From the Principal...

Dear parents and carers,

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The students all received their certificate for participation in the Premier’s Reading Challenge this year where we received 100% participation for the second year in a row. Well done to all of our readers for this big effort once again. The Minister didn’t make the event due to G20 traffic, however, Ms Kerry Millard MP was able to represent him and praised all of the children for their continued commitment to reading every night at Nashville. She also thanked all of the parents for support the students and assisting them to get their reading done.

Swimming
Our learn to swim program is progressing nicely. Year 2 have one more week to go after this week, and year 5 and Seniors are completed the water safety and survival course this week. Thanks everyone for remembering their gear each week.

Movie Night
Thank you to everyone that attended our movie night on Friday night. The food was once again fantastic and a great time was had by all. Thanks to the P&C for organizing this event and everyone who helped.

Volunteers Afternoon Tea—Friday Afternoon
Our annual volunteers thank you event is after school on Friday. This is our opportunity to thank everyone who has helped out during the course of this year. Usually we have a morning tea, but this year it will be after school. Hope to see all of our volunteers there.
Report Cards
The end of semester report cards will be sent home on Wednesday 10 December. These will be given to the students in a sealed envelope for parents to open at a later date.

End of Year Events
Senior Celebration Evening Tuesday 9 December for Senior students, parents and invited guests only.

Awards Afternoon Parade 10 December 1pm in the hall, all parents, relatives and friends welcome to attend.

Concert and party day – Thursday 11 December (free dress day). Christmas concert is at 9am and end of year concert is at 1pm.

Clean up day - Friday 12 December, usual school hours (free dress day).

Resource Levy
At the bottom of the 2014 booklist there was a $40 resource levy listed for consumables and other items for the classroom. Only 12% of families have paid this so far and this has impacted on our budget this year. Please forward the outstanding monies as soon as possible.

Choir Excursions
The choir have received notes for their next two events which are the Carols in the Park (Rotary) on Thursday evening 4 December at the Einbunpin Lagoon starting at 6pm. They will also be going to Eventide this year to participate in a Christmas celebration and student will be departing by bus at 9.30 am on Friday 5th December.

Active Travel Break Up Celebration
There will be a BBQ sausage sizzle in Peace Park at 8am on Friday 5th December to celebrate our efforts this year for Active School Travel. Students can come on their way to school. Students coming to school first need to have made sure that they have handed in their permission to leave school grounds note so that they can attend with a staff member. This event is funded by BCC and Victoria Newton.

Regards
Tracey

Volunteers Afternoon Tea Friday 28 November 2.45pm after parade. RSVP asap.

To be a volunteer, it takes...
  Generosity - a willingness to give your time to others.
  Understanding - others’ lives and outlooks are often very different from your own.
  Empathy - an ability to put yourself in someone else's shoes and feel what they must feel.
  Compassion - to truly care about making someone else’s life better.
  Patience - because the process doesn't always go as smoothly as it might.
  Positive attitude – to make a difference, no matter how small, with a smile.
  Dedication - to stick with the project and see it through.

At Nashville we have an amazing group of volunteers who give up their time willingly each week to interact in classrooms, make resources, help in the tuckshop, share their sporting and craft skills, take groups for swimming, cover library books, cater at functions, represent us at local festivals........ the list goes on and on. The staff and students of our school would like to sincerely thank our community volunteers who come from far and wide to make that huge difference to our lives. Thanks a bunch!

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.
~Winston Churchill
Reporting at Nashville State School

Since 2013, all schools are required to report on student achievement in all Learning Areas of the Australian and Queensland curriculum.

Reporting is part of our important communication process with parents and assists in building the school-parent partnership to improve student learning.

You will notice that the report card of your child/children will address the following:
- What learning students covered in the semester
- How the student performed against expected year level standards
- Student effort and behaviour

Your child’s report card reflects:
- judgments about the quality of student learning based on evidence collected over time (an assessment folio of work)
- the student’s most consistent level of achievement with consideration given to more recent evidence.

Teachers make on-balance judgments about the quality of student work in the assessment folio, that is, how well the student has met those elements of the achievement standard that have been taught and assessed during the semester. A level of achievement is then awarded using a five-point scale depending on the year level.

Reporting in Prep

Prep students are assessed and reported on using a five-point scale against the Australian Curriculum learning areas of English, Mathematics, Science, History and Geography.

The five point scale is:
- Applying (AP)
- Making connections (MC)
- Working with (WW)
- Exploring (EX)
- Becoming Aware (BA)

Detailed information regarding these standards is contained within the report card.

Other early learning areas of Social and personal learning; Health and physical learning; and Active learning processes will also appear on the Prep report card.

Reporting in Years 1 to 7

Reporting in Years 1 and 2 will continue as it has done in previous years. The five point scale is:
- Very High
- High
- Sound
- Developing
- Support Required

The five point scale for Years 3 to 7 is A to E. Detailed information regarding these standards is contained within the report card.

Understanding Achievement

What makes an ABCD or E is pre-determined by a standard of achievement. Teachers work diligently to prepare criteria sheets and Guides to Making Judgements which are used to evaluate student work. Students work is moderated between classes to ensure comparability between classes and a variety of evidence is used to make judgements about students’ performance.

