The BRASSALL BUZZ

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Rule of the Term:
Be Respectful

Thought for the Week:
Tell me and I forget.
Teach me and I remember.
Involve me and I learn.
- Benjamin Franklin

Working Together at Brassall SS

From time to time we do deal with a few minor incidents in which students have upset each other in the playground. In a school setting of over 790 students, and perhaps as adults employed, it is inevitable we will have these differences. It is how we handle them that is important. There are always two sides to the story and often it is a balance between educating students about why their actions are inappropriate, and how to deal with someone in the playground who is doing the wrong thing.

The challenge for parents can be to allow this learning about social situations and not just try to “solve the problem.” If you are concerned about something that happened at school please contact your child’s teacher in the first instance, or make an appointment to speak with a member of the administration team. At Brassall, each member of the Administration Team is designated as the main contact person for student related matters as follows:

- Mr Greg Brand (Principal): Prep.
- Mr Rayne Penny (Deputy Principal): Years 1, 2, 3 & 4.
- Mrs Summa Todd (Deputy Principal): Years 1, 5 and 6.
- Mrs Donna Bracker (Head of Special Education): All students with a verified disability.

I cannot stress strongly enough to not approach other children or parents if you have an issue. It rarely solves the problem and often causes great angst. I thank for your anticipated support!!

Brassall’s playing their part to build a national picture of child health

What is the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)?

This term, our school, along with thousands of others across the country will begin preparations for the third Australian Early Development Census (AEDC). The AEDC measures five key areas of development in children during their first year of full-time school to build a national picture of health and wellbeing. Since 2009, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments plan services and target support for children and families.

Teachers are trained to assess each child and answer questions. Children don’t need to be present so no class time is missed, and parents/carers don’t need to supply schools with any new information for the census. Teachers’ individual assessments are then analysed by the AEDC and reported as anonymous groups of children in the final report.

In communities across the country, census results have helped communities to plan new playgrounds and parental services; schools are seeing improved student performance through new literacy programmes; and governments are using the results as evidence to develop better policies for children.

Teachers have also noticed practical benefits in the classroom. Some said in previous years that completing the assessments made them more aware of the needs of individual children and the class as a whole. Others reported that the census results are useful in planning for transitions to school and for developing class programmes.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary, parents/caregivers don’t need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census. To find out more about the census and how communities are using the data to help children and families visit the AEDC website or contact Mrs Nicole Loveny (HSC – Student Services) at Brassall SS.

Rugby League Gala Day

With almost 50 students in attendance from Years 4, 5 and 6, Brassall State School was well represented at the annual NRL Jets Rugby League Gala Day held at Norths RLFC. Although we were unable to defend and retain our trophy from last year, our boys and girls demonstrated great sportsmanship and effort to play to the best of their abilities.

Our 3 senior teams had varying results and our first ever Year 4 team also competed well. At the end of the day Duran B, Kyle F, Tristan C and Jakob S received special mention and rewards for best and fairest performances for their respective teams.

Well done to all of our competing students and special thank you to all of the staff, parents, friends and families who were able to come along and show their support for Brassall State School.

A big thankyou to Mr Maher, Miss Woods and Mr Whyte for their dedication to our students!

Choral Performers Flourish at Ipswich Eisteddfod

The trophy cabinet continues to overflow with another ‘awesome’ result achieved by Brassall’s Performing Arts program with our Choral performers excelling at the Ipswich District Eisteddfod on Thursday, 28 May. Our students performed exceptionally well in their division and achieved a fantastic result:

- Senior Choral Group - 3rd place.
- Junior Choral Group - 3rd place.
I would like to make a special acknowledgement of Mrs Julie Pickwell and Miss Hayley Barratt, whose dedication to our many students cannot be spoken of highly enough. Another big thanks also to our Performing Arts parents who have assisted throughout a very busy Eisteddfod period.

**Baby she was Born to Run!**

Congratulations to Sharni K (9H) whose recent efforts have seen her selected for the Metropolitan West Cross Country team.

This is a tremendous effort we should all be very proud of as a school community!

Sharni will now compete at the State Cross Country Championships in August.

Good Luck Sharni!

**Influenza (flu) season**


Our school is helping to prevent the flu from spreading by:

- encouraging children, staff and visitors to cover their mouths and noses when they sneeze or cough
- making tissues readily available and ensuring used tissues are disposed of immediately
- ensuring children and staff wash their hands regularly
- encouraging staff and children with flu-like symptoms to stay at home
- strongly urging staff and children who arrive with flu-like symptoms to instead stay at home and encouraging them to seek early medical advice.

If your child catches the flu, please seek medical advice and keep them home until they are feeling well again.

Warm Regards and Best Wishes

Mr Greg Brand
Principal

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**From the Deputies**

**SWPBS - School Wide Positive Behaviour Support**

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

Focus lessons for the next fortnight are:

- **Week 8**: Be Respectful in the playground - win or lose fairly.
- **Week 9**: Be Responsible and report damages, unsafe equipment or situations to adults.

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**BRASSALL BEE CHANT**

BRASSALL BEES, BRASSALL BEES

BE THE BEST THAT YOU CAN BE

BE RESPECTFUL, BE RESPONSIBLE

BE SAFE, BE A LEARNER

BRASSALL BEES, BRASSALL BEES

BE THE BEST THAT YOU CAN BE.

