Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that I am penning the last newsletter for the term, it has certainly disappeared very fast once again. Since our last newsletter we have had a lot of events and with the end of term, there’s always a lot of successes to be proud of.

Cross Country 2014

All parents and friends are invited to come along to the cross country event on Thursday 3 April. The program is attached to this edition of the newsletter. Students have been training at school and I look forward to the Flinders vs Cook vs Oxley showdown. Students have been given sponsorship cards as this is a fundraising event for the school as well.

Fancy Dress Ball – 70s Theme

Nashville has the moves and the grooves. Thank you to the great number of families that came along to support the culmination of our PE dance unit. A great time was had by all who attended. Thank you to Mrs Williams for teaching the children the dances and the many parents who helped with decorations, donations (prizes, food, desserts etc) and our P&C for the great food and fundraising effort to raise funds to make our school fully air-conditioned.

Friday 21 March

This was a huge day – International Puppetry Day, Harmony Day, National day of Action against Bullying and it was the last day of Bike Week as well. We raised awareness for the National Day of Action against Bullying. Lessons in classrooms focussed on social skilling and bullying, we wore orange, decorated a hand (high five bullying strategy) for our sea of hands, the student council made orange frozen cups, classes made posters and signs were displayed all over the school with slogans and captions to assist with dealing with this issue. Thank you all students for your participation. Each student was given a wrist band to wear as well.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 3, 5 and 7 students will be held on Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th May. Please ensure your year 3,5 and 7 student is at school on these days. If you have any concerns, please see your child’s class teacher or myself.
ANZAC Day – Nashville Ceremony

Our ceremony will be on Thursday 24 April at 2pm, between A and B block. This will be run by our leaders and we will have invited special guests. All parents and friends are invited to attend.

ANZAC Day - Sandgate

The ANZAC Day public holiday is the first week of term 1 on the Friday. We hope to once again have a large group of students marching for Nashville State School on this day in full school uniform. We will be assembling outside the RSL on Keogh Street at 8.45am for a 9.00am start. Parents need to deliver the students to the start of the parade and pick them up promptly at the end of the service.

Religious Education

Year 4 and 4/5 will commence Religious Education after the holidays. Notes will go home to new students or as required to check permissions.

LOST

Girls pink Billabong watch, lost first day worn to school a couple of weeks ago. It was taken off to wash hands and not seen again. Please hand into the office if you know of it’s whereabouts.

LOST PROPERTY

Under the admin block, there is a teacher aide preparation room opposite the uniform room. This is where lost property is located. There is a crate with hats in it, another one containing other items such as water bottles, shoes, pencil cases and clothing. Some clothing items are hung up on a rack as well. Please ensure your child’s things are named so that these items can be quickly returned to them. There are some items that were left behind after camp that are still in Lost Property.

In the office there is a collection of smaller items such as jewellery, sunglasses, purses and keys. If you are missing something, it might be there.

Parking – 2 Minute Zone

Thank you everyone, our 2 minute zone is now very functional as a drop off and pick up zone as we have significantly reduced the number of people parking in that area. This has greatly improved the flow of traffic and is making Nashville a safer place.

Active School Travel

We planned a mystery AST day this week – an extra active travel day which was Tuesday. This will give your child an extra stamp in their passports. Many students have already received their first award.

Term 2 commences with a three day week. Monday 21 April is Easter Monday, school resumes on Tuesday 22 April and Friday 25 April is ANZAC Day. I wish you all a very happy Easter and look forward to seeing you all next term.

Yours in education,

Tracey Douglas
Cross Country...

NASHVILLE SS CROSS COUNTRY - THURSDAY 3 April 2014

FIRST BREAK – normal duties, eating & play time for Prep to Seniors.
11:20am to 12:40pm - Class time for Prep to Seniors.
12.40pm - Whole school pack up classrooms
12:45pm - Prep to Year 2 go straight to Oval with bags, ready to compete.
12:45pm - Year 3 to Seniors – Go to oval, with bags & eat lunch in house areas. (Wheelie bins to be taken out)

SEATING ON THE TERRACES FROM THE STEPS WILL BE: FLINDERS, COOK, OXLEY

ORDER OF EVENTS: Commencing at 1:00pm

1:00pm Boys 12/13 years 2000m
1:05pm Year 2 Boys 400m
1:10pm Year 2 Girls 400m
1:15pm Girls 12/13 years 2000m
1:20pm Year 1 Boys 400m
1:25pm Year 1 Girls 400m
1:30pm Boys & Girls 11 years 2000m
1:35pm Prep Boys 400m
1:40pm Prep Girls 400m

(Class Teachers may take Prep to Year 2 to eat lunch & supervise own classes)

1:45pm Boys & Girls 10 years 2000m
2:05pm Year 4 Boys 1000m
2:10 pm Year 4 Girls 1000m
2:15pm Year 3 Boys 1000m
2:20pm Year 3 Girls 1000m

Approximately 2:30pm – Results & Presentation of Trophy
Active School Travel...

