Dear Parents and carers,

**Staffing Changes**

We have experienced a lot of staffing changes this year at Nashville State School and I would like to assure parents that it’s business as usual at Nashville and learning is continuing is all classrooms. Individual classes have received letters to explain changes affecting their child’s class. These are as follows:-

Mrs Narelle Robinson is replacing Mrs Robertson in 2B until the end of the term and another teacher will be appointed for semester 2 as Mrs Robertson will be on leave for the rest of the year.

Ms Abigail Hurdley commences a new position as literacy coach at Coolnwynpin State School this week. She will be replaced this term by Mrs Donna Fleming, and a new teacher will be appointed for semester 2. Ms Hurdley will be back next term part time sharing the Head of Curriculum role with Mrs Jedras.

Mrs Elise Maguire will be continuing on at Comet State School for the rest of this year and will continue to be replaced by Mrs Jess Chapman in Year 4/5. Ms Anna Harding (Support Teacher for Literacy and Numeracy) has also been on sick leave and Mrs Jedras will continue in this role as well.

All of these changes were unexpected and for various unforeseen circumstances such as illness and the opportunity to improve skills. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Movie Night – 5.30pm Friday, 13 June**

This is a P&C fundraiser in our hall this week. Please ensure all children are accompanied by a supervising adult. Please see the P&C news in this addition of the newsletter for more information.
Active School Travel – Bling Your Ride Day

On the last day of term all students are encouraged to come to school on their favourite “ride”. This could be a bike, scooter or skateboard – with a twist, you are encouraged to “bling” it up. There will be a prize for the student who can “bling their ride” the best on this day. And to add to the fun we are all going to come together by gathering at Peace Park, Baskerville Street – Paul Street end and we’ll be meeting at 8.10 am. Walkers can gather at the Sonya St end of Peace Park and join in as well departing at 8.15 am. This is a great way to boost our Active Travel points this term and be more active.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Last year we made the Hall of Fame with 100% participation in this challenge. We are keeping reading at the top of the agenda again this year with our home reading program and now for this challenge has come around again to motivate us. All students have been registered online and all they have to do is read or experience (lower school) a specified number of books. A template has been distributed for all children in the school to record the books that they are reading. Let’s see if we can get 100% again this year.

Work Experience Students

From next week, we will be hosting several students participating in their work experience program from St John Fisher (week 9) and Bracken Ridge State High School (week 10).

Enjoy your week,

Tracey Douglas

Curriculum Corner—The A-E Report Card Scale

Over recent years, parents, students and teachers across Queensland have been gradually becoming more familiar with a more uniform process for reporting in all schools. The use of a more consistent 5-point scale (e.g. A-E) has been one of the significant developments.

Most of us who were schooled in generations past are a little familiar with the A-E scale and for many it offers a great deal more comfort and better understanding of achievement than statements like “Developing”, “Very High” or “Satisfactory”. An important point that deserves clarification though is that the A-E scale has some subtle differences these days and that when we see a “C” on our child’s report cards it means something a little different to what it used to on our own report cards, many years ago.

In the past A-E used a “Bell Curve” distribution which means that a small group of top students in the class got an “A”, the next group got a “B”, the majority of the class were given a “C” and so on until the whole class represented a distribution from A-E. This means that it was harder to get an “A” in a school filled with academic students and easier to get one in a school with less academic students.

The new system works more on “benchmarks of achievement” or “criteria” such that what makes an “A”, “B”, “C” etc is predetermined. Any student then who shows evidence of meeting that level deserves that grade.

This is where we consider the difference in what a “C” really means. It no longer means that the student is simply in the middle of the class, it means that the student has met the criteria for a learner at the appropriate age level. It means that the student is doing everything required at their Year Level. The best description is to say that a “C” means that the student’s academic development is exactly where it needs to be – A “C” is ON TARGET.

With all of this in mind we must accept that it is may be harder to get a “A” or “B” than it used to be. These grades are no longer awarded simply to the top students in the class, they are only given to students who show that they are independently capable of working beyond the criteria for their Year Level.

So what does all this mean:

• Many parents are likely to see more “C” grades on their child’s report cards.
• The “Effort” grades are a really important reflection of whether the student is achieving the best they can
• An “A” for effort and a “C” for achievement indicates that your child is “On Target” for their age. This grade should be celebrated with students because they have worked hard to be where they need to be.
Active School Travel ... 

