Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to school this term. We have had a strong start to the term and we welcome several new families to Nashville.

**Sports day**

Well done to all of our sports houses on the great effort last week. Cook won the relay and the ball games trophy and overall points was won by Oxley. Well done to all participants who did their best in the blustery conditions. Many thanks to all the staff, family members and friends who worked together to ensure this event was well organised. Congratulations to our age champions – Monique C, Zavannah H and Ainslee T, Kaden L, Logan J and Zac M.

Olivia H broke the 800m record by 3 seconds for her age group and Brea M tied with the high jump record. Well done girls.

**Semester 1 Highlights**

In semester 1 there were many events and highlights. These included crazy hair day, pyjama and pancake day, World Environment day, prep open day, the 2014 launch of school programs and initiatives including Active School Travel, Streets Ahead RACQ Road Safety Program, cross country events, anti-bullying day and stamp our bullying performance, parent information sessions, parent and teacher interviews, bling your bike day, beginners music camp, sports rotations, several classes attended Nudgee Beach environmental education centre for science excursions, high school experience days, leadership camp for year 5 and the seniors, NAPLAN and school reporting.

Semester 2 has kicked off with our successful Athletics days and we have parent teacher interviews, Einbunpin, the Bramble Bay music festival and book week just around the corner. Keep your eye on the newsletter for all of the latest information. The Premier’s Reading Challenge has commenced and again we are confident of achieving 100% participation this year and being in the hall of fame.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Parents will be receiving a letter to book in an appropriate time to meet with their child’s class teacher. If you haven’t had a parent teacher interview at all this year, please ensure you do take the time to meet with your child’s class teacher to discuss their learning.

**SWPBS (School Wide Positive Support) Update**

Our 3 school wide expectations form the Nashville Way – I am Safe, I am Respectful and I am a Learner. Our mascot, Nashie encourages us to remember our expectations. You will notice that we now have a number of signs around the school to remind and encourage students to follow the expectations. The students will be commencing classroom lessons to teach the many aspects of these expectations this term.
New Staff for Semester 2
Mrs Narelle Robinson is continuing to teach the year 2B class Monday to Thursday for the rest of the year. Ms Stacie Morris is our new Prep Y teacher.

Bramble Bay Music Festival 28th to 31st JULY, 2014
Our band and senior choir students have received information regarding the Bramble Bay Music Festival which is held each year at Bald Hills State School, and need to return their permission notes as soon as possible. It is a combined schools event with the private and state schools in our cluster. The choristers and musicians have been learning the set music for the event and will head to Bald Hills State School to work with a professional conductor. The choir and band attend rehearsals on different days. The culminating event is a concert at Bald Hills State School commencing at 7pm on the 31st July, in their hall. Food will be available from 6pm and this year tickets will be sold from our school office, instead of lining up on the night to purchase these. There is an admission fee of $5.00 per family or $2.00 per single entry, also payable at the door and there will be a raffle as well. Good luck to all of our participating students.

Thank You
Thank you very much to Mango Hire for your kind cash donation towards P&C air-conditioning fundraising goal. Also Rod Chiapello from Bracken Ridge has donated the iPad mini for the P&C Raffle and Lyn McCosh (Ruby in Prep B’s grandma) for making the quilt that is second prize.

Einbunpin Festival
Please support our stall on Sunday at the Einbunpin Lagoon, Sandgate. We will have a large menu of preserves, jams, chutneys etc to choose from. Iced tea and lime cordial, specialised tea cozies and Nashie Craft activities for kids.

Regards,
Tracey Douglas

From the Head of Curriculum News...

The ICAS English Test will take place next Tuesday, July 29 at 11:30 in the computer lab. The students taking the test will be:

Yr 2 – Jasmine and Lee
Yr 3 – Sophia, Annabella and Emily
Yr 4 – Louis
Yr 5 – Lara and Natalie

See you then, Ms Jedras
Active School Travel
How Well Do You Know Our Local Area?

How easy is it for you to walk, cycle or catch public transport to school? Find out in Nashville’s new Active Travel Map attached electronically to this newsletter. Brisbane City Council has produced this map for the school as part of the Active School Travel program. Our Active Travel Map is a detailed map of our suburb highlighting public transport routes, walking and cycle paths and essential public facilities. The person picture shows three locations where you can park and walk/stride.

You can also measure the distance from your house to school using the measuring scale. We call the area inside the pink polygon on the map the ‘no excuses zone’. If you live within that polygon, you have less than 500m to travel to school and that is an easy ten minute walk! If you drive from outside the polygon, you can still do the ‘Park and Stride’. Just leave your car outside the polygon and walk the rest of the way.

“Park and Stride” is great for families who have to drive to school. Stop and park and walk the rest of the way. Everyone can earn Active Travel points.
Prep B News ...

