Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to a new school year and a special welcome to our new families. We have 44 new Preps starting this year and many other new families commencing across a variety of year levels. We had a bit of rain to start with, but this didn’t dampen the spirits of the children who appeared eager to get the school year started. Our students look very smart wearing the new Nashville uniform.

This year we have 284 students in 12 classes and many support staff, as listed below. This is the last year that we will have Year 7 in primary schools in Queensland. The year 6 and 7 students will be known this year as the “Seniors” as it is the last year at primary school for both groups.

Staff List for 2014

PRINCIPAL - Mrs Tracey Douglas
HEAD OF CURRICULUM - Mrs Elise Maguire/ Mrs Jeanette Pawsey (Acting)

TEACHING STAFF
Prep B - Mrs Sue McKenzie
Prep Y - Ms Abigail Hurdley
Year 1Y - Mrs Theresa Lyndon
Year 1B - Mrs Maura Stiler
Year 2B - Mrs RoseMary Robertson (Mon-Thur) and Mrs Sue Williams (Fridays)
Year 2Y - Mrs Jacqui Lewis
Year 3 - Mr Paul Kratzman
Year 3/4 - Mrs Miren Hewitt
Year 4 - Mrs Sharon Butler
Year 4/5 - Mrs Elise Maguire (Mon-Thursday) and Mrs Jayde Scott (Fridays first month) and Mrs Padgett (Fridays) from Week 5
Seniors (6&7) - Mrs Simone Keates and Mr Phil Lauchs

Head of Curriculum

Mrs Padgett, our Head of Curriculum, is currently Acting Principal at Zillmere State School for one month. Mrs Elise Maguire will be replacing Mrs Padgett on Fridays and Mrs Pawsey on Tuesdays in the HOC role during this time.
SPECIALIST TEACHERS
TEACHER LIBRARIAN - Mrs Jeanette Pawsey
PHYSICAL EDUCATION - Mrs Sue Williams
L.O.T.E. (Japanese) - TBA
CLASSROOM MUSIC - Mrs Annette Grant
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC - Mr Malcolm James
ST:LaN - Mrs Anna Harding (Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy)
SWD Teacher - Mrs Alison Christian (Student’s with a Disability)
GUIDANCE - Mrs Janet Johnson
Speech Language Pathologist - Mrs Annette Gallagher

ANCILLARY STAFF
AO2 - Mrs Jennifer Merison
- Mrs Janine Brush (temp)
TEACHER AIDES - Mrs Marg Lauchs
- Mrs Julie Shepherd
- Mrs Fay McKergow
- Mrs Andrea Harvey
- Mrs Louise Forrest
- Mrs Rita Olsen
- Mrs Natalie Barrett
- Mrs Kellie Gardner
JANITOR/GROUNDSMAN - Mr Allan Bartulis
CLEANERS - Mr Noel King
- Mrs Ann Hughes
CHAPLAIN - Ms Leanne Thompson

Student Leaders 2014
Our new leaders were announced at the end of last year. Student Counsellors and Eco Councilors for Years 3 – 7 will be selected by their class in the next couple of weeks. Our Leadership badge presentation parade will be Friday, 14 February at 2pm.

Parent Evening and Whole School 2014 Program Launch
On Tuesday 11th February, Nashville State School will be launching its 2014 School Programs including our Writing Program, Leadership Program, Active School Travel, School-wide Expectations and Mascot. This will coincide with the parent information evening.

We are encouraging all families to come along to find out about these initiatives as well as how you can assist your child/children with these programs. Parents who attend will receive for their child/ren a chance to go into a draw to win a book pack, to be drawn at the school assembly on Friday 14th February. A letter will be forwarded to you shortly with more details.

Times will be as follows:
5.00pm - 5.30pm
Parent and teacher sausage sizzle

5.30pm – 6.10pm
Session for the 2014 School Program Launch

6.10pm - 7.10pm
Parent Information sessions with class teachers (2x30 min sessions)
Session A  6.10pm- 6.40pm
Session B  6.40pm- 7.10pm
Home Reading Program

Our Home Reading program will be commencing on Monday 3 February. You will receive a folder with the yellow and green pages in it with your child’s name on it. Please help your child to read every night and sign their daily session chart for engaging in a reading session of at least 10 minutes. They can be read to by a parent, read with a parent or can read by themselves.

