Dear Parents and friends,

Welcome back to Term 2. Last week was a very short week, but a lot was achieved with high levels of student learning and engagement across the school. In particular our Year 3, 5 and Senior Yellow (7) students are practicing for NAPLAN and working very hard, our preps are now writing and on their way to being literate and numerate learners.

**ANZAC Day**

Our ANZAC ceremony at school was well done with beautiful performances from our band and our choir. Thank you to everyone who came along. We also had a large number of students come along and support the march at Sandgate this year. It was great to see Nashville embracing the ANZAC Day spirit.

**Cross Country**

Our term ended with a fantastic effort from all sports houses with the Cross Country/ Fun Run event. Well done to Flinders for your win. All participants did a fantastic job. Sponsorship cards are now due back to school at your earliest convenience. Selected students will be attending the Bramble Bay cross country event next week.

**Staffing this term**

Mrs Ange Padget will continue to be acting principal at Mt Gravatt East State School this term. Mrs Anna Harding (Support teacher Literacy and Numeracy) has been unwell and is on leave. Mrs Leesa Maree Jedras has been appointed to replace Mrs Padgett (2 days per week) and Mrs Harding (2 days per week). Mrs Maguire and Ms Hurdley will continue in the role of HOC as well with their curriculum work in the school one day per week. Mrs Woolnough and Mrs Scott will continue to work with Prep Y and Year 4/5 on these days.

Mrs Sheppard is still on leave as well and continues to be replaced by Mrs Barrett.

**NAPLAN – National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy**

In May our year 3, 5 and 7 students will be sitting for the NAPLAN tests. These test will look at Reading, Writing, Spelling and Punctuation and Numeracy and will be over the three days 13, 14 and 15 May this year. Please ensure your child is in attendance on these days, arrive to school on time and have had a good night’s sleep as well as a healthy breakfast. We want our students to do their best.

**Anti-Bullying Show on Friday**

This Friday the Student Council and our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support committee will be funding a performance at school with an important anti-bullying message. All students are expected to attend as there is no cost and it is part of our social skills and health program.
Prep Open Morning – 17 May
If you have a child who will be ready for Prep in 2015, please come along to our Open Morning on Saturday, 17 May from 10.00 to 11.30am. Also let your neighbours and friends know to come along and check us out.

Under 8’s Day – 30 May
Once again we are planning a morning of fun with a lot of options for our littlies. This event is for our Prep to Year 3’s, however all younger children in the community are most welcome to attend from 9:00 to 10:30am. To raise funds for the resources each year for this event, we ask P to 3 parents to bring in a plate of food than can be sold for morning tea.

Getting Ready for High School
It is that time of year when schools are having their open days. Our Senior students need to be looking at where they are heading next year. There are a number of ways to find out about school including websites, contacting the school for a handbook and attending open days. Our Seniors will also be attending a variety of visits to these sites to help develop confidence in a high school setting and prepare them for high school next year. Letters have gone home to the Senior class regarding their upcoming visits.

Religion
Religion is being offered to Year 4 and 4/5 students this year. Permission letters have gone home to these classes, can you please ensure these notes are returned as soon as possible.

Attendance
This term written report cards will go home in week 10. There is a strong link between attendance and results. Please ensure your child maintains consistent attendance to ensure they are operating at their best level, and keep informed of any absences.

Enjoy your week,

Tracey Douglas

Prep Induction Dates for 2015 ...
From the Head of Curriculum...

The Power of One

On Friday, 2nd May, all students are invited to attend a performance to be held in the School Hall called ‘The Power of One’.

The Power of One is a series of skits presented by actors who use boxes, colours, and masks to vividly portray what bullying is, what can be done about it, and how every child has the power of one, the power to report and deal with bullying when they see it. The Power of One:

- Explains the roles in bullying: Bully, Target, and Bystander
- Shows vivid examples of different types of bullying: Physical, Verbal, Exclusion and Cyberbullying
- Alerts children that Targets need help and intervention
- Encourages students not to be bystanders
- Emphasizes the need for individual action to make the community a safer, better place

Refers children to parents, adults, and teachers for further assistance and instruction

All costs will be covered by Nashville State School as well as our Student Council. Please contact your child’s teacher via note, phone call or email if you do not want your child to take part.

Active School Travel...

The Active School Travel team is hosting a very special event this Sunday as part of Bike Week. Come along to join in the fun and be in the draw to win some fantastic prizes! Hope to see you all there.

Bike Week - Closed Streets for Kids – Sunday 4 May
The young and young-at-heart will be kings of the road during this new Bike Week event! We’re closing Riverside Drive between Jane Street and the Kurilpa Bridge and turning the streets over to the kids!

Council’s Active School Travel team will be hosting a free, family friendly activity designed to help educate young riders about staying safe whilst having fun on their bikes.