FRIDAY 27TH JUNE

BLING YOUR RIDE

Ride your ‘blinged’ up bike or scooter to school to win great prizes.

Our final Active School Travel event of the term is ‘Bling Your Ride’. We will be meeting at the playground in Peace Park opposite Paul Street at 8:10am. Everyone will then ride their ‘Blinged’ bikes and scooters to school, if you are walking you can meet us in Peace Park opposite Northcote Street and join us for the rest of the trip to school.

So start planning, get creative and let your imagination go wild! Prizes will be awarded on the day.

Active School Travel—Be fit, Be active and Have fun!!

Eco Council News ...

On Friday we celebrated World Environment Day. Thank you to everyone who wore green to show how keen they were to care for our environment. The Eco council raised a total of $160. This money will go to purchasing seedlings and equipment for use of garden.

Well done to all students who completed their World Environment Day activities. The display in hall looked fantastic. Teacher will now shortlist student work to enter into ‘The Ekka On Show’ student work competition.

Don’t forget our lunch time garden groups with Mrs Stiler and Mrs McKenzie. We have plenty of jobs to do in the garden. So if you like to have fun and get your hands dirty look out for Mrs Stiler and Mrs McKenzie in the garden!

REMEMBER—BE GREEN AND STAY KEEN!

Parent Reminders ...

LOST PROPERTY

There are a number of jumpers and water bottles that are kept in the “Green Room” (opposite the Uniform Shop) that are waiting to find their way home. If your child has misplaced either of these items during term, they may be in the boxes and on the coat rack just inside the door waiting for collection. In the office there are items of jewellery, wallets etc as well if you are missing smaller items.

SKOOLBAG APP

Have you got Skoolbag on your Smartphone? It’s a great way to receive information, reminders and calendar events directly from the school to your phone. Simply search for “Nashville State School” in the App Store and install.

NEW WEBSITE

Nashville State School has a new-look website. Have a look on www.nashvilless.ed.edu.au and if you have any comments, we’d love to hear from you.

LOST KEYS

A keyring has been handed in with 4 keys on it. Please contact the office if you are missing some keys.
Library News Week 8, Term 2

Library Lessons focused on Environmental week

Prep- Year 2 created a picture of their special place

Years 3, 3/4 and 4 created a poster illustrating an endangered species from anywhere in the world.

Year 4/5 created a bag out of recycled material. The theme was ‘bag it and save our planet’

Seniors became Eco marines and created a poster that highlighted the importance of the Moreton Bay area called “Save Our Bay”

HORIZONS

GEMS

Unify Online Lesson

This week we focused on Figurative Language or Imagery. Students discovered that this language is used to create vivid pictures in the reader’s/listener’s mind. The students have explained the meaning of each language learnt during the lesson and given an example of each, either well known or created themselves.

Metaphor is a comparison in which one thing is said to be another. Example:

   The soldier was a lion in battle (Luke McK Senior Yellow)
   The fog came in quietly on little cat feet (Poppi D Year 4/5)

Alliteration is the repetition of consonant sounds, especially at the beginning of words. Example:

   She sells sea shells on the sea shore (Josh S Year 4/5)
   Lily loves licking lion lollipops (Rahema MacD Senior Blue)

Personification is a use of language in which things or ideas are given human qualities and feelings. Example:

   Summer grass aches and whispers (Cheyne B Year 4/5)

Assonance is the repetition of similar vowel sounds in a sentence or a line of poetry or prose. Example:

   “Hear the mellow wedding bells” (Natalie C Year 4/5)

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**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

Dates: Tuesday 20th May to Friday 5th September

This year all record sheets will be completed at school. Students will write down books read at home, during reading groups, in class and individually.

Prep to Year 4 read 20 books

Years 5 to Senior Yellow read 15 books

Thank you ACME Costume Hire for donating 2 elephant costumes to our school for Simultaneous Story Time. You made our day very special!
PE News ...

A big thank you to Mr Craig Goodall for working with our Year 5-7 students on Golf Skills this term. The students are also currently participating in Badminton Skills sessions being conducted by Vinnie from Queensland Badminton.

Bracken Ridge State High School Year 11 HPE students have been conducting athletics-skills for Year 4-7 students before school. All students are enjoying these sessions.

Just a reminder that our Athletics Carnival is on Friday 18 July!

Music News ...

