Dear parents and carers,

**Prep Open Day - Saturday, 17 May**
On Saturday, we are showcasing our prep precinct to new enrolments for 2015 from 10am to 11.30am. Let your friends, neighbours and relatives know they are welcome to come along.

**Under 8’s Day – Friday, 30 May**
We are celebrating Under 8’s Day this year from 9am – 10.30am on Friday 30th May. We hope the weather will be fantastic and a wide variety of activities are being planned. All Under 8’s in our community are invited to attend. We also ask parents to bring along a plate for our morning tea, healthy choices encouraged. The funds raised from the morning tea provide the consumables for the Under 8’s days.

**NAPLAN testing this week**
Today the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy commenced. Year 3, 5 and 7 students completed in the language conventions and writing task today, reading is Wednesday and numeracy on Thursday. Have a good night’s sleep and a healthy breakfast ready for tomorrow year 3,5 and 7! Please also arrive on time.

**Year 4/5 Changes**
Mrs Elise Maguire was offered the position of acting principal at Comet SS for the rest of this term. She has commenced this position this week and Mrs Jess Chapman is replacing Mrs Maguire in year 4/5 until week 3 next term. Welcome Mrs Chapman.

**STL&N (Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy) and HOC (Head of Curriculum)**
Mrs Leesa Maree Jedras commenced last week as our Support Teacher for Literacy and Numeracy (2 days per week) as well as HOC (2 days per week). Ms Hurdley will be HOC 2 days per week, commencing this week.

**Fanfare – Monday, 26 May**
Our band will be heading to Iona College on Monday, 26 May, to compete in the annual Fanfare event. They have been working hard and we wish everyone luck. Mrs Sue McKenzie will be attending the event with the students on the bus.
Junior Instrumental Music Camp – 10 to 12 June
Invited students will be attending a music day camp at Sandgate District State High School. Students will need to return their notes and money as soon as possible.

Choir Outing – Thursday, 22 May
Our choir will be performing at Eden Gardens, Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea event on Thursday, 22 May at 10am. Choristers need to return their permission notes as soon as possible and parents are most welcome to attend the event – phone Eden Gardens at Carseldine to secure your table.

Nashville – Past School Music Captain
On Sunday night on the Voice, a past student who now lives in Moranbah participated in the competition and is through to the next phase of the show. Well done and congratulations Talia Gouge.

Uniform Reminders
A large number of students are out of uniform at the moment. Please ensure your child has a royal blue jumper for winter, black shoes, white socks and the only jewelry in our uniform code are earrings (sleepers or studs) and a watch. Reading bands are also permitted. Shoes are always on our feet – for some reason students have started taking these off when they leave the classroom at the end of the day. For safety reasons, shoes must always be on our feet.

Reading Sessions
Don’t forget to keep reading every night – this includes weekends and holidays to earn your reading certificates. We will be starting to hand out 100 bands very soon.

Gardening this week
We have a couple of classes who will be in the garden on Thursday last session and Friday first session this week. If you are able to come along and help, you are most welcome. Please sign the volunteers register in the office upon arrival.

Have a great week,
Tracey Douglas

Active School Travel...

Remember that our school’s Active Travel day is each Friday. Make your way to school in an active way, and have your passport stamped.
Library News...

**Library Lessons**
Prep to seniors: Lesson focus has been on Simultaneous Story Time. We read the book ‘Too many elephants in this house and discussed how we are dramatising it. This includes song, dance and characterisation.

**GEMS**
U2B: This was the last lesson of the 10 week online maths extension program. The focus was on Graphs.

UNIFY: Students explored the question ‘Where do all good ideas come from?’ They also wrote a creative response to a photo which was shared with their peers for positive feedback.

There won't be a UNIFY lesson this week due to NAPLAN.

**Simultaneous Story Time**
We will have a full dress rehearsal on Thursday after second break in the hall. All main characters have been given a script; Eric, mother, 5 elephants and both narrators. Please send students to school with their costume if they have a main part.

Dear Parents and Grandparents,

Please join us as we celebrate a love of reading at Nashville State School with Simultaneous Story Time.

Wednesday 21st May (week 5) straight after 1st break at 11.20am in the hall.

**Author visit: Sherryl Clark**
Thursday, 15th May in the hall
Senior Blue: 9.30-10.30
Senior Yellow: 12.00-1.00

**Thank You**
Thank you to Mrs Cunningham and Leigh Rowlingson’s mum who made some beautiful library bags for our students. The delight on the student’s faces as we handed them these beautiful new library bags was priceless.

**Library Monitors**
We’d like to congratulate you all for all the wonderful work you do in our library every single day. Please see the library for the latest roster.

**Library Lesson Days**
Please remind your child to return library books weekly. If they haven’t finished the book they can re-borrow it. We run a competition each week called the *Book Worm Award* which is given to the class with the least overdue books. Here is a list of library lesson days so you can remind your child to put their library book into their school bag the night before their lesson.

