Our Vision: An Excellent School Where Students Achieve Their Potential

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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
To commence this week’s newsletter I would like to commend and congratulate the outstanding efforts of our entire student population towards the success of the Anzac Day Service commemorating the 100th anniversary of the landing of Gallipoli. Our Senior Choir, Senior Verses Speaking Choir and Brassall Concert Band members all performed exceptionally well to a captive audience. With a continued emphasis on providing opportunities for students to demonstrate their leadership qualities, School Leaders (Imarni D, Sam L, Khan T, Shaeruta S, Mikael S and Talaylin B) led our Anzac Day Service superbly. May I congratulate them on their efforts and the manner in which they conducted themselves – well done!

A special thank you must go to Brassall Dad, (FtLt Luke Connery) and the RAAF Amberley Catalaque Party whose participation added to the significance of the occasion and reminded us all of the past and present contributions made by many brave men and women in our community. Lest we forget.

**Important Notice to School Community**

This coming weekend (May 9 & 10) there will be work carried out to remove asbestos containing material from the undercover area between Blocks C & D. This work will be undertaken as per the recommended guidelines for Asbestos removal in State schools.

As part of these guidelines to ensure the safety of our school community there is a requirement that no persons be on the grounds during this time (i.e. no weekend visitors). Ensuring the safety of our school community is paramount. School activities and commencement times will be as normal on Monday, 11 May.

**NAPLAN Testing - 12, 13 and 14 May**

In less than a week our students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in the annual National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. These tests are done here at school and are considered just another part of the curriculum.

It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia.

For our parents of children in Years 3, and 5 there are a number of ways you can help your child to prepare at home for these upcoming tests;

- talk to your child about the purpose of the tests and how they will be given an opportunity to show what they have learnt in class,
- discuss the format that test questions can take, such as multiple choice items, short response questions and writing tasks,
- when you read together, ask your child questions about the story to make sure they understand what they are reading,
- maintain a positive attitude about the tests,
- ensure your child gets plenty of sleep leading up to tests,
- ensure your child exercises and eats healthy meals regularly, including breakfast.

**Ensuring the safety of our students**

Sadly, too often we hear stories about children getting hit by cars in the driveways of their own home. Over time my concern that this story could actually occur at our school was enough to prompt the recent installation of self-closing gates to our two main car parks. These two entry points were only ever intended for permitted vehicles, not students, nor their parents.

We appreciate your ongoing support to ensure the safety of our students and your children!

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**Across the Principal’s Desk**

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**Planting of the Lone Pine**

As part of the Anzac Centenary, the Ipswich Railway RSL Sub-Branch have kindly donated a Lone Pine plant which will be planted within our school grounds. It is a descendant of a Lone Pine tree that was located at Lone Pine Ridge, Gallipoli. This tree will stand in Brassall’s school grounds for generations to come, as a living memorial of Gallipoli and specifically the Battle of Lone Pine and the more than 2,000 men who lost their lives.
April Students of the Month

Well done also to our students who competed at the recent District Cross Country trials held last Tuesday. Our team of endurance experts did extremely well, but I must make a special mention of the following students, who will now be attending the upcoming Regional Cross Country trials. We wish them all the very best!

• Sharni K - 1st (10 year girls)
• Ethan S - 2nd (10 year boys)
• Jenna M - 3rd (10 year girls)
• Summna N - 8th (11 year girls – reserve).

April 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 improved attendance in Term 1”.


Congratulations to Sporting Stars Shine at Brassall

Congratulations to Caleb D (6W) and Regan B (6D) whose recent efforts have seen them both selected for the Metropolitan West Regional squad for Hockey. This is a tremendous effort we should all be very proud of as a school community!

Focus lessons for the next fortnight are:

Week 4: Be Safe – ask permission to leave any setting.

Week 5: Be Responsible & Safe when arriving and departing school.

100% Attendance

Over the last two Monday Assemblies we have congratulated those students who reached the 100% Attendance milestone for Term 1.

Did you know? Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher achievement. Regular school attendance means that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day.