Carpooling saves time and money

Driving takes a big bite out of your budget and your time and most cars travelling to and from school have only one passenger. So why not try carpooling to reduce traffic congestion, make the streets around schools safer as well as cutting down the amount of pollution our children breathe?

Carpooling has lots of benefits. Sharing a lift to or from school will save you time, money, and wear and tear on the family car. Many of our families live very close to each other – often in the same street. Lots of families also have children in the same sporting or music groups.

Talk to your friends and neighbours now to see if there are any opportunities for carpooling. Carpooling is as easy as asking someone if they are going your way. Talk to other parents today!

Did you know?

A medium sized family car costs over $200 a week to run. This includes petrol, depreciation, registration, insurance, servicing and repairs. A large 4WD costs up to $402 a week to keep on the road. (www.racq.com.au)

From the Head of Curriculum...

ICAS Testing

ICAS Tests in Science, Maths and English will be in June, July and August this year. Notes were sent home on Friday last week to all students in Years 2-7. If you would like your child to participate please ensure payment and permission forms are returned to the office by the end of Week 1 next term.

Home Reading

As the holidays are drawing near please encourage your children to continue reading. If they want to reach the 300 club they need to be reading for 10 minutes a day, every day.

Geography

All teachers have engaged in planning meetings focussing on Geography. Students will be participating in the new Geography curriculum in Term 2, if they haven’t already started. This is a very exciting time at Nashville and we are sure the students are going to love learning about the local area, Australia and the world.

Thank You

We would like to extend a big thank you to all the parents and students within the school community for supporting us in our acting HOC roles this term. We have thoroughly enjoyed working with the teachers, students and community to ensure that Nashville is delivering a high quality, engaging curriculum. Have a safe and happy holiday and we will see you in Term 2.
Library Lessons

**Prep:** We started the lesson with Lettergetter from Sunshine Books online on the Interactive Whiteboard. Our new author in our Author Study is Nick Bland. We read The Very Hungry Bear.

**Year 1:** Students created a mind map on Kidspiration. They used the library of topics to choose their hobby from the drop down box and sized a picture to accompany their name. We saved our work and export it as a jpeg.

**Year 2 Y** are discussing cars; old and new. They created a web map together on the interactive whiteboard using Kidspiration and chose a car they would like to drive. They resized the picture and added it to their name. 2B created a web map of their interests and hobbies. All students have access to this program during 1st and 2nd break in the library. The focus of Kidspiration is to combine pictures, text numbers and spoken words to develop vocabulary, word recognition, reading for comprehension, writing and critical thinking skills.

**Years 3, 3/4 and 4:** Students worked on the Haiku Deck App (similar to PowerPoint). They chose a topic and created a graph about the students in their class. Topics chosen included hair colour, eye colour, number of girls, boys, teachers and helpers as well as sports played. Students made a title page, subtitle and changed the background colour. Haiku Deck is a free presentation software App.

**Year 4/5:** Students continued on their exploration of habitats. They found a frog in one of our school outdoor pipes and took photos from their iPads with their class teacher and added them to their collage. Students shared their knowledge of Pic Collage skills with their peers such as cropping photos, copying from one slide to the next, adding boarders around photos and freehand drawing on slides. They discussed and added text about the habitats they photographed and the animals that live in these habitats. Pic Collage is a free App.

**Gifted and Talented**

U2B (Upper 2 Bands): Students were given explicit instruction on 3D objects. U2B students can now access all the U2B resources in a virtual classroom from home.

**Muffins and milo Breakfast**

Library Monitors were invited to a *MUFFINS AND MILO* Breakfast on Tuesday, 1 April from 7.30am to 8.30am.

A delicious breakfast was enjoyed. There were also fun games and cool prizes as well as discussions on roles and responsibilities in the library.

**Borrowing**

No borrowing in week 10 for Prep to year 3 students as this is the last week of term.
Science Club...

More than 130 students from Prep to Year 3 joined in Science Club activities this term. They had lots of fun learning about OPTICS. They experimented with mirrors, magnifying glasses, binoculars, telescopes and lenses. They made periscopes and spy lenses.

