

# Brassall Newsletter

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## Rule of the Term:

Be Respectful

## Thought for the Week:

The more that you read,  
the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn,  
the more places you'll go.

-Dr. Seuss

## Term 1 Planner

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
20 Apr	P & C AGM & General Meeting
21,22 Apr	Parent / Teacher Interviews
23 Apr	Final hard copy of <i>The Brassall Buzz</i>
24 Apr	ANZAC Ceremony - 9am
25 Apr	ANZAC DAY (No Public Holiday)
28 Apr	Ipswich District Cross Country
1 May	Student of the Month Assembly
4 - 7 May	Science Factory - various classes each day
4 - 8 May	Mother's Day P & C Stall
7 May	<i>The Brassall Buzz</i> goes digital
12 - 14 May	NAPLAN Testing
15 May	Ipswich Show Holiday
18 May	P & C Meeting
20 May	Ipswich Eisteddfod - Singing Choir
22 May	Snr Glee
22 May	Beginner Strings Workshop
28 May	Ipswich Eisteddfod - Choral Speaking
29 May	Student of the Month Assembly
8 Jun	QUEENS B'DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
15 Jun	P & C Meeting
15-17 Jun	Year 6 Camp - Emu Gully
16,17 Jun	Advanced Strings Workshop
18 Jun	Performing Arts Tour - Retirement Homes
22,23 Jun	2015 NAIDOC
24,25 Jun	P-6 Athletics Carnival
26 Jun	P-2 Behaviour Level A & B Party
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

29 Apr	Science Factory - All classes
1 Jun	Year 6 Camp
4 Sep	Year 5 Camp

## Finance Hours

8 am to 10am Daily

## HELP WANTED

The Canteen (Buzz On In Café) need your help. If you have a couple of hours you could spare to join the happy team of volunteers, it would be very much appreciated. No experience necessary. On the job training provided. Just come along and have a good time.

For more information, contact Di at the Canteen in person or call 3813 4359.

# Across the Principal's Desk ...



## Great Results Guarantee 2015

In 2015 the Queensland Government is investing \$183 million in Great Results Guarantee (GRG) funding for state schools. Here at Brassall State School, our estimated 2015 allocation is \$281,830 to continue the great work we started last year to improve our students' performance.

As part of the Great Result Guarantee, all Queensland state schools enter into an agreement committing them to guarantee that every student will either:

- achieve the National Minimum Standard for literacy and numeracy for their year level or
- have an evidence-based plan, developed by the school, in place to address their specific learning needs.

Brassall's Great Results Guarantee for 2015 reflects the following targets and improvement strategies to maximize student achievement specifically in the junior years of Prep, Year 1, 2 and 3.

This funding will be used to:

- Increase the percentage of students meeting the 'National Minimum Standard' in Reading in Year 3 to 91%.
- Increase students 'Mean Scale' score in Reading in Year 3 to 375.
- Increase the percentage of students in the 'Upper Two Bands' in Reading in Year 3 to 26%.
- Increase the percentage of 'C and above' achievement levels in Mathematics to 70% in Years 1, 2 and 3 (reflected in Semester 2).
- Develop a rich culture of observation and feedback through the continual coaching of staff in research based pedagogical practices in the teaching of Reading, Writing and Numeracy.
- Develop individual support plans for students who do not reach 'National Minimum Standards' for NAPLAN Reading and Numeracy in 2015.

Brassall's strategy reflects:

- Reviewing student performance data every 5 weeks.
- Using research and evidence-based practice to support Literacy and Numeracy development by utilizing:
  - ✚ 'Explicit Instruction' - Prof. Anita Archer.
  - ✚ 'The Daily 5' and 'The Café Book' - Gail Boushey and Joan Moser.
  - ✚ Language for Learning (L4L) - Indigenous Schooling Support Unit (Language Perspectives Team, Education Qld).
  - ✚ Representation Oral Language Engagement in Mathematics (RoleM) - Australian Catholic University.
  - ✚ Oral Language Development, specifically 'Chatterbox'
  - ✚ and 'Phonological Awareness for Literacy' programs.