15 Buzz Cards - Ice Creams

2/3/5M

5/6Y

3PW

3S

3H

2U

2E

2B

1B

1O

15 Buzz Cards - Sausage Sizzle

Prep

Summer Rose B, Zahlergh G, Hannah A, Wyatt V

Year 1

Emma Z, Carter Q, Dante B, Skyla D, Rhiana G

Year 2

Molly-Rose P K, Michael H, Deklan D, Angel L, Corbin K

Year 3

Darnia P M, Bratlyn L, Madeline G, Zahlergh T Talon D (3/4MK)

Year 4

Kaitly E, Willow H, Tyrone L

Year 5

Holly T, Jay M, Peal A, Tyreece W, Danny B (2/3/4/5M)

Year 6

Davin H, Oliver H, Talygin B, Nicholas A, Lochlan G-C (5/6Y)

Warm Regards and Best Wishes

Mr Greg Brand
Principal
• They learn better.
• They make friends.
• They are happier.
• They have a brighter future.

We would like to thank those families for ensuring that your child attended Brassall State School EVERYDAY in Term 1. This provides your child with a great opportunity to be the best that they can be.

131 Students received certificates of congratulations. This is a huge effort for these students and their families.

We currently have 471 students who have started Term 2 with 100% Attendance. It would be great to see most, if not all, of these students receive a certificate and congratulations for their efforts this term.

Rayne Penny and Summa Todd
Deputy Principals

From the Literacy Coach

May is National Family Reading Month
Brassall State School is taking part in the Read More in May Challenge this month. Scholastic Publications are giving away over $10 000 worth of prizes to families, classes and school that read the most in May.

How to Participate:
1. From 1 May, students record on the special Home Reading Log sent home with all students, the number of minutes they spend reading each day.
2. Students and their families tally up the total minutes spent reading during May and enter this online from 1–15 June for a chance to win great prizes. The entry form will be available on the website www.scholastic.com.au/nfrm from 1 June.

The child in each State and Territory that records the highest amount of Reading Minutes in May will WIN $250 worth of vouchers for their family to spend on Book Clubs and Book Fairs. The winning child’s teacher will receive a class set of books worth $400.

The school in each State and Territory that records the most Reading Minutes will WIN $600 worth of books plus a perpetual trophy with the school name engraved on it, to keep for a year!

The more families a school has participating in the challenge, the greater chance it has of winning!

Please contact me if you have any questions. Happy reading!

Colleen Brown
Literacy Coach

Interschool Sport
Please find the most recent match information below:

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<th>Fixtures – Friday 8 May</th>
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| **Soccer** – Jim Donald Oval, Eastern Hts  
Jnr Girls v Silkstone SS at 12:40pm  
Sr Girls v Silkstone SS at 1:20pm  
**Soccer** – Ipswich West SS  
Jnr Boys v Ipswich West SS at 12:40pm  
Sr Boys v Ipswich West SS at 1:20pm  
**Rugby League** – Brothers RLFC Field B  
Jirs v Silkstone SS @ 12:45pm  
Sirs v Silkstone SS @ 1:30pm  
**Netball** – Limestone Park Netball Crts  
Sr A v Karalee SS @ 12:45pm  
Sr B v Wallowong SS @ 12:45pm  
Jnr A v St Mary’s @ 1:30pm  
Jnr B v Raceview @ 1:30pm | **NO FIXTURES**  
IPSWICH SHOW HOLIDAY |

From the Kids Cafe

CELEBRATE MAY WITH SOME “MEXICAN MADNESS”

MEAL DEALS: available daily for first break.

1. **Torta** (Mexican toasted sandwich) - Baked beans with grated cheese. $6.00
2. **Nachos** - corn chips, cheese with a delicious bolognaise dipping sauce. $6.00
3. **Chicken & Corn Rolls** - crunchy chicken & corn patty in a long roll with mayo & lettuce. $6.00

ALL MEAL DEALS INCLUDE A BIONICO - container of fruit salad topped with yoghurt and finished off with crunchy granola. PLUS a free springwater.

Defence Kids Craft Club at the Library

Every Wednesday at 2nd break, Defence Kids Craft Club is operating on the library verandah.

Each week we will be creating "works of art". Come along for a fun lunchbreak and an opportunity to discover new friends as well as your creative flair!

Mrs Dawes, DSTA

BRAIN FOOD for NAPLAN

Breakfast for Year 3 and 5 students will be served next Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.

Brought to you by our regular Brekky Club.

A good breakfast is a perfect start to any day!