Dear parents and friends

Recently I attended the Speech Awards Night, Art Expo and Dance Night at our main feeder high schools, Bracken Ridge State High School and Sandgate District State High School. As it’s my 5th year at Nashville I know our past students up to year 11 at both the schools now. It was a great experience seeing so many of our former students excelling in the high school setting – in the arts, sport, music, trade and other skill certificates and top academic awards. Nashville siblings were awarded leadership positions as well. Our State Education system provides many opportunities and learning pathways from P-12.

Reflection of our Year

This year was the second year of the Investing for Success funding. We received $108,000 this year. This has been spent on purchasing additional teacher aide time to

- support reading groups in our school with additional teacher aide time.
- run our playgroup
- implement the great results starts in prep program (intense term 1 fine and gross motor program).

We have sent our teachers to quality professional development opportunities to engage with a researcher from Ontario Lyn Sharratt. We have employed a consultant, Mr John Fleming Deputy Principal from Haileybury College – a very high performing private school, as a coach for our teachers in the explicit model of teaching.

We have employed our speech therapist above the allocation for a school of our size for an additional day per fortnight and we have funded release time for teachers for coaching.

A reading comprehension webinar targeting high order thinking skills such as inferencing and synthesising was developed for Year 4 students.

Teachers were funded to be released from class to focus on class data sets (A-E report card data, NAPLAN, diagnostic assessment and reading level data) to inform their teaching and identify trends and anomalies to focus on to support our learners.

This year our Master Teacher, Mrs Anita Dodd has completed an action research project on writing in our school. Writing is an area identified in our NAPLAN data as needing further development. The Year 2 students have been part of the project participating in additional writing workshops. The focus has been improving their narrative writing structure, improving sentence structure from simple to complex sentences and expanding vocabulary to engage the reader with interesting ideas and sizzling sentence starts.

We continued to fund the playgroup every Tuesday and this has continued to be a strong link to the younger members of our community. Strong connections with our pre-prep providers continue to make gains with an information session here at Nashville State School about prep curriculum and expectations, as well as visits to our prep rooms by centre and kindy staff and visits from our staff to the centres and kindy’s.
In addition to the I4S funding we have also made great gains this year in the area of digital technology, led by Mrs Pawsey. Students from P-6 have all engaged in coding (programming) and robotics. This work aligns with the digital technology component of the Australian Curriculum, which will be expected to be taught in schools in 2017. Please to say that at Nashville we conquered this challenge by trialling the units of work in 2016. Upskilling the teachers and the students to be ready for this area of the curriculum has been a big job – thanks Mrs Pawsey. The children have also been exposed to programs on the computer such as Scratch, Apps on the iPads and hand on equipment such as Bee Bots, Raspberry Pi’s and Ev4’s. We look forward to expanding our resources and knowledge base even more next year. The P&C assisted with the replacement of the lab computers last year and this has been very helpful having the new computers this year. We look forward to being able to introduce more mobile devices in the future with the support of the wireless upgrade project that occurred this year.

Continuing with community engagement plans each year, we have invited parents and family members into school for many events including Under 8’s, Leadership Badge presentation, Mother’s Day morning tea, parent information evenings, parent/teacher interviews, sports days and events and helping in class or with class activities such as excursions, the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program and swimming. We had our first, and very successful, NAIDOC Day in a long time. We have used our newsletter and app to keep the community informed and classes perform on parade as well. We celebrated success with many awards on parade. Soon our end of year awards ceremony will be here with many more academic, sport, cultural and encouragement awards presented to our students.

Facilities Update

As announced on parade recently we will be getting 2 new ceiling fans installed. In the future if one isn’t working, we will have a back up. Next year we will install some wall mounted fans in the corners as well. The installation of 5 additional ramps has commenced this week to ensure our school is more accessible. There is some noise involved today.

Parking

Another reminder from the tenants of the shopping complex across the road – parking is for customers only. Please arrange to pick your children up from a different spot.

End of Year Concert

This year there is one concert on Thursday 8 December at 9am. Parents welcome to attend. The program will be in our next newsletter.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

We did it again – 100% participation! Students receive their certificates this week.

End of Year Dates and Times

Please be aware of all of our end of year function dates in the dates to remember column of this edition.

Ready for end of year

In three short weeks your children will be heading off on their summer vacation. Please continue to support your child to be ready for learning everyday with all their supplies, lunch box, hat and water bottle. We have many children at second break complaining that they are hungry and have eaten all their food. Perhaps an extra item in the lunch box is required at this time of the school year.

