From the Principal...

Dear parents and Carers

Welcome to Book Week. Mrs Pawsey has been planning this week for a very long time. Please pop in and see the displays in the library and you are all invited to come along to watch the Book Week parade starting at 9.10am on Wednesday morning. Children are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book/film character.

Attendance

We have a large number of students who are not attending as regularly as they should. Many students are currently in the less than 85% attendance range, where, unless there is extended illness, most students should be in the 90%+ range. Days off for birthdays, shopping, visiting theme parks or relatives are not acceptable reasons for an absence from school.

Absences longer than 10 days

Students requiring to be absent for more than 10 days now need to apply for an exemption from compulsory schooling.

What is an exemption and why do I need it?

Every parent of a child of compulsory school age or a young person in the compulsory participation phase has a legal obligation to ensure their child is enrolled and attending school or participating in an eligible option.

Parents can apply for an exemption from this obligation when their child cannot attend or it would be unreasonable in all the circumstances for their child to attend school or participate in an eligible option for a period of more than 10 consecutive school days.

Situations where an application for an exemption may be made include:

- Illness
- Family reasons
- Cultural or religious reasons

If your child is exempted from compulsory schooling, you are excused from your obligation in relation to compulsory schooling or compulsory participation.

The school principal is not responsible for providing an educational program to your child, however they may provide advice on other educational options available.

Working Bee – 9 August

We had a small working bee on the 9 August. Thank you to the families who were able to attend and help out. We weeded and mulched and gave our sustainable gardens a good spruce up.
Mural – thank you

Our Area C eating area has been transformed this last week. We now have a beautiful mural showcasing our mascot Nashie, the bearded dragon. Thank you to Balyn’s (year 2Y) family – Barry and Mel for the beautiful addition to our school.

Active School Travel

Our Active School Travel committee meets a couple of times per term, discussing the program, analysing our data and planning events. There will be a mystery active travel day coming up this term. This is an extra day that student will have the opportunity to receive a stamp in their passports. The Seniors will experience the Bus Buzz program this term to help prepare for high school, there is a bike training course and a Year 2 scooter program coming next term as well, as well as another Bling Your Ride day.

Bramble Bay Sports Day Congratulations

Well done to the 35 students who participated last week at the Bramble Bay Athletics and thank you to parents for your assistance with transport. The following senior students have been selected to go to the Metropolitan North Athletics which will be held at the University of Queensland 26-28th August.

William M – Shot Put & Discus
Ainslee T – Long Jump & Multi-Event (Long Jump, Shot Put, 100m, 800m)
Amber H – Multi-Event
Kaden L – Multi-Event

Music Honours Camp

Congratulations to Brea M and Olivia H (flutists) who auditioned to participate in the Annual Music Honours Camp on Tuesday 9 September and were successful. Congratulations girls.

Friday Parade – 2pm start

Mrs Shepherd (teacher aide) has decided to retire. On Friday we will be having a special parade to thank Mrs Sheppie for her 19 years at Nashville State School as a teacher aide. Mrs Sheppie assisted with the school music program and helped raise a lot of money to purchase uniforms and pay for the bus to attend events and we hope you can come along to see her this week.

Footsteps

The Footsteps dance program is back. Thank you to the P&C for part funding this program. Every child will participate in a 40 minute dance session for 5 weeks, and there is a disco at the end where you see your child’s new moves. This will be held on Thursday evening 18 September.

Choir Excursion

This week the choir went to Eden Gardens nursery at Carseldine to perform for their annual Daffodil Day morning tea.

2015 Prep Parent information sessions

On Thursday we are running two parent information sessions about our school for 2015 Prep families. These will be held at 2pm and another one at pm. A tour of the school will be held at 5.30pm (departing from Prep).

Kinds regards,
Tracey
Heads of Curriculum

Our Learning
As we are well into term 3 our students have been exploring historical events and people through the subject of History. Students study history by asking questions, researching and analysing and using different sources. The History Australian Curriculum gives a focus for learning that all teachers must follow.

In prep to year 2 students build awareness of family history and community history.

- Preps learn about personal and family histories
- Year 1s investigate present and past family life
- Year 2s examine history in their local community

In year 3 to year 6 students investigate local and national history by using a range of sources.

- Year 3s examine the historical features and diversity of community and remembrance
- Year 4s investigate European exploration and colonisation in Australia
- Year 5s explore the Australian colonies
- Year 6s examine the development of Australia as a nation

In year 7 students move on to investigate the ancient world using in depth studies.

ICAS
ICAS is the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) and are independent skills-based assessments with a competition element.

The final ICAS assessment was held on Tuesday. Thank you to all the students who participated in the Science, English and Mathematics assessments.

