Dear Parents and Friends,

Simultaneous Book Reading – Too Many Elephants in this House

Last week we celebrated the book Too Many Elephants in this House with the whole school, and it was a fantastic event. There was singing, dancing, costumes, masks…. And not to mention lots of drama. Who would have thought we had so much talent at Nashville State School? Thanks to all of the staff who assisted from making props, teaching choreography and singing, directing and producing and all of the students who participated. I can’t wait to see what’s going to happen next year.

Met North Cross Country

Good luck to our three competitors in the Bramble Bay team today. Mrs Williams and Mr Lauchs are with our team at St Pauls and we wish them well.

Prep Open Morning – 17 May

We had a very successful Prep Open Morning recently with a large number of families coming along to register their interest and view our Prep Precinct. If there are any siblings at home, who are not on our list, please come to the office in the near future to make sure we have your details.

Under 8’s Day – 30 May

This Friday is Under 8’s day. Our Prep to Year 3’s will be outside participating in a large range of activities. Parents please bring along a plate of food if possible. Setting up will be from 7.30am if you are able to lend a hand. This is one of our favourite events of the year as it involves the whole community.

Choir and Band Update

Congratulations to our choir for performing 4 songs at Eden Garden’s Greatest Morning Tea event last week. Under the direction of Mrs Grant, the children entertained with the variety of song choice bringing out the ukulele’s for ‘Riptide’ as well. The band performed at Fanfare yesterday and looked very smart in their...
uniforms as usual. They had a good day and overall were placed in Gold position. Thanks Mr James for all your hard work preparing our band and well done to our instrumental students.

Enjoy your week,
Tracey Douglas

**Under Eight’s Day …**

This Friday, 30 May is our annual Under Eight’s Activity morning which celebrates being aged under eight years. Please join us from 9.00-10.30am in the Prep-Year 2 playground for a morning of fun activities. The theme this year is “Everyone Can Play” and accordingly we have a range of fun play activities on offer including painting, collage, playdough, crowns, wands, superhero capes, kites, helicopters, bubble blowing, parachute play and lots more! Please invite your friends and neighbours as this event is open for all members of our community.

Morning tea will be available to purchase and this funds the activities for the morning. We are seeking donations of cakes, biscuits, slices and muffins to sell on the morning with healthy choices encouraged. Please bring all donations to the PREP on Friday morning. We also will need some helpers to sell morning tea.

Parents are VERY welcome to join us for the fun because “Everyone can Play!”

We have a special display of some Prep work at the Sandgate Library this week to celebrate Under Eight’s Week. Please drop in and have a look.

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**Parent Reminders …**

A friendly reminder to all parents and families. It would be appreciated if your child’s Deposit Slip could be completed each week—most importantly adding the date, student ID number and amount to be banked. We process the deposits into your child’s Dollarmite account each Wednesday in the office and the passbooks are distributed back to the class teachers for return to the child. Happy banking!
Library Lessons

Prep: We rehearsed their song and actions for Simultaneous Storytime.

Years 1 and 2: Our focus is on non-fiction borrowing. We are encouraging all students to borrow a fiction book from the caterpillar or easy fiction section of the library and an appropriate non-fiction book each week.

Years 3, 3/4, 4 and 5: Students continued to rehearse for Simultaneous Storytime

Seniors: Students are working on their technology assignment in groups. They are collaboratively using storyboards to plan their technology piece.

Horizons

U2B: Here is some feedback from the year 5 students who participated in the 10 week Upper Two Bands Maths extension.

I liked using the iconnect tools on the computer and communicating with the students from Stafford State School. My favourite lessons were graphs and quizzes. Ethan H.

I learnt all kinds of new things and enjoyed the repetition of different concepts until I achieved them. The course made me smarter. Emma Dahlke

The lessons challenged me greatly. I enjoyed working with graphs and tables and liked using the See, plan, do, check approach to working out questions. Luke T.

I liked making new friends and the tutor was very helpful. Tables and graphs were my favourite lessons. Ashleigh C.

Unify: This was an interesting session which focused on creative writing using voice, style and point of view. Students were very engaged in this lesson and offered some insightful ideas and opinions. There is quite a lot of homework this week which students need to complete before Wednesday. All students are welcome to come to me on a Monday or Tuesday at 1st break to complete their homework in the lab or alternately they can complete their work online at home.

Big Day Out: All Unify students will attend the Unify Big Day Out at the Queensland University with me. This will take place on Tuesday, 24th June (week 10) 9.30-1.30. More details will be sent home this week.