The challenge will involve a scavenger-hunt where children will stop at a number of check points. At each check point participants will have to showcase their knowledge of road rules and their riding skills through a fun challenge.

On successful completion of the route, participants will go into the draw to win a family package at Sea World Resort including one night accommodation and entry into Seaworld. There will also be other prizes and giveaways up for grabs, along with other fun activities for kids, including a jumping castle, face painting, food and drinks.

Scooters, balance bikes, trikes and anything with wheels are more than welcome!

Date: Sunday 4 May

Time: 9.00am – 11.30 am

Location: Riverside Drive, South Brisbane

Cost: Free

For more information on all Bike Week activities, please visit http://bikeweek.bq.org.au/whats-on/events/
Parent Reminders ...

Bike Compound

The bike compound at Nashville State School is locked during school hours only. It is usually locked between 8.45am and 2.35pm on school days. The compound is unlocked before and after school hours and over the school holiday.

Lost

A white and pink scooter with a purple helmet was left in the bike racks over the recent school holidays. If you know of its whereabouts, please contact the office or Mr Kratzmann. The family would be very grateful for its return.

Lost Property

There are a number of small items that have been found around the school/eating areas which have been handed into the office. These include a wallet, sunglasses, jewellery, keys, handball and a book/toy set (from a recent Book Club order). If you, or your child, has recently lost something—please come up and see the office as it may be with us.

Position Vacant ...

Nashville State School

Position Vacant – Administrative Officer A02

16 Hours per week

Nashville State School is seeking applications for an Administrative Office A02 position, commencing mid-term 2. Please contact the office at Nashville State School for an application package.

Ph: 3869 7333 or admin@nashvilles.eq.edu.au

Applications close on 22 May.

Education Queensland is an equal opportunity employer.
Library Lessons
Prep: Our focus this week was on students individually practicing logging onto the library computers using Ctrl-Alt-Delete and user name and password. This process took most students considerable time and still requires more practice.

Years 1 and 2: Students got to put their knowledge of Kidspiration into practice by creating their own interest web. They had to recall how to use the topic list, find and resize the appropriate pictures and drop them into the text box as well as create the web. Saving their work to G Drive still needs more work. 2B discussed ANZAC Day and followed this with a drawing activity.

Year 3/4: Students created a challenging vocabulary list from the fiction books they are reading. They read the sentences with the identified words, discussed the meaning and wrote the spelling of the words on the board. Students challenged their peers to create new sentences with the words. They loved this activity.

Senior Blue and Yellow: Students selected various ANZAC Day activities including interactive computer tutorials, quizzes, books and puzzles.

GEMS
U2B: Students had a revision assessment and Mrs Maguire and Mrs Pawsey were happy with their results and progress.

UNIFY: 17 selected year 5, Senior Blue and Yellow students had their first Write On, creative writing session through Distance Education. This session allowed students to familiarize themselves with the program and check their log on details.

Author Visit
Sherryl Clark will be visiting Nashville State School on Thursday 15th May (week 4) to workshop our senior students. Senior Blue at 9am and Senior Yellow at 12 noon in the hall.

Sherryl’s first children’s book, The Too-Tight Tutu, was published in 1997, and she now has more than 50 published books. Her other titles include a number of Aussie Bites, Nibbles and Chomps, and novels. Her new verse novel is Runaways, released March 2013. Her books have been published in Australia and overseas. Sherryl teaches creative writing at Victoria University TAFE. Her website is at www.sherryclark.com, and she also has a site about children’s poetry (with teacher resources) at www.poetry4kids.net

Simultaneous Story Time
This event will take place on Wednesday 21st May (week 5) straight after 1st break at 11.20am in the hall. The book chosen is one of last year’s short list books and the students love it. The title is ‘Too Many Elephants in this House’ by Ursula Dubosarsky.

In Eric's house there were too many elephants – in the living room, in the kitchen, in the bathroom, even in his bedroom!
The elephants take up a lot of space, but Eric loves every one of them. So when his mum says they have to go, Eric comes up with a clever solution to a very BIG problem . . .

From the creators of The Terrible Plop comes this delightfully energetic story, full of fun and exuberance.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Registration is the 25th of April and reading begins on Tuesday, 20th May (week 5).

PE News …

NASHVILLE’S CROSS COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations and good luck to the following athletes who have qualified to compete for Nashville at the upcoming Bramble Bay District Cross Country on Wednesday, 7 May —


PHYSICAL EDUCATION LESSONS

This term all classes will be completing the Beep Test and improving their athletics’ skills. Prep to Year 3 will be experiencing games involving small and large balls. Years four to seven will also be involved in golf skills being conducted by our parent professional golfer Craig! Parents please ensure your child has a hat every day at school.

