

Brassall Newsletter

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Rule of the Term:

Be a Learner

Thought for the Week:

Knowledge in youth is wisdom in age!

Term 1 Planner

21 Mar	CSIRO Prep - Early Learners
25 Mar	Science Factory Presentation - Yrs 2, 3 & 3/4/5W
28 Mar	P - 7 Cross Country
31 Mar	Student of the Month Assembly
1, 2 Apr	School Photos
4 Apr	Easter Bonnet Parade
4 Apr	Term 1 ends

Term 2 Planner

22 Apr	Term 2 commences
22, 23 Apr	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
6 May	Yr 5 Planetarium Excursion
6 - 9 May	Mothers' Day Stall
9 May	Living History Aust Presentation - Yr 7 - The Ancient World
12 May	Living History Aust Presentation - Yrs 4, 5, 6 & 5/6/7Y
13 - 15 May	NAPLAN Testing
16 May	Ipswich Show Holiday
22, 23 May	CSIRO - Materials Arouds 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

7 May	Yr 4 & 5 Living History Aust
1 Aug	Yr 6 & 7 Camp - Maroon

Finance Hours

8 am to 10am Daily

Resources4Courses

SUPPORTING IPSWICH SCHOOLS
17 March to 12 April 2014

Resources4Courses allows you to help your school. Simply spend \$20 or more at any Ipswich Central retail outlet (Ipswich City Square and City Centre, Riverlink, Top of Town and Downtown) and you can help raise much needed resources.

For every \$20 you spend you will receive 1 Token (eg. \$100 = 5 tokens). Dockets can be accumulated to total \$20. Shop at our major sponsors and bonus partners to receive double points or even triple points!

Redeem your receipts at the Customer Service booths located near Best & Less Riverlink or outside Woolworths Ipswich City Square in the Mall.

STOP PRESS!!!!

PREP PHOTOS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE QT NEXT WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH

Across the Principal's Desk ...



School Enrolment Management Plan

As you may already be aware, our school has enjoyed significant growth in recent times. Since 2012 we have increased from 737 students to currently 865 students attending our great school. At the conclusion of this year, whilst we will lose our Year 6 and Year 7 students to High School, we still believe we will maintain an enrolment figure of approximately 800 students in 2015.

Education Queensland ensures that Prep to Year 12 students are guaranteed enrolment at their nearest school and supports the efficient management of local area facilities based on service delivery standards. Brassall State School became an 'Enrolment Managed School' at the commencement of 2014.

Schools only develop a School Enrolment Management Plan when:

- The site capacity of a school is under pressure now, or has this potential in the future, from out of catchment enrolments.
- A school's development of a distinctive approach to meeting school and community needs has the potential to impact on enrolments.
- A new school is opened. A school enrolment management plan is drafted prior to commencement of operations of the school since new schools can potentially attract large numbers of students who live outside the local catchment area.

The local catchment area is defined by the equidistant boundary based on trafficable routes between one school and its neighbouring school/s. Minor adjustments are negotiated at the school level to meet local road access and entry points.

Our capacity to enrol students who live outside the local catchment is dependent upon:

- Our school's enrolment capacity.
- Catering for in-catchment enrolments
- Allowing for in-catchment growth during the year
- Ensuring an even spread of students across all year levels while maintaining class size targets.

Whilst our school now has an Enrolment Management Plan in place to ensure our ability to cope with increasing demand for enrolment, applications from students residing outside of the defined catchment may be accepted subject to vacancies in the required year levels. Please don't hesitate to contact us in relation to enrolment possibilities.

Our catchment area is vast, but I would encourage prospective families to refer to the [Local Catchment Area Map](#) website for an indication of your residency in relation to Brassall's defined catchment:

<http://statistics.oesr.qld.gov.au/schools/catchment/catchmentmaps/>

For further information about enrolling at Brassall, please contact our administration staff who will assist you.

