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:


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 parents, that information on 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. Can you 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!

Pay attention to the rules and regulations mentioned in the document, and be sure to get your Parent Teacher Interviews booked for Term 2. Also, keep an eye on the Brassall State School’s upcoming events and activities to participate in and support your child’s education.
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!

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Sarah Comino, Deputy Principal