Have a great week,

Tracey
Many thanks to all of you who have supported the school in some way this year. I hope you enjoyed the volunteer’s afternoon tea on Friday and the gifts our teaching staff prepared – with our sincere appreciation!

**Reporting in Term 4**

Just a reminder to ensure that we have your most up to date email information as Semester Two reports will be emailed to you on Wednesday of Week 10. Please make sure your email address information is correct with office staff.

**Homework and Home Reading Program**

Homework and Home Reading are coming to a close for this year. Thank you for all your efforts to support your child be organised and maintain their commitments to learning with your help at home throughout the year.

Just a reminder to book in those annual visits to the optometrist for the holidays to keep a health check on your child’s vision. It is free with your medicare card to get eyes checked each year!

**Little Things**

As we head towards the holidays, you might like to consider making some plans to some of the great opportunities to engage in some child focussed activities that are happening in local libraries, state library and the Queensland Art Gallery. Here are some activities that are happening at local libraries and GOMA that may interest you. Great places to encourage some reading and creativity over the holidays!

**Allison**

**Saturday, 26 November | 10 – 11:30am** | 2Bmero Library

**Maker space on Saturdays**

Drop into the library on Saturdays to get creative with free art and craft activities. Ideal for children aged 4-11 years and their carers.

**Tuesday, 13 December | 1:30 – 3pm** | Bracken Ridge Library

**Writing workshop: A day in the life of a superstar**

Embrace your everyday life to take on the persona of a world famous superstar. Create a new star name for yourself and record the day's amazing events. Illustrate yourself as your superstar and decorate with words, designs and stickers. This session is created and run by award-winning author, Alannah Bertron. Ideal for children aged 7-12 years. Bookings essential.

Presented as part of Brisbane City Council's Summer Reading Program.

**Wednesday, 14 December | 10 – 11am** | Bracken Ridge Library

**Bounce out of this world with Street Science (workshop)**

Join the Street Science Team for some seriously fun science this summer! Did you know polymers are used to make a number of different products? The scientists doing this workshop to make different bouncy balls, including ones that glow in the dark. Ideal for children aged 6-12 years. Bookings essential.

Presented as part of Brisbane City Council's Summer Reading Program.

**Wednesday, 14 December | 10am – 12pm** | Bracken Ridge Library

**Maker space**

Drop into the library to get creative with free art and craft activities. New projects will be available each week. Ideal for children aged 2-6 years and their carers.
**P & C News …**

**Next P&C Meeting**

The next P&C meeting will be held on **Monday, 20 February 2017** from 7:00pm in the Teacher’s Staff Room. Everything are welcome to attend. The March meeting will be the AGM.

**Tuckshop**

A reminder that the **LAST DAY** of Tuckshop for 2016 will be **Thursday, 24 November**.

Thanks to Mandy, Kym and all our lovely volunteers who come into Tuckshop each week to help prepare and serve our children their wonderful lunches.

Through a lot of hard work, our Tuckshop menu is completely “red food” free. Well done all. There will be an updated menu for Term 1, 2017 posted in the next newsletter, so keep an eye out for that.

If you have any questions about the Tuckshop or Smart Choices or you’d like to know more about how you can help, please don’t hesitate to get in touch with our Tuckshop Convenor Mandy 0403 934 490.

**School Hall Kitchen Update**

Earlier this year we were successful in obtaining a Volunteer’s Grant which has enabled us to purchase a new oven (perfect for our events and the Kitchen Garden Program) and a cold-water bubbler.

The new oven was installed today and the bubbler will go in place in the next couple of weeks.

We’d like to give a HUGE shout out to **McFin Electrical** (**www.mcfinelectrical.com**) who kindly installed the oven for us free of charge. Thank you so much to a local business for your support.

We’re also selling the old oven. So, if you, or anyone you know, may be interested in purchasing a 600mm, four plate electric oven for $100, contact us and we’ll give you more detail.

**Movie Night**

Come along on **Friday, 25 November** for the P&C’s movie night. Our last event for this year.

If you could help with donations of cakes and desserts (Nut Free) for those who’d like a sweet treat after dinner, it would really be appreciated. Gluten Free bread will be available as a sausage sizzle option.

Helpers are always welcomed, so if you have a moment spare and you’d like to lend a hand, pop into the School Hall kitchen from 4:30pm. We’d love to see you.

