Thought for the Week:
“...we must set it and live it.”
Jim Rohn

2014 School Leaders of Brassall SS!
Friday, 7 February saw Brassall’s ‘School Leaders Ceremony’ take place to recognise the achievements of these 24 students and to formally present them with their ‘badges’ for 2014. We had the honour of 2009 School Captains of Brassall State School, Taylor Norford and Joshua Doyle; Captain of the Brisbane Lions Jed Adcock and Ipswich City Counsellor Cheryl Bromage assist in the presentation and congratulate our students on their success. It is my great pleasure to announce our School Leaders of Brassall State School for 2014.

School Leaders

Brodie Kemp (School Captain)
Hayden Westphal (School Captain)
Ebeny Pickwell (School Vice-Captain)
Darcy Fitzgerald (School Vice-Captain)
Kyla Verrill (Assistant School Leader)
Alfred Makaafi (Assistant School Leader)

Indigenous Leaders
Cheyenne Thompson (Indigenous Captain)
Dylan Lyons (Indigenous Captain)
Lewanna Munro (Assistant Indigenous Leader)

Cultural Leaders
Casey Kemp (Cultural Captain)
Dakota Moore (Cultural Captain)
Casey Baker (Assistant Cultural Leader)

Cook House
Hope Hutchins (Captain)
Kaitlin Seibel (Captain)
Brianna Doyle (Assistant Leader)

Flinders House
Madison Wells (Captain)
Josh Burrows (Captain)
James Leigh (Assistant Leader)

Oxley House
Janey Niemeyer (Captain)
Jasmine Law (Captain)
Louis Baker (Assistant Leader)

Leichhardt House
Kody Lake (Captain)
Pyper-Jaye Hoffmann (Captain)
Lily McGeary (Assistant Leader)

All of our Leaders recognise that their respective positions are very responsible ones, and they pledge to carry out their duties to the highest standards of our school Brassall B’s:
• Be a Learner
• Be Respectful
• Be Responsible
• Be Safe

On behalf of our entire school community we congratulate you all on this very special achievement and we wish you a very successful school year ahead. We know you will make both your families and school community very proud!

New Staff Welcome
As we move towards our full complement of staffing for 2014, I would like to welcome two new staff members to our Brassall State School Community.
• Mrs Jacqueline Manthey who commences in the new YJ class forming tomorrow.
• Mrs Sherrie Sullivan who replaces Miss Cincia Estrada in 1P. Miss Estrada has taken on a full-time role across Prep to Year 5.

This week has also been a very busy one in terms of moving classes and relocating students due to our significant increase in enrolments. A big thank you to the teachers and students of 4J, 4RT, 1W, 1J, 2T and Prep B for their efforts in making this transition a very smooth one.

Sporting Stars Shine at Brassall
Congratulations to Caleb Doyle whose recent efforts have seen him selected for the Ipswich District Cricket Team (Under 12yrs). This is a fantastic effort we should all be very proud of as a school community!

School Road Safety Reminder
Our school can be a very busy place at drop off and pick up times and it is important that students are reminded of some basic road safety rules. Here are some basic tips for parents to share with your child to ensure they have a safe trip to and from school each day:
• Children under the age of 10 should always be accompanied by an adult.
• When crossing a road, always STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and THINK and keep looking while you cross.
• Where possible, young children should hold a grown-up’s hand when crossing the road.
• Always cross the road at a marked pedestrian crossing with designated Crossing Supervisors in the morning and afternoon.
• When children are old enough to walk or ride to school on their own, it’s important to show the child the safest route.
• Make sure your child gets in and out of the car on the footpath side, away from traffic.
• If travelling by bus, always wait until the bus has stopped before getting off and wait for the bus to move away before finding a safe place to cross.
• Ensure your child is aware that they should never play on or around roads and encourage them to play in parks, backyards or other safe places instead.

As parents and carers, the best way you can teach your child road safety is to set a good example yourself.

Greg Brand, Principal

Our Vision: An Excellent School Where Students Achieve Their Potential
School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)
The SWPBS Program that is running at Brassall State School is a full community program. The Brassall State School Campus is our Buzz Zone. What this literally means is that everyone who walks in our gates - children, staff, parents and carers and other community members - are asked to display our 4 Brassall B Expectations - Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe, Be a Learner.

For the children this means that lessons are explicitly taught each week so they can learn our expectations. I will share with you the lessons the children have already been taught and will keep you informed each fortnight. This way you, as Parents and Carers, will be able to talk with your children about their lessons.