Parent Teacher Interviews - Term 2

A reminder to all Brassall families, that information went home earlier this week about **Parent Teacher Interviews**, taking place in the first week of Term 2 (22 and 23 April). It's vital that you return your preferences to your child's teacher by Friday, 28 March to secure your booking.

We see this opportunity to share with you your child's progress as an important strengthening of the partnership between home and school. Make the time. It's important because at Brassall, our students are striving to be the best that they can be every day!

Cheering from the Grandstand at Brassall

Very soon our new and improved GRANDSTAND will be accessible to all Brassall students and their families. It's been very rewarding to see this project come to fruition and I'm sure for those of you who have seen from Hunter Street the work progress since the beginning the year, you would also be pleased with the final result. At next week's Prep to Year 7 Cross Country we look forward to 'cutting the ribbon' and letting our students finally cheer their teammates on from Brassall's own GRANDSTAND!

A 'Top of the Morning to You' Brassall!

A massive thank you to our parents and students for your very generous support of Monday's St Patrick Day P&C Fete Fundraiser! Over 850 cans and drinks were collected on the day - a fantastic response! Don't forget to clear your diary on Saturday, 16 August for Brassall's P&C Fete - it's going to be great!

Class Captains - Semester 1 2014

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with their Class Captain badges on assembly on Monday. We know you will do a fantastic job!

Year 1	1G - Sophie Goodwin 1J - Miley Lake 1OM - Phoenix Hyde 1P - Skye Konza 1V - Joey Baker 1W - Nelson Makaafi
Year 2	2B - Lilly King 2C - David Blanco 2E - Kaileb Tatchell 2G - Isabelle Raddie 2T - Jedt Anderson
Year 3	3H - Grace Ninness 3M - Alexa Dale 3T - Tobey Oglvie 3ZT - Ella Fewster
Year 4	4J - Jenna Morgan 4L - Lilian Goodwin 4P - Bryonee Thompson 4RT - Alex Moore
Year 5	5H - India Van Geysel 5O - Khan Towler 5S - Will Kravchenko 5/6T - Jordan Lake
Year 6	6B - Emma Profke 6S - Alexxah Johnson 6W - Lily McGeary
Year 7	7B - Jasmine Law 7G - Kody Lake 7M - Hope Hutchins
SEP	3/4/5W - Tommy Lee Jones 5/6/7Y - Samantha Beeston-Walsh

Updating Your Details

It is important to keep us informed of any change to your personal details. Changes to information such as telephone numbers, emergency contacts, postal address, Court Orders, Family Plans and/or Parent Agreements are all vital pieces of information to ensure the safety and wellbeing of your child (our student). Either contact us at the school on 3813 4333 or visit the office (8am to 3:45pm) to update any information if necessary.

Greg Brand, Principal

From the Deputies' Desks

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)

Pollen points and Buzz postcards are the "Buzz" at Brassall at the moment. A large number of children are completing their 5, 10, 15 and in one case, 20 Buzz cards and are having positive postcards posted home so parents can celebrate with the children. If your child has reached the 10 cards upwards, they will also receive a voucher to keep for a sausage sizzle, ice cream and an afternoon of music and games in the Hall. Please keep these vouchers for the Sausage Sizzle, we have a list of children who have received one.

The Sausage Sizzle will take place before the end of the term.

Please continue to talk with your children about the 4 Brassall Bs - Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe, Be A Learner - and what they mean.

SWPBS Matrix Lessons for the next 2 weeks:

Focus for Week 9:

- **Be Responsible** - Report damages, unsafe equipment or situations to an adult.
- **Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Safe at Sport and on Excursions**

Focus for Week 10:

- **Be Responsible** - Use equipment for its intended purposes
- **Be Responsible** - In the playground and look after and return borrowed equipment.

Rayne Penny, Deputy Principal

Bayley Robinson - BRAVE SHAVE

Bayley Robinson (5S) made us very proud this week, after making the decision to SHAVE FOR A CURE! Bayley took the plunge in front of an audience of Year 5 students, 5/6T and 5/6/7L. We're all impressed by Bayley's initiative to support such an important cause. Well done Bayley!