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**ICE AGE**

**Friday November 25, 2016 in the Hall.**

Come and see Ice Age 5 and have dinner! From 5.30pm. Movie from 6.15pm.

Sausage Sizzle = $2.50
Vegetarian: Veggie patty + salad = $6.00
Chicken Skewers with salad:
1 Skewer + salad = $4.00
2 Skewers + salad = $6.00
Donations of cakes and desserts please.

Lucky door prize and Christmas raffle tickets to purchase too.

Let us know if you can help on the night. Call Lyndia 6496 652 917.

For the safety of your child, parents must stay with their children for the duration of the evening.
Christmas Raffle

Have you checked out the list of prizes? They are amazing! Thanks to the generosity of our local community, there are loads of goodies on offer.

Books of tickets have gone home so get behind our great school and reach out to all you know and sell them – at only $2 per ticket it’s a great opportunity to be in the running for those fabulous prizes.

We’ve set a target to reach $10,000 in ticket sales and all proceeds go to towards upgrading those playgrounds.

NB – Please return all sold tickets and monies to the school office by Wednesday, 7 December.
And if you sell your book, the office will have more in stock so you can keep on selling J

Carols by the Bay

Sandgate will be presenting “Carols by the Bay” at the Einbunpin Lagoon on Wednesday, 7 December from 5:00pm to 8:00pm and Nashville SS will be holding a sausage sizzle in conjunction with Brighton SS.

Many of our regular volunteers will be unable to help out on the night, so we are calling for people to man the stall. For any period of time. It would be great to see some new faces. If you can help, or would like further information, please contact Lynda Bundock on 0498 652 917.

High Five for Chappy

Remember those High Five for Chappy tins? Well, next Tuesday, 29 November will be a free dress day for Chaplaincy.

All gold coins collected on the day will be counted and added to the tins and they will be taken for counting and banking.

The amount (and photo of all those 5c pieces) will be announced on parade next Friday, 2 December!

Thank you for your support of our Chappy Leanne – she really does a fantastic job running a variety of programs throughout the school for our children and it’s always a great day when you catch one of her sunny smiles!

Uniform Shop News …

Please be advised that the last day you can purchase from the uniform shop for this year is Monday the 28 November 2016.

Early 2017 Uniform Shop Opening Hours are: Wednesday 18 January 2017 9am—12pm, Thursday 19 January 9am –12pm, Monday 23 January 8.30am—10.30am, Tuesday 24 January 8.30am—10.30am and Wednesday 25 January 8.30am—10.30am.
**Active Travel News ...**

**ACTIVE TRAVEL BREAKFAST 2 DECEMBER PEACE PARK**

Congratulations to all students and families who have managed to travel actively to school this year! To celebrate our success and the continuing Active School Travel Program we invite all families in the school to join us for our annual breakfast. Please meet at Peace Park, opposite Northcote Street on Friday 2 December at 8am. Councillor Jared Cassidy has so kindly donated the sausage sizzle and watermelon for all Nashville families to enjoy. See you all there!

Sue Williams

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**Jabiru Kids Holiday Program at Nashville State School!**

Jabiru Kids has developed a fabulous Holiday Program for the upcoming December/January holidays! The votes have been counted, our Jabiru Kids have spoken – we’re going to The Big Pineapple & Zoo! With additional excursions to see ‘Moana’ at the movies, Design your own track for the Go Kart fun (helmets must be worn) with special guests ‘Ocean Life’ introducing us to some weird sea creatures and ‘Deadly Guests’, letting us get up close with some snakes, lizards & turtles, amazing themed days featuring Wet Wild & Wacky, slip ‘n slide water play and heaps more fun activities, you’ll definitely want to secure your spot so you don’t miss out!

Jabiru Kids Nashville is open from 6.00am to 6pm over the holidays. We even serve fabulous breakfast and late afternoon snack for no additional cost!

The full program is available from Jabiru Nashville or online at [http://www.jabiru.org.au/kids](http://www.jabiru.org.au/kids)

Jabiru vacation care is cheaper than you think, especially for people entitled to Child Care Benefit: call Jabiru for a quote on 3269 0044.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday, The Friendly staff from Jabiru
CONCLUSION TO YEAR 6

With three weeks remaining in the year six student’s primary schooling they are most important. In this time the report cards are being finalised and their preparation for the Year Six Celebration night (on Tuesday December 6th from 6pm until approximately 7:45pm) will become our highest priority.