Prep B have returned from holidays full of energy and ready to learn. We have painted some beautiful pictures and written some very interesting stories about our holiday adventures including the movies, camping, and Joshua even went caving.

Here is Ruby’s story about going to the snow.

We are working really hard on learning our sight words and this is evident in our beautiful writing and our developing reading. This term in English we are learning about rhyme so expect to see some amazing stories with rhyme. We are also observing the weather every day as part of our science unit as well as talking about family celebrations in History. In Math we are learning about teen numbers and how to combine small numbers to make bigger numbers. We are comparing the mass of objects using both scales and hefting.

Now that we are growing bigger we have set some goals for our learning, both at school and in our home lives. We are also becoming more responsible for our learning environment by having daily jobs to do according to our Job Chart.

Here are Charlie’s Smarty Pants Goals.
Library News...

Library Lessons
Prep: read and discussed Junior Fiction books
Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 4/5: students shared their favourite Easy Fiction series with their peers and we looked at the new Easy Fiction series in the library
Seniors: worked on their Fairytale book activities

HORIZONS

GEMS/UNIFY
Seventeen of our Nashville State School students, who participated in the online ‘Write On’ project with Distance Education during term 2, attended the ‘Big Day Out’ in the last week of term. We spent the day at the Qld University with hundreds of likeminded students from other schools. After a motivational talk from some of the professors at the university, we headed to one of the lecture theatres to begin writing. Students were given the opportunity to write and share their creative stories with students from other schools. They experienced explicit instruction from well-known authors and expanded their knowledge by drawing on their online lessons during the term. We ended the day with a tour of the university. Congratulations to all the students involved from years 4/5 and seniors.

Book Week ‘Connect to Reading’ (Week 6)

Theme: Connect to Reading
On Wednesday 20th August all students are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character to celebrate Book Week. There will be a special Dress Up parade from 9.00am – 10.00am in the hall. You are all welcome to join us!

Book Week Musical Performance for the Whole School (Week 7)
When: Wednesday 27th August 1.25pm - 2.35pm
Where: Nashville State School hall
Who: Prep to seniors
Cost: $6.00 per child (letter will be sent home soon)

Children’s Book Week 2014 Musical explores how in an ever changing world, books remain a consistent way to connect with others and celebrate the fact that a good story is timeless. 2014 will also be commemorating the Anzac Centenary being 100 years since the First World War.

Edward is concerned about climate change and diminishing resources and so many other modern world issues while one hundred years earlier Molly lives on the eve of the Great War and wonders what that means for her family, especially her father and older brothers. Two children separated by both time and distance finds themselves on an incredible adventure that shows them that one hundred years can be meaningless if you discover the right door. And the key that unlocks the door is found in a package that they both receive on their tenth birthday, a key that proves how magically you can connect when you connect to reading.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The Premier’s Reading Challenge finishes on Friday, 5th September (week 8)
This year we are completing all reading records at school. Our goal is to once again have 100% participation and enter the Premier’s Reading Challenge Hall Of Fame.
“Be safe.
Be a Learner.
Be Respectful.”
The Sandgate Einbunpin festival is our major fundraiser this year. Thank you to everyone who has helped so far with making preserves and other items. We hope to see you at Einbunpin.

EINBUNPIN HELP NEEDED

Don’t forget to hand in your volunteer stall help forms into the office.

Can you help with any of the following jobs for Einbunpin on the weekend?

Our aprons need ironing – we need someone to come and turn our wrinkly aprons into a presentable format.

Mini pikelets and scones needed for tasting our jams, chutneys and jellies. If you can bake and bring these items into the stall on Sunday, please let us know.

Please phone Carmel – Ph 0409629634, if you can assist.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment Books are 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.

SPORTS DAY CANTEEN

We raised $1100 at the canteen on sports day. Thank you for your support.

RAFFLE TICKET REMINDER

Please return your raffle tickets to school as soon as possible. More tickets will be sold at Einbunpin on Sunday. Hurry—1st prize is an ipad mini.

UPDATED UNIFORM SHOP PRICE LIST.
Health Industry Training is a dynamic not-for-profit Registered Training Organisation representing the professional interest of General Practice and Primary Health Care in the Brisbane and surrounding regions.

Health Industry Training is offering heavily reduced Certificate III level qualifications for parents who are interested in working within the health industry. At a cost of $320.00 for concession participants and $600.00 for non-concession participants, this will allow you to complete a Nationally recognised full Certificate III qualification in Allied Health Assistance or Health Service Assistance.

We will be holding an information session day on Wednesday 24th July 2014 from 10am to 12pm – venue to be advised.

Classes will be held 9am to 2:30pm Monday and Friday commencing August 4th 2014. Numbers are limited. For further information please call Health Industry Training on 1300 381 415.