Cross Country

Our first Brassall State School Prep to 7 Cross Country is taking place on Friday 28th March!

The Performing Arts Support Group (PASG) will be running a Sausage Sizzle throughout the day, and the Buzz on in Café will be open for business.

The timetable below gives a rough idea of the timing of the day. Please note that these are approximate times only. Arrive with plenty of time to find a car-park and see your child participate.

Please note that changes have been made to the timetable to allow Interschool Sport participants (Years 5-7) to attend their games. Looking forward to a fantastic day!

Friday 28th March 2014

Time	Prep	Years 1-3	Age 9 Yrs	Age 10 Yrs	Age 11 Yrs	Age 12 Yrs	Age 13 Yrs
8:40							
9:00	Start Race	Classes				Start Race	Start Race
9:15					Start Race		
9:30	Classes			Start Race			
9:45			Start Race				
10:40 – 11:10	Break for lunch						
11:15		Start Race	War Cries Competition				
11:30	Classes	Start Race					
11:45		Start Race			INTERSCHOOL SPORT		
12:30	Carnival Completed (Clean up)						
12:40 – 1:25	Break for Lunch						
1:25	Assembly – Student of the Month						

Sarah Comino, Deputy Principal

From the Uniform Shop

New stocks of Polo Shirts have arrived.

School Sport

Fixtures – Friday 21 March

Rugby League - Brothers #2
Jnr v St Mary's at 12:45pm
Snr v St Mary's at 1:30pm

Soccer

Girls v Raceview @ Walloon SS #2
Boys v Fernvale A @ Walloon SS #1

Fixtures – Friday 28 March

Rugby League - Brothers #1
Jnr v Raceview at 12:45pm
Snr v Raceview at 1:30pm

Soccer

Girls v Bundamba @ Ebbw Vale #1
Boys v Fernvale B @ Sutton Park #2

Community Billboard

Brassall PCYC OSHC Vacation Care Program

Our Vacation Care program is now out for the upcoming school holidays. There are many fun and exciting activities planned over the two weeks at Easter. These include a Gaming Van, Jumping Castle, Karaoke machine and excursions to Geckos Play Centre, Skateaway and Ten Pin Bowling. Visit our room in the hall to pick up a program or www.ipswichpcyc.org.au/sac/school-aged-care.

IPSWICH - United Parents

Have you heard the buzz about Ipswich UP?

Join us in getting out of the house with your 0-5 year olds and creating the community we want for our children!

UP serves to connect Ipswich parents together through activity groups, social networking, and links to community services. Some of our most popular sessions include farm visits, baby music sessions, messy play days, facilitated playgroups, and 'Upschool' - our very own themed 'out and about' group for 2-5 year olds.

FOLLOW 'Ipswich UP' on facebook, or request our weekly email update. Contact Alana on 0428387838; admin@ipswichUP.com

www.ipswichUP.com

An information evening for parents of primary students



Getting Ready for Secondary School

All parents of primary school aged students in the Ipswich area are invited to an information evening designed to support parents whose children are moving into HIGH SCHOOL in 2015 and beyond.

Hear Scott Shorten (Regional Advisor for Junior Secondary) speak about Education Queensland's priorities for Junior Secondary, and about adolescent brain development. Listen to experienced educators from the local area speak about the integration of Year 7 into High School. Have a change to speak to education professionals about your questions and concerns.

What do you need to know?

Come along to find the answers and help your family get ready for secondary school.

Date: Thursday 3 April 2014

Time: 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Venue: The Function Centre

North Ipswich Reserve

The Terrace, North Ipswich

For more information, or to RSVP, please call 3813 4488 or email kbrow337@eq.edu.au.

RSVP's are not essential, but all registered guests will be in the draw to win an iPad mini which will be given away on the night.

A flying start for Queensland children