Brassall will improve student outcomes by using our GRG funding in the following ways:

- \$120,330: Support the development of Coaching, Observations and Feedback processes by appointing school based Pedagogy Coach and Literacy Coach.
- \$22,000: Build teacher capability through Professional Development programs focused on the teaching of Literacy and Numeracy.

- \$56,500: Engage additional teacher aides to support Oral Language development in Years 1 and 2 and Numeracy in Years 1, 2 and 3.
- \$42,000: Increase current Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy (STLaN) staffing entitlement to support intervention programming, data analysis and student academic improvement programming.
- \$41,000: Increase current Speech Language Pathologist staffing entitlement to focus on Oral Language development and intervention programming for students specifically in Prep and Year 1.

## Cross Country - Thursday 2 April

Please don't forget that our Prep to Year 6 Cross Country is on tomorrow and we really want to see all of our students come dressed and prepared for what should be a great event! All students are encouraged to wear their House colours proudly. If you are not sure;

Flinders: **Red** Cook: **Blue**  
Leichhardt: **Yellow** Oxley: **Green**

Coloured shirts, socks and shorts and even hair would be great to see, but let's make sure we are still Sun Safe - perhaps some coloured Zinc! So let's get to it Brassall and get ready to cheer on your team!

*N.B. A final decision will be made regarding this event going ahead at 4:30pm today (Wednesday, 1 April). Please check our Brassall website, QSchools app and P&C Facebook for notification.*

## Parent Teacher Interviews - Term 2

A reminder to all Brassall families, that Parent Teacher Interviews are taking place in the first week of Term 2 (21 and 22 April).

We see this opportunity to share with you your child's progress as an important strengthening of the partnership between home and school. Make the time.

If you are unable to make your scheduled interview, for whatever reason please contact us as soon as possible.

## March Students of the Month

Well done to the following students who were presented with 'Student of the Month' certificates for the month of March, "For significant improvement in Reading".

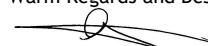
Prep	Isaac T, Matilda C, Sophie T, Eva B, Zachary C
Year 1	Tahlia D, Maeson B, Samantha S-P, Shelby-Lee C, Liam G
Year 2	Olivia-Jean E, Jayda C, Zyisha W, Kellis R, Kya L,
Year 3	AJ D-L, Vicky-Lee T, Jayde W, Zane P, Alana W (3/4M)
Year 4	Seth T, Owen L, Belinda T
Year 5	Ali K, Grace T, Jordan M, Grace H, Jordan P (2/3/4/5M)
Year 6	Hunter H, Breeanna S, Mackenzie T, Heath D, Tray M (5/6Y)

## Keep a watch on our school these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please call School Watch on 13 17 88. The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education, Training and Employment, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please don't attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy—13 17 88—and let's work together to help create a safer school community.

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

#### Bullying and Harassment: there is a difference.

Bullying is when someone (or a group of people) with more power than you **repeatedly** and **intentionally** use negative words and/or actions against you, which causes you distress and risks your wellbeing. The difference between harassment and bullying are the **repeated** and **intention** words. Neither has any place at Brassall State School, but may be dealt with differently.

#### Focus lessons for the next fortnight are:

**Week 10:** Be Responsible - Use equipment for intended purposes and in the playground. Look after & return borrowed equipment & report damages, unsafe equipment or situations to an adult.

**Week 1 Term 2:** Be Respectful - in the playground - win or lose fairly; Be Respectful, Responsible and Safe at sport & on excursions.

#### Congratulations to the children whose names appear below: 15 Buzz Cards Ice Cream Cones

Class	Name	Class	Name
2C	Joshua B, Sophie G, Tilly-Kate J, Angel L, Krystal J M, Deegan T	2E	Liam C, Jack D, Emmanuel G, Skye K, Moses L, Braitley M, Taneisha N, Jesse P, Luke W, Blake B, Deklan D, Katie M, Tyler M, Dewayne P, Kyren B
1B	Scarlet B, Sheredan C, Ellie C, Mason G, Liam G, Alicia M, Malika S, Tavaya W, Jarryd W	4D	Alexa D

#### ANZAC Day Commemorative Service

Each year, on the 25<sup>th</sup> April, Australians and New Zealanders come together to remember and honour all those who fought for their country in wars long past. This year's Anzac Centenary is a milestone of special significance.



