Dear parents and carers,

**Book Week**
What an amazing surprise for the students when the Premier arrived at our Book Week parade with Ms Kerry Millard MP for Sandgate. It was a very timely arrival as we were searching for a missing book from the library and our special visitors happened to find it on the way to our school. The Premier and Ms Millard also toured our year 1 classes, watched our reading swarm (supported guided reading groups) in action, looked at our gardens, spoke to children during their eating time and joined the staff for Daffodil Day morning tea. The Premier congratulated the students for their efforts in last year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge and reminded us to keep reading as we are aiming for 100% participation again this year. A record of the visit can be viewed through this link. [http://youtu.be/w0GD3IrGbYI](http://youtu.be/w0GD3IrGbYI)

Thank you Mrs Pawsey for all of your work organizing Book Week this year, all of the classes for the book displays and the staff for your participation in this year’s movie – Let It Go.

**Attendance – Everyday counts**
Please ensure that you are informing the school when your child/ren is absent. All absences need to be explained.

**Active School Travel – Park and Stride Maps**
We had a surprise Active School Travel day last Thursday. Student who travelled actively on Thursday received an extra stamp in their passport. A map has been sent home to every family with an area of the map highlighted showing the 10 minute walking boundary from school and 3 locations where families could park the car and walk to school (Park and Stride) as a way to collect more active travel points.

**Metropolitan North Athletics Event Congratulations**
Three students attended the Metropolitan North Athletics which will be held at the University of Queensland 26-28th August. Congratulations on your fantastic results.

William M – 8th in Shot Put & 11th in Discus
Ainslee T – Long Jump & 7th in the Multi-Event (Long Jump, Shot Put, 100m, 800m)
Amber H – 7th in her age group for the Multi-Event

**Footsteps**
A number of students need to pay their $6 for the Footsteps program – this is 50% funded by the P&C to make it cost effective for families. The disco held at the end of the sessions is where you can see your child’s new moves. This will be held on Thursday evening 18 September.
2015 Prep Interviews
This week I will commence interviews for the 2015 Prep students. If you have a child at home born between 01/07/09 and 30/06/10 they are eligible for Prep 2015, please contact the office for an enrolment package.

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Father’s Day Stall
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Photos from the Farewell Parade for Mrs Shepherd.

Chappy News...

Thank you everyone who attended the Trivia Night. It was a successful night and a lot of fun. We raised $900 which will be divided between the Bracken Ridge, Brighton and Nashville Chaplain programs.
The Nashville parent team came 2nd — Well Done!

P&C News...

Thank you for coming in free dress last week to help raise money for the Fathers Day Stall. The stall is on Friday and the “wrapping bee” is from 7.00pm – 9.00pm on Thursday evening.
A Christmas card drive is also being planned, a separate note to come home soon.
From our HOC’s …

Be a Reader to Raise A Reader

At just a few months of age, an infant can look at pictures, listen to your voice and point to objects - they are learning the importance of language. One of the most important lessons you can impart to your child is a love of all things reading and one of the best ways to do this is to read with them. This can take on many forms from reading aloud to them, listening to them read aloud to you or simply sharing a story.

Although the life of a parent can be very hectic, you should try to read with your child at least once a day at a regularly scheduled time. Of course life often takes over and the schedule goes out the window, the important thing is just to read with your child as often as you possibly can. It doesn’t always have to be one on one, it can be a family thing, regardless of the different stages of reading involved, some time all tucked up on the couch is invaluable in sending the important message that reading is worthwhile and fun.

Reading aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world, helping them to develop language and listening skills. Even after children learn to read by themselves, it's still important to read aloud together to stretch their understanding, monitor their progress and motivate them to improve their skills. Most parents go through a time when reading with their child, when the same story is requested over and over again, it can become boring but be aware that this particular story is speaking to your child's interests or emotional needs at the moment. Be patient, continue to expose them to a wealth of books and they will one day ask for another story.

It’s a great idea to talk about the books you are reading together and don’t be afraid to leave the book for a while to go off on another path the story has presented. The book will be there later when the child’s curiosity and questions have been satiated. They may even mention something from a book you have shared a day or so later, after they have had time to process and think about it, having read it together allows you to share this in the moment as well as whenever it pops into their thoughts. Good books and stories will open many and varied opportunities for their minds to wander and wonder and sharing that experience with them is irreplaceable.

A goal of a child’s schooling is of course to motivate them to read so they will become independent and fluent readers. This only happens when children enjoy reading. As a parent you can “advertise” reading by reading and sharing great books with your child. In this day and age, having access to information through the printed word is an absolute necessity. There is an old saying that knowledge is power - and books are full of it. Reading is not only a practical tool. Reading with your child can enrich not only their minds, but also yours, it can also provide a time to relax and enjoy some precious together time.

