From the Principal...

Dear parents and carers,

As another term comes to conclusion at Nashville State School, congratulations to all of the students for their hard work and efforts this term and I hope you all enjoy the holidays.

Important dates for term 4

Term 4 commences on Tuesday 7 October and the last day is 12 December. Monday 20 October is a Pupil Free Day and schools in the Brisbane City Council area will also have a holiday for the G20 Leaders’ Summit on Friday 14 November.

Attendance – Everyday counts

Please ensure that you are informing the school when your student is absent. All absences need to be explained. Let’s all strive for 95 (95% attendance is 10 days absence per year). We have a large number of students below 85% attendance this year. Late arrivals and early departures also impact on learning, please ensure punctuality and avoid appointments in school time.

Footsteps Disco – Thursday evening 5.00-6.30pm

Come along to the hall on Thursday evening to see the how the children have enjoyed the Footsteps program this year. The P&C will be putting on some food to raise funds, and the dance is free admission.

Active School Travel Program Update

This week the Seniors participated in the Bus Buzz Program. The Bus Buzz program is delivered as part of the Active School Travel Program. A Brisbane City Council bus visits the school for Bus Buzz. Students learn how to safely:

- wait at a bus stop
- identify where a bus is going
- hail a bus
- board a bus
- pay their fare
- behave on the bus
- stop the bus
- exit the bus
- cross the road after exiting the bus

Year 4 and 5 will experience the bike program with Cycle Away on Wednesday morning at 8.40am and next term year 2’s will participate in a scooter program. All programs are to assist students with active travelling skills. Permission notes are due back to school from these year levels as soon as possible, please.
Lost Property

We still have an enormous amount of lost property piled up under the admin block (opposite the uniform room), especially jumpers. Please encourage your child/ren to check regularly. Most of the remaining items have no name.

Getting Ready for High School

This week the Seniors had their last trip to Bracken Ridge State High school’s science labs as part of their science unit. We have had visits from Heads of Curriculum and other teachers from Sandgate District State High School and Brackenridge State High School to see the seniors in their class environment to help them with their preparations for 2015 and more planned for next term.

Term 4 Events at Nashville

Next term the Year 5’s will be starting to work towards 2015 leadership positions and will have a card with the leadership skills that they need to start working towards achieving to be considered. Another season of swimming will start, the Choices program for year 4-7 students will occur for four Thursday afternoon’s, Senior graduation, awards ceremony afternoon, end of year concert and break up day, booklists will be distributed and it is a written report term as well. We are also looking forward to our new chooks arriving next term, now that their home has been extended and revived.

Have a fantastic holiday.

Regards,

Tracey Douglas

From our HOC’s ...

Our Learning – Geography

This semester our students explore the characteristics of places that make up our world through the subject of Geography. Students learn to question why the world is the way it is, reflect on their relationships with and responsibilities for that world, and propose actions designed to shape a socially just and sustainable future.

In prep to year 2 students explore local and distant places:
Preps learn that people live in places.
Year 1s investigate places that have distinctive features.
Year 2s examine people that are connected to many places.

In year 3 and year 4 students investigate places and environments:
Year 3s examine places that are both similar and different.
Year 4s investigate how the Earth’s environment sustains all life.

In year 5 and year 6 students explain places and investigate the world:
Year 5s explore the factors that shape the human and environmental characteristics of places.
Year 6s investigate how we live in a diverse and connected world.

In year 7 students move on to investigate regional and global places in an environmental and human geography context.

For more information about geography go to: http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/humanities-and-social-sciences/geography/rationale

Happy learning,

Ms Hurdley and Ms Jedras
RECRUITING FOR INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC  
(Brass/Woodwind/Percussion)  
FOR 2015  

We are accepting applications for instrumental music tuition, for children in grade 3, 4, and 5 in 2014, who will be attending Nashville State School in 2015. Due to a change in State Government policy, we are now able to offer instrumental music from year 4 and up from 2015.

At Nashville State School, from 2015, instrumental tuition will be offered to students in grade 4 and up for woodwind, brass, and percussion. To help parents with your decision making process, there will be a parent information meeting held at Nashville State School on Monday 13 October at 6:00pm in the school Hall. Representatives from the school music staff and administration will be present to answer any questions you may have. At this meeting, the obligations and commitments parents and students will need to make to participate in instrumental music will be outlined. If you are interested in your child undertaking instrumental tuition at Nashville State School, attendance at the information session is highly recommended.

Interested students who have returned the attached form, will be tested early in term four by the instrumental music teacher. Class and music teachers will also have an input into the selection process. Children who are successful in gaining a position, will be notified by the middle of term four. If you would like your child to be considered for this program, and he or she is interested, please complete the form below and RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER.

There are a number of school instruments available for hire and we attempt to provide all beginners with the opportunity of using a school instrument. We ask all students to list three preferences for instruments that they would like to play. This is due to the fact that some school instruments are in limited supply and some students may not have the necessary physical attributes to play their desired instrument.