A “C” or “SOUND” means that the student has met the criteria or standard for a learner at the appropriate age level. It indicates that the student is doing everything required at this Year Level at school. Some students will find that they are allocated ratings outside of the ‘sound’ area. A few students will find that they don’t quite achieve these standards and may require support. Some students may demonstrate higher outcomes than indicated above and will be allocated ratings at their level of performance. Teachers work conscientiously to prepare assessment tasks that give students the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and understanding.
**Library News....**

**Library Lessons** Prep Y and Prey B: Students read a Fiction Book on the Interactive Whiteboard and answered recall question. They rewrote a sentence from the book and punctuated it with speech marks, full stops, commas, apostrophises and capital letters.

Years 1 and 2: Students read their favourite Fiction Book with a friend and then took turns at reading to the class. We discussed their choice of book, fluency, vocabulary and tracking.

Year 3: Students worked on the Pic Collage App. They took photos with the camera, drew and illustrated pictures and wrote text to support the poem they are writing in class.

Year 3/4: Students read Easy Fiction and Fiction books aloud in small groups. Then they volunteered to read their favourite book to the class. We discussed if the chosen book was too hard or easy. Was it helpful for their fluency or extending their vocabulary. What were they going to focus on to improve their reading and comprehension?

Year 4: The Show Me App was used to create a Chip Advertisement. Students used their creative skills to draw, photograph and illustrate their Advertisement.

Year 5: The Explain Everything App kept students engaged as their prepared their Car Advertisement. They drew and illustrated their chosen car and prepared a slogan and text to help sell their advertisement. Students used peer support to brainstorm technical issues on the ipads.

Senior Blue and Senior Yellow: Our leaders worked in the computer lab and completed a History assignment. They supported each other borrowing and returning library books through the school library system. Unify: Nova and Luke are finalising their creative story writing through the School of Distance Education.

**Book Fair** Thank you to the following parents that helped out at our very successful school Book Fair this year. Mandy Williams, Beulah Rattray, Sarah O’Shannessy, Andrea Dibbens and our wonderful Chappy Leanne Thomas.

**Library Books** All library books are due back this Friday, 28th November Please. (End of week 8)

**Chappy News....**

Each school that has a chaplain also has a Local Chaplaincy Committee (LCC). In Nashville SS, this committee is combined with the chaplaincy service at Bracken Ridge SS. We currently need parent representatives to join our LCC. Our LCC meets once a term on a Tuesday morning at 8am and discusses what is happening in Nashville’s chaplaincy service, directions for future chaplaincy events, and ways to raise funds to continue the chaplaincy service in Nashville SS. This committee comprises anyone in the school or community who wants to support chaplaincy in Nashville and Bracken Ridge SS. If you would like to join this committee, or have more questions regarding what this would entail, please don’t hesitate to contact me (Leanne) at leannet@chappy.org.au, or Tracey Douglas.

**Tuckshop and Uniform Shop News...**
P&C News
Plenty of news from the last P&C meeting for the year, held last Monday, November 17.

The P&C has a Facebook page!
The page provides a great opportunity to provide feedback to the P&C, share stories with other school families and learn about what’s happening as well. So we look forward to seeing you ‘Like Us’ on Facebook! It’s a ‘closed group’ page, so once you have requested to join, the P&C will vet all invitations and approve ASAP.
https://www.facebook.com/groups/492719424204537/ or just type in Nashville State School P&C

Uniform Shop:
Helpers needed! There are two opportunities to help in the uniform shop. Our Uniform Shop Manager, Chenani, needs an assistant to help in the shop during the year and to be trained in the systems and stock control. This is a vital service for our school - we know how wonderful all our students look in their uniforms!
We also need helpers for the new-year rush! If you can spare a few hours in January to help new and existing families, your time will be welcomed! So if you can spare some time, please contact Chenani through the school admin office, or send a message via the Facebook page.

Opening Hours – week prior to school: Opening hours – first week of school:
Wednesday, Jan 21, 2015: 10am – 12 noon Tuesday, Jan 27, 2015: 8.30am – 10am
Thursday, Jan 22, 2015: 12noon – 2pm Wednesday, Jan 28, 2015: 8.30am – 9.30am

The Uniform shop will have new stock and pre-loved stock available to purchase. There are a range of payment options, and credit card and EFTPOS facilities are available.

Christmas Raffle:
You will have received your raffle tickets to sell for our Christmas Hampers. Please help us raise funds to go towards new computers in the computer lab, new sets of iPads in the classrooms, and the wireless network for the entire school. This is a really worthy cause, so please sell, sell, sell! Great prizes to be won – including a TV and DVD, a Soda Stream drink maker, and yummy Christmas hampers. Please return any unsold tickets and money to the Office by Wednesday December 10th at the latest.

Personalised Christmas card update:
Thanks to those who have ordered Christmas cards and calendars using their child’s drawing. These will be available before the last week of school and will be delivered to your child’s classrooms for them to bring home.

Dates to Remember:
Friday December 5, 2014: Active School Travel Breakfast at Peace Park.
Thursday December 11, 2014: Christmas Raffle drawn at the School concert.
Monday February 16, 2015: P&C Annual General Meeting
March 2015: Election stall. We will be running a stall to take advantage of the election ‘traffic’ at the polling booth at the school. Any ideas for this are welcome – send us a message on the Facebook page.
Sandgate District State High School would like to invite families who are yet to enrol their child in 2015, to please collect an enrolment pack, which is available from your Primary School office. Upon completion of all relevant paperwork please contact the office on 3869 9888 to arrange an interview time, as places are filling fast.

Bracken Ridge State High School would like to invite families who are yet to enrol their child in 2015, to please collect an enrolment pack, which is available from your Primary School office. All relevant paperwork is to be completed and handed in no later than the 3 December 2014.