Across the Principal’s Desk …


This edition of the ‘Brassall Buzz’ will mark the final hard copy publication as we transition all parents accessing our school newsletter either via our School Website, using the QSchools App or via Email. The 7 May edition of ‘The Brassall Buzz’ will mark our move to a digital form of the newsletter. Parents still have the opportunity to receive a direct email link to the fortnightly edition – via Email. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, simply notify the office of your email address which will be added to the register and from Thursday, 7 May those who have joined will receive an email prompt with a direct link to the school’s website that houses ‘The Brassall Buzz’.

For those families who choose not to opt in for this arrangement, you will still be able to log on to the Brassall website and follow the appropriate link to locate your latest edition.

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**SWPBS - School Wide Positive Behaviour Support**
**Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe, Be A Learner**

**Class Honey Pot**
Part of our SWPBS rewards system that complements the Pollen Points and Buzz postcards is our Class Honey Pot. The Honey Pots are displayed in your child’s classroom. As each child completes a Buzz card, a piece of honeycomb in the honey pot is coloured in. Pieces of honeycomb can also be coloured in for class 100% attendance for the week, 100% attendance on a Monday and randomly from Admin when classes are spotted following the 4 Brassall B’s.

When the Honey Pot is filled, the class can enjoy a class party. These parties are planned by the teacher and students of that class. They may include free dress, food, games, DVDs etc. After the Pot is filled, the students start again and aim towards another class party. There are a number of classes who have filled their first Pot and are about to have their first class party. Congratulations to these classes on their hard work and effort.

**Focus lessons for the next fortnight are:**
**Week 2:** Be Safe - Playground - Play only school approved games and rules
**Week 3:** Be a Learner - Playground - Ask and play by agreed rules

**ANZAC Commemorative Service**
Our ANZAC Ceremony will be tomorrow, 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.

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.

**Attendance**
Term 1 concluded with a school attendance rate of 92.1%. This rate has dropped and as a school team we are working with families to improve individual student attendance.

Establishing good routines around school can assist with regular school attendance. These include:
- have a set time to go to bed
- have a set time to get out of bed
- have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
- set a time for daily homework activities
- speak about school positively
- send your child to school every school day including their birthday
- and the last day of term from Prep.

If you are experiencing difficulty in sending your child to school, contact the school for advice and support.

**Rayne Penny and Summa Todd**
Deputy Principals

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**Sport News**

**Interschool Sport**
Interschool sport will commence this Friday 24 April. Please find the most recent match information below:

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**School Cross Country Carnival**
Thank-you to all the students and spectators who came to our School Inter-house Cross Country Carnival. It was a great day to watch our students compete and cheer for their house teams. A big congratulations to Cook house for beating Leichhardt’s winning streak!

**District Cross Country Trials**
We wish the following competitors good luck at the Ipswich District Cross Country trials held next Tuesday at Grammar Arms Park. If selected, these students will make the Met West Regional Team:

**Athletics Training**
This term Miss Woods will be running Athletics Training on Wednesday Second Break on Skinner Oval. If you would like to improve your skills before the Athletics carnival at the end of the term you should attend.

**Upcoming Trials:**
Ipswich District 10-12 Years Cross Country Trials - 28th April
Met West Regional Rugby League Trials - 29 & 30th April

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**P & C News**

**P & C Annual General Meeting**
At the P & C Annual General Meeting held on Monday evening, the current Executive was re-elected for the 2015-2016 year, with the exception of Treasurer which was not filled. The Executive are:

- **Mr Ashley Saunders** President
- **Mr Andrew Eaton** Vice President
- **Mrs Julie Pickwell** Secretary
- **Mrs Nicole Lovey** Assistant Secretary
- **Vacant** Treasurer
- **Mrs Trudi Kemp** Assistant Treasurer.

We express our thanks to those who have served and continue to serve on the Executive, and look forward to supporting the students of Brassall State School in the year ahead.

If you are interested in being involved at an Executive level of the P&C Association, or would like more information on what is involved in the role of Treasurer, please contact the School Office, to arrange for a P & C Executive member to contact you.

The P&C Association also wishes to acknowledge the contribution of Mr Gavin Tupper for doing the Audit at a considerable cost saving to the association, and as a token of appreciation, presented Mr Tupper with a Limelight Gift Voucher ($200) for him and his family to enjoy.

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**Chappy Chips**

**THIS SUNDAY – 26 APRIL**
10am to 1pm
Brassall State School – Pine Mountain Road top carpark

**P & C Fundraiser!** Please support us, by purchasing and filling an average trailer of our quality mulch chips, which is enough to do 7m2 at 100mm thick. All proceeds from mulch will be going towards the Chaplaincy Vegetable Garden.

$20 per average load (CASH ONLY)
(6x4) trailer, average side height, approx. ¾ cubic metre.
Bags of Mulch also available.

**SELF SERVE – bring own pitch fork or shovel**
(pitch fork works best).

Stay too for a Gold Coin Sausage Sizzle.

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**Our Vision:** An Excellent School Where Students Achieve Their Potential