**Week 1:** Be Respectful - Use polite and Friendly words. Be Responsible & Safe - Expectations at the Office and Buzz
**On In Café**

**Week 2:** Be Respectful - Help keep the school clean & tidy. Put your rubbish in the bins at eating time.
**Week 3:** Be Respectful - Knock to enter a room, wait to be invited in, use your manners. Wait at the end of eating time to be dismissed

**Week 4:** Be Respectful - Look after belongings and school property. Use the toilets Respectfully, Responsibly & Safely

**Week 5:** Be Respectful - Listen & Follow adult directions the first time. Be Responsible with lining up and transitioning around the school.

**Week 6:** Be Responsible - Be in the right place, with the right equipment at the right time. Be Responsible - stop playing at the first bell.

As Parents and Caregivers, when waiting for your children in the afternoon in the Designated Parent Waiting Areas, we ask you to remember that the children are still Being Learners and therefore need as little distraction as possible. Designated Parent Waiting Areas are carefully placed so they are not too near classrooms so as to give the children the best opportunity to learn in the short time they are at school.

Religious Instruction
Religious Instruction classes begin on the week of 3 March in all year levels from 1 to 7. The Religious Instruction at Brassall State School is delivered cooperatively and is Christian based. If you do not wish your child to attend RI, please notify your child's teacher by letter.

Rayne Penny, Deputy Principal

Brassall State School welcomes ‘New’ Chaplain
A warm welcome, to Mr Jonathan Lilley, who will commence with us in the next few weeks. Mr Lilley will be working on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. He will be working across the school (P-7) in a variety of ways. Be sure to say ‘Hello’ when you see him.

Interschool Sport
This Season for Interschool Sport, we will be offering Soccer, Netball and Rugby League. Children have been asked to nominate for these sports already, and trials are taking place. If your child is accepted onto a team, you will receive notification home in the form of Medical Form.

**Code of Conduct and Invoice. Please complete the relevant forms and return them to school with payment by 5 March 2014.**

Due to work being done to the Netball Courts, there is a shortened season for Netball. There is also a possibility that in Term 2, one Friday of Netball could be compromised due to Netball State Championships.

**Interschool Sporting Dates:**
Soccer, Rugby League: 14, 21, 28 March; 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 May; 6, 13, 20 June.
Netball: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 May; 6, 13, 20 June.

Interschool Sporting Costs are still being calculated due to the difference in duration of the seasons.

**Conditions of Participation:**
As stated in the Brassall State School Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students, your child’s participation in Interschool Sport is dependent on their efforts at following the Brassall B’s. Children who have repeated minor or major incidents may not be permitted to attend. Children working on an Individual Behaviour Support Plan may not be permitted to attend (eg: those returning from suspension or requiring regular monitoring). Children who do make a team may be withdrawn from that team by a member of Admin or a team coach, if their behaviour does not reflect the Brassall B’s.

YMCA Breakfast Club
Breakfast Club operates in the area under A Block every Wednesday and Friday from 8:00am. Come along for some toast and cereal! All welcome! A big thanks to those who support Breakfast Club, the YMCA and Volunteers.

Sarah Comino, Deputy Principal

Working Together in Partnership Community Meeting
A reminder to all parents, caregivers and other members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community, that our first yearning space to build relationships and to start developing a formal School Community Partnership Agreement, will be held on Thursday 6 March at 1pm.

RSVP’s to the invitation given to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are due by Tuesday 4 March to assist with catering. If you did not receive a written invitation to this event, please drop into the School Office or see Lisa Graham, our Indigenous Support Officer. Looking forward to seeing you all.

Colleen Tustain, Literacy Coach

Running Club
In preparation for our School and District Cross Country carnival we are offering a school running club. Running Club will be available to students aged 9-13 years and will be run by Miss Woods on a Monday lunchtime. Students must have a hat and water bottle. Running Club has commenced and will continue through to Term 2. Students are to meet Miss Woods at the front of the Sports Hall.

District Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to Alexxah Johnson, Connor Walker, Brodie Kemp, Ebony Pickwell, Kiya Verrill, Lily McGeeary and Kaitlin Siebel for their efforts in the Ipswich District Swimming Carnival held at Bundamba Pool last Thursday. Each student swam very well and represented our school with pride.

Amart
If you shop at Amart All-Sports, please mention our school name when you buy a product. This gives us free credits to buy sports equipment for our school.

Ashleigh Woods, PE Teacher

ADF Lunchtime activities at the Library
There are various activities for ADF Children and their friends at second break in the library. Craft Club operates every Wednesday. Colouring in, games and puzzles are offered on all other days. Computer Lab time is offered up to 3 times per week per student. Please see Mrs Downes regarding sign on for computers.

Mrs Dawes & Mrs Downes

Brassall SS P & C Fundraiser
FREE DRESS DAY
Monday 17th March
Come in GREEN to celebrate St Patrick's Day and help us to get started with preparations for our Brassall State School Fete on 16 August.
Instead of our usual gold coin donation, we are asking you to bring IN a can of softdrink which we can start stockpiling for the Fete.
How many cans can Brassall collect?