The BEEP TEST is…………………

A multi-stage fitness test used as an accurate test of cardiovascular fitness. The test involves running continuously between two points that are 20m apart. These runs are synchronised with a pre-recorded CD which plays beeps at set intervals. The students do their best at running to the beeps as long as they can. When they are finished their result is recorded. The beep test is conducted once each term in Phys Ed lessons and students try to better their own personal best performance.

Remembering ANZAC Day …

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During Term 1 the Prep Bs have quickly settled into the routine of school and have become confident and capable learners. They have learnt about letters and the sounds they make and have quickly progressed to exploring sight words. This term we are beginning to use our knowledge of letters and language to start reading and writing. We have been reading lots of wonderful stories together and learning all about reading and comprehension strategies. In Maths we have explored lots of different concepts including number, sorting, patterning, shape and measuring. In Science in Term 1 we learnt about our senses and the needs of animals and plants. This term we will be learning about the materials that things are made of and their properties. Last term in History we explored our families and our personal history and this term we are launching into Geography for the first time as part of the Australian Curriculum. In Geography we will be learning about maps and representing places in our local surroundings. We will be going on an excursion to Lone Pine Sanctuary as part of our Geography and English curriculums.

At the end of Term we made beautiful papier mache hats to wear for our Easter Hat Parade.
Term two is proving to be another busy and exciting term with new units to cover in our key learning areas.

This term we are participating in the anti-bullying show, “The Power of One” which reinforces our SWPB plan. We have also been continuing our work with Mathematics and English warm ups. It is very pleasing to see the transfer of warm up concepts and speedy recall of knowledge evidenced in student work. Students are successfully demonstrating an improvement in work presentation.

Home reading continues to inspire students to expand their repertoire of reading material and appreciation of written and visual texts. Several class members have reached more than fifty reading sessions and are eagerly looking forward to continuing this program.

I am happy to see the number of students who are consistently bringing completed homework to school each Friday. This continued effort and positive attitude to learning will result in a very large number of homework holidays issued in the last week of term.

I look forward to another exciting term at Nashville and am thoroughly enjoying sharing in the learning journey of your child.

Enjoy term two.

Sharon Butler

Cross Country ...

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P&C News...

Our goal this year is to complete the school air-conditioning project. We only have six rooms to go! By supporting our events, this goal can be achieved. Here’s what’s coming up:

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

This year our Mother’s Day Stall will be held on Friday 9th May. We will have plenty of presents to be purchased by children for Mum’s and even Grandma’s if they wish. The presents will range in price from $2 - $50. We would love and appreciate any donations to go into our Mother’s Day Stall. Some ideas are: toiletries, wrapped sweets & chocolates, coffee sachets, teabags etc. The night before our Mother’s Day Stall we will be holding a “Wrap ‘n’ Chat” night. It will run from 7 – 9pm. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work so with your help in wrapping and decorating the gifts we can have them done in no time. Even 1/2 hour would be great if that is what you have to spare. BYO wine/drinks and scissors and we will be ordering some pizzas to share.

RSVP to Carmel – 0409 629 634 or Abby – 0422 355 033 or styleline_roofing@yahoo.com.au or just turn up. We would love to see you there.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment Books are now available to purchase from up in the school office. At a cost of $65, it is full of discounts for everything from dining to bowling to theme parks and holidays.

EINBUNPIN FESTIVAL

For information on what’s happening, please read the “Einbunpin Update”.

Thank you.
Carmel Clarke
NSS P&C President—2014

Fancy Dress—70’s disco fun
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.

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.

Following is the menu for May:

**Tuckshop...**

**STANDARD ITEMS—available Monday & Thursday**

**Hot Food:**
- Homemade Sausage Roll $2.00
- Toasties (Ham, chicken, tomato, onion) $3.50

**Snacks:**
- Homebake 0.50c
- Bag of rice chips and snacks, popped crispies $1.00
- Ice Block $1.00
- Small tub Ice Cream $1.50
- Jelly Cups 0.50c
- Slippery Sam (ice block) $2.00

**Drinks:**
- Iced Chocolate $2.00
- Glee $2.00
- Water $1.00
- Popper $1.00

**MONDAY—only**

**Lunch packs:**
Please choose Pack A OR Pack B

**Pack A =**
- Sandwich (Ham + Cheese OR Chicken + Cheese OR Vegemite + Cheese)
- Piece of Fruit OR Homebake
- Juice Popper OR Water OR Glee drink

**Pack B =**
- Sausage Roll
- Piece of Fruit OR Homebake
- Juice Popper OR Water OR Glee drink

**THURSDAY—only**

**Hot Food:**
- Honey Soy Chicken with Rice & Asian Greens $4.00
- Sweet Potato with Rice & Asian Greens $3.50

All orders will be served to students at First Break. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase at second break.
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