Abi Hurdley and Leesa-Maree Jedras

PE News...

BRAMBLE BAY DISTRICT ATHLETICS

Congratulations to all athletes who competed at the Bramble Bay District Athletics carnival. Nashville athletes represented the school well demonstrating good sportsmanship and determination.

Four of our athletes qualified to compete at the Met North Championships which are being held at UQ on Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 August. Well done to William M, Ainslee T, Amber H and Kaden L!

FOOTSTEPS DANCE PROGRAM

Our whole school dance program commences on Tuesday 19 August. Parents are reminded that each child is required to pay $6 to the school office as soon as possible. This is part funded by the P & C.
P&C News...

New Sports Uniform
You may have noticed there are some new sports shirts appearing. As we run out of sizes, a new design will be introduced. The new shirt has a colourful collar with Nashville written on it.

Fundraising Update
We raised $4450 at Einbunpin this year. We sold 605 jars, and there are still 300 jar available for sale. $1500 of this was raised from the iPad mini raffle. $1100 raised at the tuckshop for sports day and the tuckshop is raising on average $980 per month at the moment. The P&C has already reached it’s fundraising goal for the year and we are pleased to announce that Block A will be airconditioned before summer this year. There are a couple of additional rooms downstairs in B Block that will be the next project.

Entertainment Books
Entertainment books are available for sale in the office. These can be purchased for $65 and includes the ability to download onto up to 4 devices. $13 per sale goes to the P&C.

Picture Plates
Thank you to those families who supported the Picture Plate project this year. The plates are currently in production, and we hope to have them to you in the near future.

Christmas Fundraising
Toy catalogues will be coming home soon. We are also considering a Christmas Card fundraiser this year.

Father’s Day Stall
The Father’s Day Stall is on again this year. It will be held on Friday 5 September. There will be a wrapping bee on Thursday evening the 4th of September from 6.30 to 8.30pm. If you can’t come in the evening and would like to help, you can contact Carmel (PH: 0409 629 634) or Abi (PH: 0422355033).

Free Dress Day – Father’s Day Stall Fundraiser
On Friday 29th August there will be a free dress day. Participating students need to donate a gold coin. Free dress day rules apply – no singlets or mid-riff shirts, no thongs, no inappropriate slogans including alcohol or very short shorts/skirts.

Footsteps Disco – 18 September 5-6.30pm
The P&C will be running a raffle at the Footsteps Disco as well as providing deliscious food. The disco is free admission to attend.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the P & C.
Class News...

SENIOR SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL VISITS

Throughout the term the senior students will be visiting Bracken Ridge State High School science labs. These visits are designed in conjunction with staff from the High School to give our students valuable hands on science experiences in a science laboratory that we are unable to provide in a primary school setting.

Experiences include learning parts of a microscope, uses of a microscope, learning to make dry and wet slides, parts of a Bunsen Burner, using a Bunsen Burner safely and conducting an experiment using scientific apparatus.

YEAR 3

WOW what a quick 26 weeks of school it has been for grade 3. The students in the class have developed a great attitude to their work and Respectful attitude to fellow students. The class motto we follow is ‘We take pride in our work’.

The students have so far participated in numerous activities and have shown an attitude of ‘Give it a go’. In English the students have focused on Narratives and are currently reading the Lorax. Grade 3 has also been learning about money and fractions in the classroom. In history the students are looking at what has changed through history. In the next five weeks the students will be looking at ‘Hot stuff’ in science.

It has been a pleasure to teach the students in grade 3 and see them grow into I am Safe, I am Respectful and I am Learner.
Don’t forget everyone, students receive a token everytime they make a deposit to their savings account at school, regardless of amount. When they receive 10 tokens they can choose a reward. The more tokens they save the more items you can redeem. Please have your bank deposit books to office by 9.00am Wednesday morning. Thank you.

Join the Dollarmites Club

When you join the Dollarmites Club, you’ll receive a yellow Dollarmites deposit wallet to use when you deposit money into your Youthsaver account, a membership card and the chance to win amazing prizes through our Dollarmites competitions. Plus, visit your local CommBank Branch and ask to receive your free Platybank money box. Not in the Dollarmites Club? To join the Dollarmites Club, you need to be under 12 years, and have a Youthsaver account. It’s really easy to join, just get Mum or Dad to open a Youthsaver account - a flexible savings account specially designed for young people under 18 years of age. You can apply by either:

- Applying online if you are a NetBank customer
- Call 13 2221 between 8am and 8pm, Monday to Friday

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Library Lessons Prep to seniors: All lessons focused on short listed books and activities.

Horizons GEMS/UNIFY

Students wrote a review of the novel The Billionaire’s Curse during their first ‘Keep Writing On’ Iconnect session run through Nashville State School and Distance Education.