Instrumental tuition is offered for:

WOODWIND: Flute, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophone and Tenor Saxophone.

BRASS: Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, Euphonium.

PERCUSSION: Includes a range of tuned eg. glockenspiel and un-tuned instruments eg. snare/ bass drum, cymbals, maracas, triangle etc

Please DO NOT immediately go and purchase an instrument. Students need to be tested PRIOR to any decision about final instrument choice is made.

Thank you for your support in your child’s musical education.

Malcolm James  
Instrumental Music Teacher

Please see office, if you require a form.
Library Lessons

Prep Y, Prep B, Year 1Y, Year 1B, Year 2Y, Year 2B, Year 3 and Year 3/4 have been working on fiction and non-fiction story writing and online activities using Sunshine Books. Non Fiction topics include; Matter, Tracking Turtles, Crocodiles and Sharks and I Love Killer Whales. Students use the interactive whiteboard to read and create stories.

Year 4 Students documented their findings from the class science experiment.

Years 4/5 worked on iPads using airdrop to share pictures of the Gold Rush with their peers.

Senior Blue and Yellow focused on writing a detailed response to their class novel ‘Holes’.

Horizons/GEMS

BRAINways Days of Excellence

Selected Nashville State School students from years 1 to Senior Yellow will be attending BRAINways Days of Excellence at Aspley State School in either maths or science this week. These are two day workshops from Tuesday 16th to Friday 19th September (Week 10).

Unify

Unify student’s access fortnightly online explicit lessons this semester via Distance Education on advanced creative writing skills.

Lunch Breaks in the Library

Book Fair

Thursday 30th October to Thursday 6th November (Weeks 5 and 6)

The theme this year is ‘Book Fair Garden’ Catch the Reading Bug

Nashville Readers’ Cup (Years 5, Senior Blue and Yellow)

Books will be handed out week 1 of term 4. Reading time will be from Tuesday 7th October to Friday 31st October. The challenge will take place on Wednesday, 5th November in the hall from 9am.

2B & 2Y News ...

We have been very busy the past two weeks learning some great moves at footsteps and the results outway the fun we have been having. Also last Thursday we participated in our school skipathon with great results.

In English we have been learning how to write and create our own stories with planning and looking at noun groups and adjectives. We have looked at the story of "The Ugly Duckling" and created and planned our own title and story at length. Also we have looked at bats and their lifestyle and used the story about "Stellaluna" which we pulled apart and researched these creatures of the night. In Maths we have discovered number expanders and creation of the number board our own way. With lots of number problems in many different ways we discovered ways to add and subtract in ways we haven’t before.

In science we touched on lifecycles with the extension of going to Nudgee Beach Educational Centre earlier in the term. This was very successful and all enjoyed this outing.
P&C News...

Thursday 18th is the Footsteps disco from 5pm until 6.30pm. The P&C will be selling food on the night. You can either purchase dinner and eat during the dance or buy dinner in a take away container and take home to eat. We will be selling butter chicken and rice and fried rice with or without dim sims. Ice creams and drinks will also be for sale.

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!!! This year the P&C has been working very hard fundraising to air condition A block. Thanks to the amazing effort of all of you we now have the funds to do this. The air conditioning will be done in the second week of the school holidays...just in time for the hot weather.

Don’t forget to order your personalized Christmas cards and calendars. Cards are $15 for a pack of 10 and calendars are $14 each. These are a wonderful display of your children’s art work. Money and order forms to the office by Wednesday 17th September.

Toy catalogs and order forms will go home this week. This will be our last fundraiser for the year (apart from our massive Christmas raffle) and a great way to get some Christmas shopping done while also fundraising for our school. Orders need to be back at the office by Friday 10th October (first Friday back at school.)

OSHC News...

Have a Jabiru Holiday this September/ October

Jabiru Kids has planned a great program of activities for the September/ October holidays. We’ll make mini minions, cuddle worms, spell with spaghetti, invent new recipes, prospect for gold and fabricate footy foam fingers.

This holidays our excursion is to Walkabout Creek Wildlife Centre to meet native animals and explore the bush. Special visitors from Second Nature Indigenous Arts will introduce us to Indigenous cultural activities, painting and games.

Jabiru Kids Nashville opens from 6am to 6pm over the holidays. We even serve breakfast!

Try a day for free: if you haven’t tried Jabiru before, join us for a free day of holiday fun. Just mention this article when you book.

The full program is available from Jabiru Nashville or online at http://www.jabiru.org.au/kids

Jabiru vacation care is cheaper than you think, especially for people entitled to Child Care Benefit: call Jabiru for a quote on 3269 0044.
A reminder regarding our Skoolbag app. It takes less than a minute to install and you will then be able to receive alerts and updates relating to our school.