From the Principal...

Dear parents and carers,

Launch and Parent/Teacher Evening

Last Tuesday night we launched a number of programs for this year. It was great to see such a high level of attendance. Thank you to the staff for putting on the BBQ. We introduced our new initiatives and program for 2014.

If you were unable to attend the evening, a summary is as follows:-

- This year we are joining the Brisbane City Council Active School Travel (AST) Program and each Friday, students will earn a stamp in their AST Passport that they will receive in class. This Friday on parade we will be experiencing a performance to help kick off the program this year. We have an AST committee that will meet monthly.
- A lower school and upper school Glee Club will commence next term.
- Nashville’s leadership program is a scope and sequence from Prep through to Senior. All students are able to be leaders and we develop these skills all the way through the school and have created many more roles this year to assist with this process.
- A whole school P-7 writing program to ensure consistent practices and processes across the school is being developed.
- Our Horizon’s program for extension is continuing and we will be offering on-line courses again this year as well as participating in the Days of Excellence program with Aspley State School.
- Our school wide expectations are:- I am Safe, I am Respectful and I am a Learner. These are on display in every classroom and replace the former 6 school rules.
- After a community wide search for a mascot, a final list and a student vote …. Nashie the Bearded Dragon was revealed. Thank you Mrs Underwood for your design work, and all of the people who submitted ideas.
Parent Gardening Group
A number of parents have expressed interest in joining a parent group to look at ways to maintain and develop our garden areas further. If you are interested, please come along and join us at the hall for a meeting on Tuesday, 25 February at 8.40am (before playgroup).

Active School Travel
We are looking for interested parents to join our active travel team. This involves one meeting per month after school on a Thursday. The first meeting is 13th March, please let me know if you are interested in being on this committee, or require further information.

Parent’s and Citizen’s Annual General Meeting and February Meeting
Last night the P&C meeting was well attended. Thank you to those who were able to attend. This year our committee members are:-

President: Carmel Clarke
Vice President: Jessica Chapman
Secretary: Janine Brush
Treasurer: Abby Harvey.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 17 March and we hope to see some new faces.

Nuts at school
I have had a couple of enquiries regarding nuts at school. More than one child at our school could have an anaphylactic attack if a nut (tree nut or peanut) comes in contact with them. Our job is to reduce the risk of this happening as anaphylaxis is a life threatening condition. For safety reasons, please do not pack nuts or nut products in your child’s lunchbox, perhaps save these favourite items for home snacks. We also have a rule in place stating that there is no sharing of food at school. Please ensure you reinforce this message with your child and do not provide them with extra food or tuck shop money for sharing with friends.

The attached link is a recent media story and discussion about this topic.

Student Diaries
This year our upper school (Year 5 and Seniors) has a student diary on their booklist. If you have not already purchased the diary, please do so.

Overdue monies
There are outstanding accounts from last year. Most of this is from the Prep levy. Instrumental music students must pay as soon as possible to continue in the program. Prep and instrumental music students who haven’t paid their levy for this year, please do so as soon as possible.

Yours in education,
Tracey Douglas
**Active School Travel — We’re In!**

This year, Nashville State School has been selected as one of 12 new schools joining Brisbane City Council’s Active School Travel program.

Active School Travel promotes clean and green, active and healthy school travel modes such as walking, cycling, scootering, carpooling and public transport.

By leaving your car at home, at least one day a week on our active travel day, we can work towards reducing traffic congestion at the school gate, improving road safety, creating a cleaner environment and improving our health and fitness.

To help implement and promote the program we have established an Active School Travel committee. If you can help organise events or are interested in leading a walking group please come along to the first meeting on Thursday, 13 March at 2.40pm in the Staff Lounge. Many hands make light work.

To start the program off, Brisbane City Council’s Active School Travel performers Roadstar, Red and Green will visit our school assembly on Friday, 21 March to launch the Active School Travel program and get help get us ready for our first weekly Active Travel Day.

If you would like more information on the program you can visit Council’s website [www.brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au) or contact Council on 07 3403 8888.

So look out for Active School Travel and start thinking how you and your family can use your car less and be active on the way to and from school this year.