As well as commemorating the landing of Australian and New Zealand Army Corp troops at Gallipoli on 25<sup>th</sup> April 1915, ANZAC Day is a time for reflection. The spirit of ANZAC recognises the qualities of courage, mateship and sacrifice that were demonstrated at the Gallipoli landing-qualities that our defence force personnel carry forward into the many international conflicts that trouble our world today.

But what does ANZAC Day really mean to today's young Australians, who are confronted by daily reports of horrific acts of war and aggression across the globe? We hope that by learning more about ANZAC Day that our students will gain an insight into how our history has shaped the Australian character. We hope they will be better 'armed' to take on the responsibilities of building peaceful communities for future generations and bring true meaning to the ANZAC Day pledge, 'lest we forget'.

**ANZAC Ceremony will be held on Friday, 24 April at 9:00am in the Hall.** This will be a special ceremony commemorating the Anzac Centenary where our choir, verse speaking choir and ISHS band will play an important part in the ceremony. We are also hoping to have the services of a RAAF Base Amberley Catafalque Party.

If your child is a member of an organisation that wears a uniform, eg. Church groups, scouts, guides, they are most welcome to wear that special uniform on Friday. Your child is also welcome to bring a floral tribute if they wish.

Parents are most welcome to attend our ceremony.

#### Easter Bonnet Parade

Last Friday, the Prep to Year 2 children were involved in an exciting Easter Bonnet Parade. The children performed a number of Easter-themed songs to entertain the audience of parents and carers and it was obvious they had worked very hard on their presentations. What an awesome array of Easter Bonnets there were, too. Well done everyone!



## Sport News

**Congratulations** to Bailey R who has been selected in the Ipswich district AFL 2015 squad.

#### Sport Trials

There are many trials happening soon for students ages 11 or 12yrs - Girls Touch Football, Girls Cricket, Girls and Boys Tennis, Girls Soccer, Girls and Boys Hockey - if students wish to attend these trials please see Miss Woods.

#### Cross Country

This week is Cross Country week and we are looking forward to watching all of our students compete. Come along and grab a sausage from the P&C sausage sizzle and enjoy the fun to be had on Thursday morning. Program below.

#### Thursday 2 April 2015

8:40am All classes to mark rolls and meet at grandstand  
9am Welcome & Carnival Procedures

9:10am 12 Years - born 2003  
9:15am Year 3 - born 2007  
9:30am 11 Years - born 2004  
9:35am Year 2  
9:50am 10 Years - born 2005  
9:55am Year 1  
10:00am 9 Years - born 2006  
10:15am Prep  
10:20am Clean up and House War Cries  
10:40am First Break  
11:15am Presentations - Assembly Hall  
11:45am Carnival complete



*\*All starting times are approximate times for student races. Students must be here the entire time in case a race starts earlier or changes time.*

**District Selection** - Students who are 9yrs, Born 2006, will be eligible for selection. Brassall will take the top 3 competitors from each event with discretion on taking 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place getters if their time meets qualifying standards.

## P and C News



**Sausage Sizzle** for students and parents at the Cross Country event tomorrow - \$2. Drinks and chips also available.

**The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.** The meeting will commence at 7:00pm and will be followed by the general meeting.

At the AGM, a new committee including President, Vice President, Secretary, Vice Secretary, Treasurer and Vice Treasurer will be elected. All members of the Brassall School Community are invited to attend this meeting to nominate for these positions. Members of the community can also apply to be members of the P&C (forms available from the office), which enables voting on various decisions made throughout the year.

#### Brassall PCYC OSHC Vacation Care Program

Our Vacation Care program is now out for the upcoming school holidays. There are many fun and exciting activities planned over the Easter holidays. These include a Jumping Castle, Technology Van, Easter fun day, Go karts, Disco Fever and an excursion to Ten Pin Bowling. Reasonable daily fees and less if you claim CCB. Visit our room in the hall to pick up a program or [www.ipswichpcyc.org.au/sac/school-aged-care](http://www.ipswichpcyc.org.au/sac/school-aged-care).

Have a safe and  
Happy Easter!



**School resumes on Monday 20 April.**