

# Brassall Newsletter

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## Rule of the Term:

Be a Learner

## Thought for the Week:

"What we demand from our children, we must demand of ourselves. There must be a standard by which we live - and, as parents, we must set it and live it."

Jim Rohn

## Term 1 Planner

24 Feb	Year 1 Ocean Life presentation
28 Feb	Student of the Month Assembly
14 Mar	Winter Sport commences
18, 19 Mar	CSIRO - Biological World Year 5
21 Mar	CSIRO Prep - Early Learners
25 Mar	Science Factory Presentation - Yrs 2, 3 & 3/4/5W
28 Mar	Cross Country
28 Mar	Student of the Month Assembly
1, 2 Apr	School Photos
TBA	Easter Pageant
4 Apr	Term 1 ends

## Term 2 Planner

22 Apr	Term 2 commences
22, 23 Apr	Proposed Parent/Teacher Interviews
23 Apr - 8 May	Brassall's Got Talent Heats
24 Apr	ANZAC Ceremony - 9am
25 Apr	ANZAC DAY - Public Holiday
28 Apr	Ipswich District Cross Country
1 May	Living History Aust Presentation - Yrs 4, 5, 6 & 5/6/7Y
2 May	Living History Aust Presentation - Yr 7 - The Ancient World
2 May	Student of the Month Assembly
6 - 9 May	Mothers' Day Stall
13 - 15 May	NAPLAN Testing
16 May	Ipswich Show Holiday
22, 23 May	CSIRO - Materials Rounds Us - Yr 1
22 May	Brassall's Got Talent Finals
27, 28 May	Ipswich Beginner Instrumental Camp
30 May	Student of the Month Assembly
4 Jun	CSIRO - Apprentice Scientist Year 3
9 Jun	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
19 Jun	Athletics
26 Jun	Performing Arts Tour
27 Jun	Student of the Month Assembly
27 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**

28 Feb	RESOURCE CONTRIBUTION - CLOSING DATE FOR EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNT
14 Mar	Prep CSIRO
14 Mar	Year 5 CSIRO
20 Mar	Year 2 & 3 Science Factory

## Finance Hours

**8 am to 10am Daily**

## From the Buzz-on-in Cafe

Come celebrate *Fabulous February* at the Buzz-on-in-Café with our famous Fisherman's Catch..... a crumbed piece of fish with a serve of crunchy wedges and a sparkling juice.....only \$6.00

Watch out for *Mexican March Madness!*

# Across the Principal's Desk ...



## 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)  
Ebony Pickwell (School Vice-Captain)  
Darcy Fitzgerald (School Vice-Captain)  
Kiya 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 Jacquelyn Manthey who commences in the new 1J 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 and listening while you cross.
- Where possible, young children should always 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



## From the Deputies' Desks

### 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 Jonathon 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

## School News

### 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 yarning 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 McGeary 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

## From the P and C



## Brassall SS P & C Fundraiser

### FREE DRESS DAY

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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?