Other things to occur will include contact by the teachers to the children’s high schools re individual skills and placement, orientation days at the high schools, middle school meetings to make the overall transition as smooth as possible and the Year 6 Celebration. The evening will follow a Speech Night format in which all children will participate. Also, we are planning an off-site reward session on the 7th of December, the final Wednesday of term.

We really appreciate each family that has discussed the remainder of the year with their child and is ensuring that the children maintain their organization, concentration, self-discipline and leadership skills, so they are able to achieve to the best of their ability in the coming weeks. All of the children realize that their full attendance is very important.

We have all enjoyed a very productive year and look forward to finishing on a positive note. Thank you for your input and assistance in your child’s education.

Mr Lauchs

It is hard to believe that we are already in our last few weeks of learning! This term has been very busy with preparation for roles as Year Six Leaders next year. Most students completed their green leadership cards, have been interviewed by Mrs Douglas and are now eagerly awaiting the short listing announcement.

We also thoroughly enjoyed completing our coded Maze Games using Scratch in Digital Technology and felt privileged to experiment with the tiny computers called Raspberry Pies in library lessons with Mrs Pawsey.

Our “Storm Boy” film and novel study, allowed us to develop our analytical writing skills as we compared and contrasted aspects of the novel and film. We also found that some of these same analytical skills were very useful in our science lessons about light and the different stages of matter.

In mathematics, we have continued to build our repertoire of problem solving skills and have enjoyed applying our knowledge in teams on various investigations and challenges.

As the year draws to an end, Year 5 would like to thank all the specialist teachers and teacher aides who have worked in our classroom this year to make our learning both meaningful and fun.

Mrs Hewitt
Library News ...

**Borrowing**

All library books are due book this Friday 25th November. There won’t be any borrowing in the last two weeks of the term.

**Book Fair**

We sold $4896.65 worth of books at this year’s Book Fair. 35% commission gave us $1713 to spend on new books for the school. Thank you to our school community for supporting our school library.

**Readers’ Cup**

Congratulations to all the year 4 students and the year 5, 5/6 and 6 students that participated in this year’s Readers’ Cup. The response to some very tricky questions was pleasing and the detail that the students recalled impressive. Thank you to the teachers that prepared them. The results were very close with Oxley winning the challenge.

**Raspberry Pi**

The smallest computer has come to Nashville. It is called the Raspberry Pi. Our year 5 students in Mrs Hewitt’s class are setting up the computer with a Bluetooth keyboard, HDMI cable, Power plug and cable, SD card, WIFI USB dongle and speaker.

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School News...

**Chaplaincy Fundraiser—Free Dress Day**

On Tuesday 29 November we are raising money for Chaplaincy.

Please support the Free Dress Day on Tuesday 29th November by bringing in a gold coin donation to come to school in free dress.

Support our chaplaincy program and come in free dress next Tuesday.
Community News ...

"Be safe.
Be a Learner.
Be Respectful."

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**Bracken Ridge State School**

**Outdoor Movie Night**

**Movie:** Gold or donations appreciated – all money raised will go towards supporting the Year 6/7 Fulfilling Project.

Come to the Bracken Ridge Open Air Cinema where we will be showing the movie "Elf."

Food will be available from 6:00 pm with food vendors selling hot dogs, drinks and ice-cream. The movie will begin at dusk.

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the end of the year and the festive season and to enjoy a night out with the family. We would love to see as many people there as possible as it will add to the atmosphere. Bring your family and friends. This event is open to all community members.

**When:** Fri 2 December

**Time:** 5:00 pm - Food Vendors arrive

**Where:** Year 2/3 Oval
The area in front of our school hall on Lambkin Street
BYO Chair / Blanket!

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**A Painter's Dream**

[Website: apaintersdream.com] [Email: apaintersdream@outlook.com] [Find us on Facebook]

**School Holidays Art Workshop**

9am – 11:30am Sandbag community hall, 153 Rainbow Street, Sandgate

All Equipment Provided! No experience necessary!

Morning Tea supplied too!

2.5hrs step by step with the artist to create one of those amazing paintings, excellent ideas for Xmas gifts from your child.

**12th December**

[Image of a jellyfish painting]

**19th December**

[Image of a tree painting]

Kids are welcome to attend on their own OR parents can sit and watch their kids create OR you can create something together each :-)

Painting for kids helps them learn to focus and relax; it's a wonderful grounding activity and helps them explore their creativity while learning patience and calmness. Best suited for ages 6 and above but depends on your child's interest in the class we are happy to take younger age groups if they wish to attend.

We have many more classes available, find all our classes on our website and Facebook page!