Nuts at School

This year we have a number of students with mild to severe nut allergies. Nuts, products including nuts (eg bars and spreads) are not to be brought to school to ensure the safety of these students.

Pupil Free Day

Throughout the pupil free days all staff participated in professional learning focussing on writing this year. Staff examined procedures designed to be used throughout the entire school to further boost student outcomes and engagement in writing. Reading and spelling will continue to be a focus area for the school this year.

Chappy News

Our Chaplain, Leanne, will be continuing the breakfast program on Friday mornings before school. Friday Fun for Senior students will be commencing second break Friday in the hall.

Playgroup

Our Tuesday playgroup commences next week (Tuesday, 4 February) from 9.15am to 11.15am. All Nashville families with under 5’s are welcome to attend.

Instrumental Music Information

Mr James will be here on Mondays this year. Our beginners this year will be invited to attend Kickstart - 10/11/12 Feb 2014. Each child will attend a one day workshop. The exact day and venue will depend on which instrument they will be learning and notes will be given to the students this week containing all of the information.

START OF SCHOOL REMINDERS

Punctuality and Attendance – Every day counts

There is a direct correlation between attendance and results. A high level of attendance is giving your child the best opportunity possible. Please ensure that your child is at school every day, unless ill. This includes avoiding removing children from school for family holidays. It is impossible for teachers to make up the number of lessons missed during large absences. Children arriving late are missing out on part of the first lesson of the day and disrupt the class upon arrival. Please ensure you are here on time for learning to commence no later than 8.40am.

School Uniform

Please ensure your children are following the school uniform code. This includes a wide brimmed hat, black shoes and shoelaces (no coloured logo’s, or other colours should not be visible) with white socks.

Sun Smart - Hats

This week we have had some students without hats. Our hat order has now arrived and are available from the uniform room. Next week we will be commencing the “no hat, no play” rule. Please ensure your child has their hat every day to fully participate in school activities.
**Fruit Break and Water Bottles**

All children need to have a piece of fruit in their lunchbox for their class mid-morning fruit break. Water bottles are encouraged and are kept close by in the classroom for quick access. This avoids missing out on learning to visit the drink taps and helps keep the water intake regular which is vital on hot days.

**Swimming Program**

All Year 3 and 4 students have been given a separate note regarding the swimming program this term. This commenced this week on Thursday, and will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is imperative that the students have returned their permission slip and money to attend.

**End of Day Procedures**

All families are encouraged to depart the school grounds promptly at the conclusion of the school day. This is to ensure safety and supervision for all students and allows the staff to continue on with their work after hours without interruption. Children on bikes and scooters need to safely walk with their bikes or scooters until outside the school grounds. Your assistance is appreciated with these requests. Please refrain from smoking outside our school gates. As we are a Sun Smart school, please encourage your child to wear their hat walking in and out of the school grounds, and waiting after school.

**P&C Annual General Meeting and February Meeting**

The AGM for the P&C will be on Monday, 17 February at 7pm. This will be followed by the normal monthly meeting. Everyone is welcome and it is always great to see new faces.

**Parking**

We have had some complaints regarding parents parking in the 2 minute drop of and pick up zones. Please make sure you check the signs where you are parking. Douglas Street is very narrow and this has caused some treacherous reversing while children are crossing roads during our busy times. Thanks for your cooperation with this.

**Parent Gardening Group**

A number of parents have expressed interest in joining a group to do some regular gardening at school. If you are interested (parent and grandparents), you are invited to come to the hall for a cuppa at 8.45am on Tuesday, 4 February to talk about how we might get a team up and running to help in our gardens.

Yours in education,

Tracey Douglas
P&C News...

The Nashville State School P&C is an important part of the school community. We run the uniform shop, tuckshop as well as raise funds for the school through a number of events throughout the year.

Each year, the P&C holds an Annual General Meeting (AGM) which includes the election of the new Executive members of the P&C Committee.

The AGM will take place at 7pm on Monday, 17 February 2014 in the Teachers Lounge.