ICAS Testing (University of NSW): Students who have registered for Science will be sitting this test on Wednesday, 4 June.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

We are registered for the 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge. This includes all students from Prep to Senior Yellow. All books read from 20th May to the 5th September will be recorded at school and completed forms submitted by Mrs Pawsey on the 5th September. Once again our aim is to enter the Premier’s Reading Challenge Hall of Fame. Prep to Year 4 read 20 books while Years 5 to Senior Yellow only 15 books.

Author Visit

Sheryl Clark shared her journey as a writer with our senior students. She gave them many tips and tricks to be a successful novelist such as creating diagrams, making your reader like your character so they will read on to find out what happened to that character and finally if you’re stuck, make things worse for your character. Each student had to write 3 sentences...
which included characters, setting and the hook. Students got to share their stories with their peers and gave positive feedback on each script.

**Author Online iConnect Session**

The year 1 students will be experiencing their first live Meet the Author online session on Tuesday 27th May. Mrs Stiller and Mrs Lyndon have registered their classes to meet the author Meredith Costain who wrote Doodledum Dancing.

**Simultaneous Storytime**

It was lovely to have so many parents and grandparents share our love of reading at our celebration of Simultaneous Storytime. Congratulations to all the talented staff and students involved across the school from prep to senior yellow. This event was definitely a team effort. A special thank you goes to Mrs Keates who shone her talents in every area of this event from choreography, sound, staging, creative input and the list goes on. An awesome effort from our principal Mrs Douglas who excelled in the role as Eric wearing a Onesie. Mrs Stiler worked her charm on the five elephants and Eric’s mother during rehearsals and backstage. Mrs Lyndon and Miss Fiona captivated the students as dancing and painting elephants. Luke and Vinnie will definitely be called on again to share their talents as narrators. Mrs Robbo has a stand in teacher as Chelsea R, who played Eric’s mother says: “There is too much noise in this class, year 2B”.

Credit goes to:

The Narrators: Luke McK and Vinnie H (Mr Lauchs and Mrs Keates class, Senior Yellow)

Eric: Mrs Douglas (Principal)

Eric’s Mother: Chelsea R (Mrs Robinson’s class, year 2B)

The elephants:

- Crazy elephant: Hannah M (Mrs Lewis’s class, year 2)
- Shy elephant: Tori T (Mr Kratzmann’s class, year 3)
- Clumsy elephant: Kiahn T (Mr Kratzmann’s class, year 3)
- Sporty elephant: Alex M (Mrs Lewis’s class, year 2)
- Sleepy elephant: Molly G (Mrs Lewis’s class, year 2)
- Mrs Lyndon: dancing and painting elephant
- Miss Walker: (Mrs Stiler’s Prac student): dancing and painting elephant

Prep Hey Dee Ho singers, Mrs McKenzie and Miss Hurdley along with Georgia P, Lucy A and Billy S on the microphones.

Year 1B and 1Y Zoo animals, Mrs Stiler, Mrs Lyndon and Miss Walker

Years 2B, 2Y, Y3, 3/4 and 4 Aeroplanes

It’s Time: Senior Blue, Senior Yellow, choir, microphone singers Britney J, Heavenah T and Corbin S.
Power of One Dancers (choreographed and rehearsed by Mrs Keates):

Senior Blue: Lily H, Kiya K, Jasmin M, Bailey N, Nathan O’S, Cate P-L, Shilah S-M, Dean H and Leticia G
Year 4/5: Olivia P, Lara E, Ashleigh C, Erika L, Lizzie K, Isabelle D, Michael C and Emma D

Zulu Instruments: Baillie C and Aden L (Mrs Butler’s class, Year 4)

Choir members taught by Mrs Grant
Year 3/4: Chase C, Ashlee J, Monique C, Amber H
Year 4/5: Lacey M, Kiara P, Holly B
Senior Blue: Leticia G, Lily H, Corbin S, Kiya K, Cate P-L
Senior Yellow: Bryna C, Tarja R, Brea M, Heavenah T, Alani C, Olivia H

Ukulele Players: Mrs Douglas, Sonny B, Nova C, Rahema MacD, Lily W, Lizzy C

Eric’s understudy in rehearsal: Mrs Williams

Stage support: William M, Kaden L (Mr Lauch’s and Mrs Keates class)
Computer support: Elliott Simson and Mrs Keates
Filming: Perrin G, Joshua C and Reid E (Mr Lauch’s and Mrs Keates class)
Sound: Tobias M (Mrs Chapman and Mrs Maguire’s class, year 4/5)
PowerPoint: Mrs Hewitt and Mrs Keates
Props: Mrs Lauchs, Mrs Lyndon, Mrs McKenzie, Miss Hurdley, Mrs Stiler, Mr King, Mr Bartulis, Jodie T (Tori’s mum in Mr Kratzmann’s class, year 3) and Ange M (Hannah’s mum in Mrs Lewis’s class, year 2Y)

PE News ...