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This is our Brassall Bee Chant. The children recite this at the beginning of each assembly and frequently in class. We talk to the children about reflecting on the key messages they are saying in the Bee Chant, and striving towards “Being the Best That They Can Be”. Please ask your children about our Brassall Bee Chant and talk to them about being the best they can be at school and at home.

**Congratulations to the following children on receiving -**

**15 Buzz Card Reward - Ice Cream Cones**

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**Our Vision: An Excellent School Where Students Achieve Their Potential**
Donations needed for our Chappy!!
If anyone has any spare sets of wheels at home, we would greatly appreciate the donation. We are seeking toddler bike or pram sized wheels for a construction project.

If you are able to donate these items please send them to the school or contact Mr Lilley.

Rayne (Buzz Man) Penny.

Attendance
Many families are currently receiving phone calls to discuss their child/children’s current attendance rate at school. For some families this has been a celebration as we are thanking them for promoting better school attendance and supporting their child in improving their attendance rate.

If you haven’t received a phone call but would like to discuss your child/children’s attendance please contact the office and make an appointment with one of our Admin team.

May Students of the Month
Well done to the following students who were presented with “Student of the Month” certificates for the month of May, “For outstanding effort in Mathematics”.

Prep  Noah M, Kiara D, Charlie R, Layla E, Jasmine C
Year 1  James A, Sebastian K, Logan W, Rumbarizee F, LScarlett B
Year 2  Memphis S, Joey B, Jack D, Dylan C, Nelson M
Year 3  Mallakai M, Tyrone K, Callum W, LILLY K, Chloe C
Year 4  Liam W, Clay B, Harry N, Phoenix K
Year 5  Brandon C, Tifuna F, Jordan M, Lillian G
Year 6  Kane M, Breana M, Dylan L, Jy L, Noah V

Rayne Penny and Summa Todd
Deputy Principals

CAFE Strategy - Retell the Story
When parents ask their children what happened at school that day, the response if often one of two things - either they are given a play by play synopsis or they are given the single word “nothing”.

The strategy of Retelling is similar. Retelling a story helps readers recall what is happening in the story they are reading. It allows a reader to stop and monitor their understanding. Use the following strategies to help your child be successful in Retelling.

1. When reading with your child, stop to think about what you are reading. Model this process aloud. Stop and reread it if you can’t remember.
2. When reading with your child, stop and have your child tell you what is happening in the story using the words: first, next, then, last and finally.
3. Use the following questions to prompt your child to think about the story being read:
   • Who were the main characters?
   • What problem did the main characters experience?
   • How was the problem solved?
   • How did the story end?
   • What happened first, next or last?
4. Allow your child to become comfortable with the strategy of Retelling by retelling events with which they are familiar. This is where you can help your child focus on weeding out minor details by centering their attention on what’s important. Use some of the following prompts or come up with your own.
   • Tell me about the last time your family went out to dinner.
   • Tell me about what you did at school today/this week.
   • Tell me about a time you went to a birthday party.
   • Tell me about when you lost a tooth.

Thank you for your continued support at home. And please, have fun with Reading at home.

Colleen Brown
Literacy Coach

Buzz On In Pizza Pack
Don’t forget about our special order Buzz On In Pizza Pack which will be available on Thursday 18 June. This is a fundraising venture for the Year 6 students to raise money for the Yearbook. Order forms (bright yellow) are due back to school by 12 June. If you misplace the order form a new one can be collected from the tuckshop.

Call to parents for Thursday 18 June! We are after some parents to help out in the tuckshop on this fundraising day. Please let the ladies know if you are available. Your time will be greatly appreciated.

Parents vs Teachers Netball
Want to put your Netball skills to the test? Nominate to play in the Parents team to vs the Teachers on Thursday 18 June. Contact Mrs Kemp, to secure a position to take on Mr Brand and his talented squad.

Sporting Success...Regional Reps Shine
Our Brassall Stingers have already achieved such amazing results in their sporting fields. From Swimming to Cross Country, to Rugby to Hockey, Brassall has been present and proud at the various Ipswich District School Sporting teams. A shout out to the following students for your talents, commitment and dedication which has paid off and helped you be selected for your chosen sports in the Ipswich District Sport teams; Caleb D, Regan B (Hockey), Sharni K, Ethan S (Cross Country), Bailey W (AFL), Tahlia M (Touch Football), Jenna M (Running).
**Interschool Sport**

Please find the most recent match information below:

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**P and C News**

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE – RECALL NOTICE**

Thank you everyone for your support of the recent Mothers’ Day Stall - I hope all the Mums and Grandmothers enjoyed their gifts.

One of our suppliers has sent us a recall notice for the Wax Melt burners (pictured) – if you received one of these as a gift, can you please return it to the school with your child’s name and class noted, so we can refund you for the item.

We apologise for the inconvenience, but better to play it safe.

Jo Baker
Fundraising Coordinator

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**School Dental Service Reopening**

The School Dental Service will be reopening the Brassall School Dental Clinic in the near future. Intent to Attend forms have been issued to students in Year 6 (including siblings) first for completion and return to the school by Friday 12 June 2015. Other year levels will be issued at a later date.

We welcome children who have received a child dental benefit schedule letter. (CDBS)

Under CDBS each eligible child aged 2-17 years are able to access $1,000 of dental treatment over 2 years.

All dental treatment will be bulk billed for your convenience.

If eligible, please bring your Medicare card and CDBS letter to the initial appointment.

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**Community Billboard**

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**From the Dental Service**
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