With your help, your child can begin a lifelong relationship with the printed word, growing into adults who read easily and frequently whether for business, knowledge or pleasure, as well as parents themselves that read with their children because they loved it as a child.

Abi and Leesa Maree
Year 1B

The year one students are making amazing progress with their reading and writing. They have been reading the *Willy* series of books written by Anthony Browne as part of their curriculum focus and have enjoyed them so much that they have written their own versions complete with illustrations. They hope to share their stories with others, so please encourage them as they may one day publish their own novels! The class now participates in a writing swarm where Ms Hurdley and Mrs Christian assist me in working through the school’s writing program. This helps students reach their own individual writing goal and allows them to express themselves more effectively. Here are some examples of their digital work using the Paint program.

They certainly got into the spirit of Book Week with their inspiring costumes, though it was hard to get into any ‘serious’ work that day as the students kept acting out their own character.

Term Three has certainly been very busy. We have excitedly participated in Book Week celebrations, Interhouse Sports and our learning.

In English, we have enjoyed studying a quest novel, “Rowan of Rin” and have enthusiastically completed a character analysis and are planning to write our own quest stories. 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 Aboriginal ochres and are in the process of conducting some experiments using ochre. We are looking forward to more exciting learning adventures next term.
Library News

Library Lessons:

Prep B, Prep Y, 1Y, 1B, 2Y and 2B: students read stories on the interactive whiteboard using Sunshine Books online and completed story writing activities.

Years 3, 3/4 and 4: we used the online search tool called ‘Olly’ to look up book titles, authors, categories, series, fiction and non-fiction books in our school library.

Years 4/5, Senior Blue and Senior Yellow: worked on completing their Premier’s Reading challenge forms.

Horizons/GEMS

Unify: students focused on how to write a climax for their story and continue to develop the tools for online iconnect sessions, blackboard links and navigating the Learning Place.

Days of Excellence/ BRAINways: workshops take place in week 10 of this term. Parents please apply and pay directly to BRAINways. If your child has been offered a place in the Days of Excellence workshops and you have accepted, please let your classroom teacher know.

Premier’s Reading Challenge 2014

All forms are completed and signed by the classroom teacher and student this year. We are aiming for 100% participation and compliance in the Reading challenge and our goal is to once again apply for the Premier’s Reading Challenge Hall of Fame. Closing date is Friday 5th September.

Book Week Celebration Thank You

Thank you to parents, staff and students for supporting this annual event. It was a sea of costumes, colour and excitement. What a wonderful way to celebrate reading at Nashville State School. The class displays were outstanding with every child in the school involved using their creative response to their favourite short listed book book.
“Be safe.
Be a Learner.
Be Respectful.”

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# Tuckshop

**Available in September**

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
- 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)
- Piece of Fruit OR Homebake
- Juice Popper OR Water OR Glee drink

**Pack B =**
- Sausage Roll
- Piece of Fruit OR Homebake
- Juice Popper OR Water OR Glee drink

**THURSDAY — only**

## Hot Food:
- Honey Soy Chicken & Veg with rice: $4.00
- Sweet Potato & veg with rice: $3.50
Community News

Heavily Funded Training in Health

Health Industry Training is a not-for-profit Registered Training Organisation representing the professional interest of General Practice and Primary Health Care in Queensland.

Health Industry Training is offering highly subsidised 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 qualification in Allied Health Assistance, Health Service Assistance, Health Administration, Community Services Work, Aged Care, Disability, Home and Community Care, Youth work, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health care and Health Support Services.

For further information please call Health Industry Training on 1300 381 415

Bracken Ridge Library Homework Initiative

The girls at St John Fisher College provide homework assistance at the Bracken Ridge Library every week.

Where and When: Every Wednesday afternoon between 3:30-5pm at the Bracken Ridge Library

Who: Open to all primary students

Everyone is welcome!

23-25 September 2014

School Holiday Survivor Camp for 8-13 year olds ($210)

Bus service also available ($55)

Activities include; fishing in electric powered boats, canoeing, rock climbing, archery and open fire cooking.

Also, the following activities may also be of interest...

17-19 October 2014

Family Fishing Weekend ($215)

Open to all. At least one parent must participate. Grandparents also welcome.

14-16 November 2014

Bluefin Lake Maroon Fishing Classic (Senior $30, Junior $15)

Over $55,000 in prizes.

Every junior entrant receives a sample bag...approx $90 value).

All details and registrations are through the Sports Tuition website. www.sportstuition.com.au