Bramble Bay Schools Music Festival (28 July - 31 July)

If your child is in the Concert Band or Choir they will soon be receiving information regarding this event which will take place in week three of next term. The band days are Monday and Tuesday and parents will be responsible for transporting their child to and from the venues. The choir day is Thursday and Nashville students will be travelling by bus (no cost) to and from the venue (Bald Hills State School). Would you please ensure permission notes are returned with money for the festival ($10) by the due date (27 June) so that we can book the correct size bus for the choir.

Student Council News ...

PJ Day and Special Chappy Breakfast

Friday 20th June

Special Chappy Breakfast - mini pancakes - $2.00 a plate
MILO - $1.00

All money raised from Chappy Breakfast goes directly to our Chaplaincy Fund to help support our wonderful Chappy Leanne.

Organised by - Nashville State School Student Representative Council - Working for every student to make a difference.
What’s happening—in Year 1B ...

The students in year 1B have been busy learning about the difference between natural, managed and built features of places in Geography. They have located examples of these around the school and have drawn a bird’s eye view of the Edible Garden. They have been learning about location and giving directions in Mathematics using maps and interactive whiteboard learning objects.

Artwork by Will S.

What’s happening—in Year 3/4 ...

Term Two has certainly been very busy. Year three class members breathed a sigh of relief at the conclusion of NAPLAN and excitedly participated in Under 8s Day whilst Year four students have had the pleasure of competing in the Thursday afternoon athletics rotations with House Teachers and the senior school students.

In English, we have appreciated many traditional stories from various cultures and have enthusiastically constructed our own stories based on the traditional story genre. We have also eagerly taken up both the home reading and Premier’s reading challenges and we are thoroughly enjoying meeting interesting characters and being taken to new places through the beauty of words.

The speed and accuracy of our number facts has increased significantly and we are now learning how to apply these number facts to double digit multiplication and more complex division algorithms. Problem solving has also been a focus this term and we now have a variety of problem solving strategies we can draw upon to help us solve real life problems.

Students in 3/4H have completed some important scientific research about why animals are endangered and ways that we can protect these animals. We have also finished our first Geography unit and now know much more about mapping, places around the world and cartographic conventions.

We are looking forward to more exciting learning adventures next term.
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. The P&C thank you for your ongoing support.

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 SUCCESS:

A huge thank you to everyone who ordered sausage sizzle last Friday. It was a great success and we received lots of positive feedback about having food available for both breaks.....and those apple slinkies were very popular!!

PYJAMAS AND MOVIE NIGHT:

On Friday 13th June the P&C will be hosting a FREE family movie night. We will be showing 'Frozen'.

Please support the P&C by buying some of the delicious food on offer: meatballs, rice and vegies, butter chicken, rice and vegies and sausage sizzle. Yummy deserts will also be for sale.

Food will be on sale from 5:30pm and the movie will begin at 6:30pm.

We ask that you please help tidy up the hall before the night ends.

Hope to see lots of families there.

EINBUNPIN FESTIVAL:

We are still in desperate need of apple cider vinegar, white vinegar, sugar, pectin (I will check with Abby what else she wants) to make jams and preserves for the Einbunpin Festival. If you are interested in helping make jams and preserves please contact Abby on 0422 355 033 for ingredients and jars.

PICTURE PLATES:

Picture plate notes will go home this week. These are a wonderful mementos which not only display your child’s artwork but are functional as well. Younger siblings are able to do picture plates as well. Phone Carmel 0409 629 634 or Abby 0422 355 033 and we will arrange a time for your little ones to create their masterpiece.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS:

Entertainment Books are still available to purchase or order 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...

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: $1.00
  - Jelly Cups: 0.50c
  - Sleepy Sam (ice block): $2.00

- **Drinks:**
  - Hot Chocolate: $2.00
  - Iced Chocolate: $3.00
  - 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): $4.50
    - Piece of Fruit OR Homebake
    - Juice OR Water OR Glee drink
  - **Pack B =**
    - Sausage Roll
    - 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

Community News...

Give your child the tools to build resilience and thrive!

Confident Kids + Teens is an interactive and fun 5 week Resilience coaching program for 5 - 14 year olds. Children learn about their personal strengths, resilient thinking skills and social skills. The aim of the program is to boost confidence and emotional resilience and to teach children practical tools to reduce stress, anxiety, low self-esteem or lack of confidence so they can meet life’s challenges.

The program includes parent support and workshop. Facilitated by