They used a digital microscope and played colour activities. They were helped by volunteer scientists from the Senior class. Science Club activities will continue next term with the next topic being MAGIC MAGNETS.

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.

Student Council News...

Crazy Hair day was a huge success with the school raising $610.30. This money goes directly to the Leukaemia Foundation. Hopefully this money will assist them in the research to one day find a cure for this terrible disease. Well done to all the Nashville families who supported this great event.

The Student Council have had a busy term planning and organising Anti-Bullying Day and Crazy Hair Day. We are already planning events for term two and look forward to your support.
ECO Council News...

Did you know that we have had chickens at the school for six years?

Our chickens are now at retirement age and on Monday; Mr Forrest volunteered to transport the birds to a holding station before they were taken to a retirement farm in Toowoomba. This has given us a perfect opportunity to do some much needed repair work and clean out of our six year old chook house. Plans have been drawn up by Mr Harvey for an extension and general repair work has been organised. This work will take place in the next month or so. If you are able to volunteer (adults only) to assist with building please contact Mr Lauchs. Once the work has been completed we will then get new chickens for our coup.

A number of classes have entered the Winter Vegi Growing Competition run by Yates. Planting will start after Easter. How big will Prep Y’s spinach get? Will the seniors grow massive lettuce? Or Will 2Y beat them? Keep an eye out in the garden for this amazing produce!!

P&C News...

Our goal this year is to complete the school air-conditioning project. We only have six rooms to go! By support our events, this goal can be achieved.

School Dance:

Thankyou to everyone who came along to support the Fancy Dress Ball and also helped out on the night. It was a fantastic event with great food and even better costumes and boogying! It was a mammoth effort with $2672 being raised on the night. One step closer to our air-con goal.

Uniform Shop:

We have received a delivery of “bomber” jackets with the school logo in a range of sizes so we can all be ready for the coming cooler months.

Wrap and Chat night for Mother’s Day stall:

The P&C are organising a wrap and chat night on Thursday, 8 May in preparation for the Mother’s Day Stall. Please keep this date in mind, and look out for further details.

Fundraising:

If you have a great idea for fundraising within our school, please come to a P&C meeting so we can hear your idea. Alternatively you could email Janine at jbrus7@eq.edu.au

Thank you.

Carmel Clarke

NSS P&C President—2014
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.

PLEASE NOTE—Tuckshop will only be open for First Break this Thursday, 3 April due to the school cross country commencing at 1pm.

The Tuckshop would love help in any way you can, but in particular you can help by:
* Donating homebake (eg muffins, biscuits, cupcakes) - approx. 80 pieces are needed each week
* Donating brown paper tuckshop bags
* Donating your time.

The menu for April is out and 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.

Performance...

Some photos from the “Rubbish” performance by Mic Conway on 26 March brought to the school by the Young Australia Workshop.

Students from Prep to Year 7 attended a 50 minute performance and focussed on the three R’s of Reduce, Re-use and Recycle.
Food and its effect on behaviour
Presented by
Kris Barrett

Wednesday 2 April 2014
Kris Barrett is a Certified Holistic Health & Nutrition Coach, Certified GAPS Practitioner. MINDD Practitioner and mum of two. Her son Tim was diagnosed with Autism in 2004 and she began a whole new chapter of her life as she implemented dietary, biomedical and behavioural therapies with him. Tim is now a happy and healthy 12 year old, fully mainstreamed and enjoying life. Kris’s passion is working with families to help them make food and lifestyle changes which were the foundation of Tim’s recovery.

Target Audience: Primary Teachers, teacher aides, parents and professionals supporting children with autism

Date: Wednesday 2 April 2014
Time: 11.30 am – 1.00 pm (followed by light lunch)
Cost: ABIQ Members: $22, Non-Members: $44 (Inc GST)
Venue: Kedron-Wavell Services Club, 375 Hamilton Road, Chermside

Kris will cover WHY food impacts our kid’s behaviour, why some "healthy" foods are not all that they appear to be, how to read labels so you aren’t tricked by clever marketing and how you can make easy & nutritious foods your kids will love.

Register online – www.abiq.org
Pine Rivers State High School Community Education Classes Term Two enrolments are now open.

We have 40 exciting and fun classes on offer in the following categories: Art, Craft & Hobbies; Computers; Career Advancement; Dance & Fitness; Relaxation; Languages; Music; Personal Development.

Small classes and affordable fees. These classes are run by the P&C to raise funds for the school. See the website [www.pineriverscomed.com.au](http://www.pineriverscomed.com.au) or phone Jenny on 0432 116 973 for more details.

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