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**School Photos...**

The school photos for 2014 will take place on Friday, 14 March. The office will be collecting orders and monies until Wednesday, 12 March. Please also note that if you would like sibling photos to be taken, a separate order envelope will need to be collected from the office. So come ready with your formal school uniform and best smiles for the day. Sports Captains will also need to bring their sports shirt to change into for their Leader photo.

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**Library News...**

We would like to see every child in the school with a library bag this year.

This means no library bag no borrowing for Prep to year 3 who already have a bag as allocated on the booklist. Please encourage year 4-7 students to bring a bag from home to library lessons as well.

By week 6 we will be putting books aside for any student without a library bag who wants to borrow, for later collection when they have their library bag. Nashville library bags are available for sale at the uniform shop.
Volunteers Wanted...

We are looking for a team of parent volunteers to work with children across all grades to help with class activities and reading before school. You can volunteer for as little as an hour once a fortnight through to a couple of hours several times a week. We will train you and you will get to work with a variety of children and teachers. This is a great way to become an active member of the Nashville school community.

If you are interested in becoming a Nashville SS Volunteer please contact the office to put your name on the Volunteer Register.

A Message from the Support Teacher Literacy & Numeracy (Anna Harding)

Uniform Shop...

If you have purchased a House shirt which does not have the house name and logo printed on the back, please bring it to the school office to arrange for screen printing to be organised.

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 through the year. Our goal this year is to compete the school air-conditioning project. We only have six rooms to go!

The P&C meets on the third Monday of each month with the next meeting scheduled for: Monday, 17 March from 7pm 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
Dear Parents

I am the school chaplain here at Nashville SS. People often wonder what a chaplain does in schools, so I thought I’d let you know a few things that I do in Nashville.

I am employed at Nashville on Tuesdays and Fridays.

As a chaplain, it is my role to support students, parents and teachers. If your student or your family is experiencing some family difficulties, it is part of my role to support you through that. You can arrange for yourself or your child to speak to me by emailing me or contacting the school office to arrange a meeting time.

I run craft activities for all grades in my chappy room each Tuesday during first break. Young Adults from the local youth group hold games for the grade 6s and 7s in the hall each Friday at second break.

I also hold Brekky Club which runs from 8am-8:30am each Friday before school. Any student who arrives before school starts on Friday is welcome to come to the tuckshop and help themselves to bananas and toast topped with jam, vegemite, honey or cream cheese. Brekky Club is free for all students.

If you are looking for a way to be involved in the school, I would LOVE some helpers for Brekky Club. Brekky Club is an easy thing to be involved in, as it’s only from 8am-8:30am each Friday morning. If this is something you would like to be part of, please let me know.

Also, if anyone would like to donate jam, vegemite, honey, or cream cheese, that would be greatly appreciated!

So this is a little of what I do at Nashville. If you have any other questions, would like to meet me, or would like to help out with Brekky Club, please do not hesitate to contact me via my email: leannet@chappy.org.au.

I hope you have had a lovely start to the school year.

Leanne

Tuckshop...

Our Tuckshop operates each Monday and Thursday. 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.

February’s menu can be found outside the tuckshop, on the school display board or contact the school office on admin@nashvilless.eq.edu.au for a copy.

Be Safe.
Be a Learner.
Be Respectful.

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Pink Stumps Day—Saturday, 22 February, 2014

Come along to Brighton State School from 9am this Saturday to see the Emperor and Darth Vader personally umpire a 20/20 match between the Emperor's XI and the Death Stars. The game begins at 10am.

All of this is being run by the McGrath Foundation and all proceeds are going to cancer research.

If you like Star Wars and you like cricket, then you'll love this game!
Health information...

Tips for Parents of Children with Asthma

Does your child have asthma?

If so, there are a few things you can do to help the school manage your child’s asthma.

Provide an up-to-date colour copy of your child’s Asthma Action Plan.
Tell the school and your child’s teacher about the signs and symptoms that your child might show when experiencing asthma.
When your child is experiencing asthma symptoms, notify the school and discuss a course of action using their Asthma Action Plan.
Provide a spacer and blue reliever medication for your child to use at school. Clearly label the medication and spacer with your child’s name.

For any other tips, or for more information about asthma, call Asthma Assist on 1800 645 130.