If you have any questions about the P&C, or how to become involved, please contact via email on admin@nashvilless.eq.edu.au

Tuckshop...

Our Tuckshop operates each Monday and Thursday and recommences Monday, 3 February. Orders can be given to the Office or directly to the Tuckshop. Please write your order on a brown paper bag and place the correct change inside. If you would like to help with Tuckshop, please ask for Mandy at the Tuckshop on Tuckshop days. Following is the menu for February.

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All orders will be served to students at First Break.

Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase at second break.
TRANSLINK FARE INCREASES

TransLink public transport fares have increased by 7.5 per cent and off-peak times changed to provide more opportunities to take advantage of the 20 per cent off-peak discount.

Students should ensure they travel with a valid concession card and check its expiry date.

For more information visit www.translink.com.au or phone 13 12 30.

KIDS LOVE DRAMA
PARENTS LOVE THE RESULTS!

Our unique drama system develops confidence and communication skills in children and teenagers. Dynamic and structured, our programme covers speech, movement, creative drama and language development with all students participating in an end-of-year production. Our acclaimed drama programme is implemented by dynamic teachers who work enthusiastically to bring out the very best in your child.

Affordable Fees! No Hidden Costs! Lower Primary (5–8), Upper Primary (9–12) and Youth Theatre (12–18).

Please phone the Principal, Margaret Treuel B.A., Dip. Ed. on 3353 0555.

GIVE YOUR CHILD THE BEST START IN 2014!

Confident Kids is a fun, interactive group program for kids aged 5 – 14 years designed to boost confidence, emotional resilience, social skills and brain power. Kids learn simple strategies to reduce worries, anxiety, self-doubt or negative thinking so they can achieve their full potential. The Confident Kids program provides children with self-esteem tools to keep confidence steady and strong throughout their life!

Program includes parent support and workshop. Facilitated by experienced psychologists who are passionate about helping kids be all they can be. Places are limited so hurry.

Groups held at our Paddington clinic.

Medicare and Private health fund rebates apply.

For more details visit www.confidentkidsandteens.com.au, email info@positivefamilies.com.au for an information pack, or phone us on 3368 1307.
Sign on days for Local Clubs...

Brighton Roosters Junior League club

The Brighton Roosters Junior League club will be holding their annual sign on this weekend - Sunday, 2nd February. The club promotes and supports Juniors (U6 - U18) getting out there and having a go in a team sport environment.

Come along to the club at the corner of Tenth Avenue and Stanley Terrace, Brighton from 10am to 4pm and see what it’s all about.

(NB—new players are required to bring along their original birth certificate or passport when signing up).

Call 3269 1234 for further information.

Redcliffe Leagues Hockey Club

Have you thought about playing hockey? We have a fabulous program, Hooked in2 Hockey, which runs for 4 weeks in February and introduces children from the age of 4 to our great sport. Your sign on will include a FREE Stick, Ball, Shin Pads, Pop up Goal and a signed Jamie Dwyer Jersey - everything you need to join in the fun straight away! Apart from this program, we also have Boys and Girls teams starting from U7’s. We would love to hear from your family.

Contact: Lynne Somerville 0417 758 107 or Anna Mehonoshen: 0401 228 977 for more information.

Bracken Ridge Scouts

The Bracken Ridge Scout group are holding their sign on day on Saturday, 8 February from 8am to 3pm. Scouts are open for all from 6 to 15 years of age and your child will be allocated to a group depending on their age.

Joeys meet on Wednesdays 5:45 to 6:45pm, Cubs meet on Wednesdays 7:00 to 8:30pm and Scouts meet on Thursdays 7:00 to 9:00pm.

The Scout Den at 50 Tomah Street, Bracken Ridge. Contact Marion Gridley, Assistant Joey Leader on 3881 1034 for more information.

Vipers Netball Club Aspley

Sign on day is Saturday 8th February 2014 from 9am - 12pm.

Head to the multi-purpose hall top of Aspley State School, Cnr Maundrell Terrace and Horn Road. VIPERS are registered with the "Get Started" programme.

Email: vipersnetball@hotmail.com Website: www.vipersnetball.com.au