanne G, Summer M, Kodi R (3/4M)
Year 4	Lauren G, Alyssa W, Alyssa F
Year 5	Bryonee T, Kimberley T, Madison L, Edwina S, Samantha B-W (5/6Y)
Year 6	Tristan C, India VG, Ryley B, Keefa B

'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 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 out 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).

Opportunity to receive School Newsletter via Email link

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	
Your preferred email address:	

Warm Regards and Best Wishes,


Mr Greg Brand
Principal

From the Deputies

SWPBS - School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

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

Behaviour Consequences:

The big emphasis in SWPBS is the reinforcement and rewarding of positive behaviours. The students also receive consequences for persistent inappropriate behaviours. In the classroom the students are given reminders and reteaching of the school expectations. If students continue with the inappropriate behaviours, a time out in class will occur. The next step is for a time out in Buddy Class to give the student time to refocus in order to join learning. The next step is for the student to spend some time in the Office, where a call home will happen.

In the playground the steps are fairly similar. Firstly reminder and reteaching, secondly a time out on the "Chill" seat, thirdly a Reflection Room referral. When a student receives a reflection room referral, they will spend part of their playtime in 2nd break in a supervised room where they can reflect on their inappropriate behaviours. A member of Admin will reteach the appropriate behaviour. Part of this process is to inform parents by way of a letter posted home.

Focus lessons for the next fortnight are:

Week 6: Be A Learner - Be ready to Listen & Learn; Be Responsible - Be in the Right Place, with the Right Equipment at the Right Time.

Week 7: Be Respectful - Use polite and friendly words; Be Safe - Keep hands, feet and objects to self.

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.

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact MSP Photography p 07 3848 3946
e admin.seq@msp.com.au

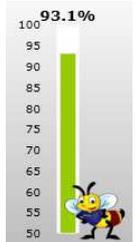
School Attendance

Attendance - EVERY DAY COUNTS

Buzz is still being kept happy with our current attendance rate of 93.1%. However, this percentage is down from last Newsletter where Buzz was super happy with 94.3%. We are hoping that in our next newsletter Buzz will be able to hold his head a little higher with the

result. Some new data to consider is our Year Level attendance rates. These are in the table below:

Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.5%	92.7%	93.1%	93.4%	91.7%	92.7%	93.9%



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 \$65 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

From the Curriculum & Pedagogy Team

Something to Ponder

Children who have been read to for 30 minutes a day from birth through age five receive over 900 hours of brain food.

Children who have been read to for 30 minutes a week from birth through age five receive 130 hours of brain food...which is great... but a 770 hour deficit when compared to the first group.

Children who are read to less than 30 minutes weekly enter Prep with less than 60 hours of the same brain food. Fewer nursery rhymes, fairy tales, stories, etc. Even the most gifted teacher cannot bridge the gap that exists between the cognitively undernourished and the young minds which have been saturated with literacy. (Iowa Literacy Link Volume 1 Number 8, April 2007)

The good news is that reading to your child is powerful, no matter what age they are. Experts recommend that parents read to their children through high school. It is never too late to read to your child, no matter what age they are. So grab the comics, the newspaper, or a really great novel, curl up on the couch...and read!



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.

Ashleigh 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.