Monday: Prep Y, Year 4, Year 3 and Year 4/5
Tuesday: Prep B, Year 1Y, Year 1 B, Year 2Y and Year 3/4
Wednesday: Senior Blue, Senior Yellow and Year 2B
TOUCH FOOTBALL REPRESENTATIVE

Congratulations to Kaden L. for being selected in the Bramble Bay District Touch Football team. Kaden will compete at the Metropolitan North trials in June.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to all Nashville students who competed in the district Cross Country trials. Congratulations to Olivia H., Alfie B. and Kaden L. who qualified to be members of the Bramble Bay District team. These athletes will now compete in the Metropolitan North trials on Tuesday 27 May. Good luck to all of you!

Phys. Ed. update

Three classes will receive Badminton coaching from Badminton Qld during Phys. Ed. lessons this term. The classes involved in this free program are 4/5, Senior Blue & Senior Yellow.
SENIOR VISIT TO SANDGATE DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

In recent weeks Senior Blue and Senior Yellow have both visited Sandgate District High School for an experience day. Students participate in Art-designing and constructing a plane, Science-exploring concepts from electricity to forces and Industrial Design-building rockets and launching them.

All students thoroughly enjoyed their experiences and look forward to visiting our other local high school, Bracken Ridge High.
What’s happening—in Prep Y …

Prep Y has been engaging in mathematics activities that enable us to develop our measurement skills. The lengths of different objects were compared using string and paddle pop sticks (we didn't eat all the iceblocks first).

The most popular activity was to compare our heights. Ms Hurdley got us to lie down on a HUGE sheet of paper so that she could draw around our bodies. We then had to cut our bodies out and measure how tall we are using blocks, our feet and hands and crayons as the unit of measurement.

Once we had finished measuring our height we go to paint our bodies – not our actual bodies, the paper ones !!!

What’s happening—in Year 4/5 …

This term we are going to be very busy.

So far we the Year 5 students have been doing preparation for NAPLAN tests on the 13 to 15 May, 2014. I think we are set to go. Make sure to get a goodnight sleep and eat a good breakfast on those three days.

Last week we had a fantastic anti-bullying show called: “The Power of One”. They acted out typical bullying scenes and at the end they gave us a poster with a pact on it. We signed it to say that we would never bully. The power of one is us!

Year 4/5 has started a science unit with Mrs Scott, called: “Our place in space”. We are learning about how the solar system works and the scientist’s beliefs on how the solar system came about.

We are about to start a new unit in music. Everyone needs to bring in a recorder, preferably a Yamaha.

In P.E. we are having golf lessons. The instructor is Craig who is a father of a student at this school.

Mrs Maguire is acting Principal at a new school for the rest of term. Mrs Chapman will be teaching the class Monday to Thursday and Mrs Scott will continue to teach the class on Fridays.

Thank you,

Year 4/5

Written by:

Natalie Cargill—Year Five
Trent Small—Year Four

Michael Connelly—Year Five
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Year 1 Fire Education

On Thursday 8th May the Sandgate Fire Station officers visited the Year 1 classrooms. A classroom presentation by Officer Bradley included information about what to do in the event of a fire at home, how to report a fire by phoning 000, what fire officers wear when called to a fire, and the importance of smoke alarms in every home.

The children were told using practical demonstrations and scenarios how to “Get down low and go, go, go!” , “Stop, drop and roll” and “Get out and stay out!” Fireman Mick dressed in his full fire fighting uniform and apparatus to demonstrate what officers look like when attending a fire.

The officers are returning early June with the truck to reinforce this information and explain the specialised equipment used to fight fires.

All of the Year 1 students are required to discuss the following important safety issues with parents -

- Knowing your full house number and street address in the event of an emergency
- Ringing 000 only in the event of an emergency
- Making a family evacuation plan and safe meeting place, usually the letter box
- Ensuring that a working smoke alarm is in every home

Parent Reminders ...

Receipt of monies at the Office

The office banks any monies received each day and does not keep a float on hand. For this reason, it would be appreciated if any cash payments could be made with the correct amounts, as it is often difficult for us to give change.

Lost Property

There are a number of small items that have been found around the school/eating areas and handed in to 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.
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:

NEXT MEETING

The next general P&C meeting will be held on Monday, 19 May from 7pm in the Teacher’s Staff Room.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

Our Mother’s Day Stall was a great success. Thank you to all of those who helped with donations, wrapping and helping with the stall on the day. I’m sure there were some happy mummies and grandmas on Sunday!

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.

TUCKSHOP HELP

A note has recently gone home to all families asking if you can spare some time to help Mandy in the Tuckshop continue with the fantastic job that she’s doing. These can be handed into the office.

EINBUNPIN FESTIVAL

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

Donations of sugar (white, brown and caster sugar), vinegar (white wine vinegar, red wine vinegar, balsamic vinegar, apple cider vinegar, malt vinegar) and pectin packets can be handed into the office.

Parent Gardening Group...

For all of our Gardening parents

The Seniors will be in our Garden on Thursday afternoon last session 1.50-2.40pm and Friday middle session 11.30am -1.20pm to prepare for Winter planting and to do some maintenance. Any interested parents are VERY welcome to lend a hand.

We are also seeking lots of old newspapers that we can lay as a weed deterrent. Some very clever parents are in the process of turning produce from our garden into yummy treats to sell at the Einbunpin festival.

Some of these include Rosella Jam, Rosella Relish, Passionfruit Jam and Carambola (Starfruit) Jam. Yum!
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.

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—please refer to the note in the P&C message.

Following is the menu for May:

![Tuckshop menu](image)
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