Book Week ‘Dress Up’ Parade (Week 6)

…..YOU ARE INVITED…..

On Wednesday 20th August all students are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book, TV or film character to celebrate Book Week. We would like to invite you all to a special ‘Dress Up’ parade starting at 9.10am – 10.00am in the hall.

Book Week Musical Performance for the Whole School (Week 7)

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 find themselves on an incredible adventure.

When: Wednesday 27th August 1.25pm - 2.35pm

Where: Nashville State School hall

Who: Prep to seniors

Cost: $6.00 per child (letter sent home week 4)

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.
Community News

“Be safe.
Be a Learner.
Be Respectful.”

TRIVIA NIGHT!
Saturday, 30th August at 6.30pm

Nashville State School Hall (186 Baskerville St, Brighton 4017)

$15/person – pay on entry (cash only)
BYO snacks and drinks (no alcohol please)
A small canteen inc. tea and coffee will be available (cash only)

For ages 15+. Bring gold coins for intermission games.

Tables of 8. Must pre-book a table for your team by
Tuesday, 26th August to Leanne Thomas – lthom512@eq.edu.au.

All funds raised on night for the Chaplaincy services at Nashville SS, Bracken Ridge SS and Brighton SS.

Community News

BRACKEN RIDGE LITTLE ATHLETICS

sign on for 2014/2015 season

Boys & Girls U6 to U17
Girls certificate required at sign-on session

Sign on:
Friday 21 August 3pm–8pm
Season runs:
38 August, 2014 until 13 March, 2015

Competition Nights:
- 24 August
- 31 August
- 7 September
- 14 September
- 21 September
- 28 September
- 5 October
- 12 October
- 19 October
- 26 October
- 2 November

Field 1:
- 30 November
- 7 December

Field 2:
- 14 December
- 21 December
- 28 December

Field 3:
- 4 January
- 11 January
- 18 January
- 25 January

100 Final Night

For more information:
- Sue Williams: 0400 790 906 or 0429712121
- deanne@latterworld.com.au
- Website: www.brackenridgelittlesports.com.au

Cost & Registration:
Cost: $125 per child ($100 is refundable)
Additional fees:
- Senior fees (over 13 years old)
- Junior fees (under 13 years old)
- Equipment fees

Registration closes on 7 August 2014

New players and teams welcome!!!

2014 TWILIGHT NETBALL SEASON

Come and join the RNA at this exciting time and be part of a new beginning for netball on the Redcliffe Peninsula and surrounding community.

Sign On Dates:
Saturday 16th, 23rd & 30th August 2014, 1pm to 2pm
Wednesday 12th & 19th September, 1pm to 2pm

Venue:
LNA Courts, Kitterburn Park, Main Rd, Clontarf

Age:
U14 to U18 (teams will be graded based on age and ability)

Season Details:
- 10 week season including 2 weeks grading
- All games will be played on Saturday afternoons

Uniforms:
- Each team must provide their own uniforms

Game Times:
- Games will be 1 hour and 30 minutes

See LNA website for details: www.rockcliffe.qld.netball.com.au

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Douglas Street
Brighton Qld 4017
PO Box 1003
Nathan Street
Brighton Qld 4017
Sandgate Redcliffe District Junior Cricket will be holding their club sign on days this coming weekend. We will be looking to field teams from U9 – Opens (U17) in the upcoming BNJCA competition, with teams in the Pre and Post Christmas games. Please come down to the club if you would like some more information on our junior cricketing programme.

Saturday 16 August – 10am – 2.00pm
Sunday 17 August – 9am – 12 noon
You can also follow this link and bring your registration form along on the day.


UCI (QLD) Pty Ltd is now the major sponsor for a wonderful fund raising event swim4kids. We would like to ask you if it would be possible to include details of the event in your school News letter. Any support you are able to provide will be greatly appreciated, it would be wonderful if some of your students could form a team and enter the event via the link below.

This swim is open to anyone who is willing to help us help sick kids. You don’t have to be an elite athlete to participate, but if you want to challenge a mate or colleague then let the fun begin!

Each team or individual swimmer will swim their nominated distance and record it on the pool log, while raising funds for the most vulnerable amongst us. This year the money raised is going to support many of the worthwhile causes within Couee Community Foundation Limited (ORG # CH2239) and BrainChild Foundation Limited (ORG# CH1872). Where: Centenary Pool, 400 Gregory Terrace, Brisbane QLD 4000

When: Sunday, 19th October 2014 (from 5am – 5pm)

We hope you will be able to join us for this incredible swimming fundraiser. Enter as an individual or as a team and start fundraising today. To register or make a donation please go to the registration page: http://www.coueelife.com/event/uci-swim4kids-2014/