**Athletics’ Skills** – Conducted by BRSHS Year 11 HPE Students and supervising teachers.

ALL Year 4 – 7 students invited to attend. 8:00 to 8:30am Tuesday & Thursday mornings before school on oval. Must have permission slip signed by parent that was sent home.

**Athletics’ Rotations**

ALL Year 4 -7 students MUST attend.

Thursdays 1:50pm – 2:40pm on the Oval & Area C.

Staff: Phil, Simone, Sharon, Andrea, Jess & Sue W.

**Perceptual Motor Program** will be continue to be run by Allison.

Thursdays 1:55pm – 2:35pm. Rotations as per previous timetable.

Parental assistance would be greatly appreciated.

**Eco Council News ...**

Next week we celebrate World Environment Day on Friday, 6 June. It will be a free dress day “Wear Green to Show you are Keen” (gold coin donation) and the Eco Council will be running some activities in the garden at lunch.
What’s happening— in Seniors ...

AUTHOR VISIT

On Thursday 16th May Senior Blue and Senior Yellow had the wonderful opportunity to work with author Sheryl Clark. Sheryl Clark is a well-known children’s writer who has written many novels including titles for the Aussie Nibbles series of books.

The Senior students worked with Sheryl to develop story line ideas and characters in an hour long writers workshop. All students thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity to develop their writing skills and ask Sheryl questions about writing and publishing stories. A big thank you to Mrs Pawsey for organising this fabulous opportunity.
Hi all,

We have been very busy over here at Jabiru. On Mondays we are having special crafts, something for everyone. On Monday 19th May, we made Bees Wax Candles, what a fantastic afternoon we had. Fridays are our active sports afternoon with Mr Adam teaching the children new ball skills. Last week they learnt soccer skills teaching us ball control. Next week will be just as exciting, with tie dying on the Monday. If you are interested in crafts or sport ask Mum or Dad to book you in so you don’t miss out on all the fun. Call us on 3869 3925 or 0438 542 817.

P&C News...

Help us to reach 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, 16 June from 7pm in the Teacher’s Staff Room.

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE:**
The P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle on Friday 6th June. Food will be available during first and second break. A note will go home about this next week.

**MOVIE NIGHT**
A pyjama and movie night will be held on Friday 13th June. We will be watching "Frozen". Don’t forget to wear your PJ’s and be all snuggly and warm. More information closer to the movie night. Food will be provided by the P&C.

**PICTURE PLATES**
Yes! They are back! An order form will go home for picture plates next week. These are amazing melamine plates that your child's drawing is baked onto to create a lasting memento. These are very popular with the children and they love sending off a drawing and seeing it come back as a plate!

**EINBUNPIN REQUESTS**
If anyone has any cotton (or cotton blend) fabric that they no longer need, Louise Forrest is looking for donations of plain and pastel coloured cotton to decorate our stall at the Einbunpin festival. She is also looking for people to help with simple sewing. If you are able to help, please phone Louise on 0407 853 669.
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 June:

**Tuckshop**

Available in June

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

**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:**
- Hot Chocolate $2.00
- Iced Chocolate $2.00
- Slivovitz $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)* $4.50
- Piece of Fruit OR Homebake
- Juice Popper OR Water OR Glee drink

**Pack B =**
- Sausage Roll $4.50
- Piece of Fruit OR Homebake

**THURSDAY—only**

**Hot Food:**
- Baked Potato w Beef Nacho mince, sour cream + cheese $4.00
- Baked Potato w Baked Beans, sour cream + cheese $3.50
An Invitation to all Students in Years 4-9!

St Paul’s School invites students from Years 4-9 to be part of Imagen8 Festival on **Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 July 2014**.

“Imagen8” is a unique school holiday event – a celebration of innovation, creativity and imagination – offering 2 days of creative workshops, presentations and entertainment!

This year our program is bigger and better than ever with **special guest presenter, Australian Jazz Icon, JAMES MORRISON**. James Morrison plays 36 musical instruments and will perform several pieces as well as share insights from his inspiring life story.

Parents can take advantage of our **Early Bird Offer (until May 31)** and **save $10.00 off the registration fee**! **Book early and beat the rush** – popular workshops sell out fast! Students must pre-register to attend at [www.imagen8.com.au](http://www.imagen8.com.au)