Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to term 4. As you can see by our calendar, term 4 is a very busy one. This term is also a written report term. These will be released the last Wednesday of term. We also have two more days where students won’t be attending school. There is a Pupil Free Day on Monday 20 October and the G20 summit meeting has led to school closures on Friday 14 November.

Over the holidays a major project was completed in our school. Thank you to the P&C and all parents for your contribution to the fundraising in our school. Block A was air-conditioned and all of our classrooms are now ready for summer. Cooler classrooms are more comfortable and increase learning during our hottest season.

Morning in Prep – Wednesday 15 October

2015 Preps are invited to attend our open morning on Wednesday, to join in with our current preps, for a morning of joint activities. This will commence at Prep at 9am.

2015 Planning

We are starting to plan for next year. If you know you are not going to be here, please let us know as soon as possible to assist with our class allocation planning. If parents have any particular considerations for 2015 classes, you may make a submission to me in writing.

New Media Release/ Privacy Act Permission Forms

When you all enrolled your children at Nashville you would have completed a form for permissions to use your child’s image in our media. This form has been updated and all students will need to have a current form. This will be sent home in the near future with each child on pink paper. Please complete and return to school as soon as possible.

Congratulations Brea

Brea Merison has recently competed in the Australian National Irish Dance Championships in Canberra. Brea placed 12th in Australia for her age which is a great achievement. Congratulations Brea.
Choices
Year 4-7 students are now participating in our Choices program on Thursday afternoons. The students have selected from a range of activities including a variety of arts and crafts, golf, outdoor games, boot camp and concert item preparation.

End of Year Concert Auditions
Students have been given information as to how to audition for our end of year concert in a separate note last week. Auditions and rehearsals will be commencing in the near future. Good luck to all participants.

Swimming
This term the Year 2’s will be commencing the learn to swim program at the Sandgate Pool. Notes have already been sent home. Year 5 and the Seniors will be going to the pool as well for water survival skills later in the term.

Nudgee Beach Environmental Education Centre
This term we have three classes attending the Nudgee Beach centre to provide meaningful real life experiences to compliment their classroom learning. This will be year 3/4 and 4 and the seniors.

Bling Your Ride
We had another successful Active School Travel event last week with a large number of students participating in the Bling Your Ride Day. Thank you to all who participated. There were some impressive creations.

Chook Update
Our chooks went on vacation a few months ago while the renovations to the coop took place. Thanks to Mr Trevor Harvey for the extension, Mr Bartulis for the new wire, Mr Stu Harvey for the fancy new chook feeding device, Mr Forrest for organizing the old and the new chooks and Mr Lauchs for coordinating. It’s been a big project, but our new chooks are arriving very soon.

Instrumental Music
Year 3 and 4 students have received information about joining the Instrumental Music program last year. Due to year 7 moving to high school, we are now able to offer the program to an additional year level. This time next year our concert band will consist of Year 4,5 & 6 students, where as in previous years it has been Year 5,6 & 7 students.

2015 Leadership Process
Our Year 5’s have commenced the journey towards a leadership role in 2015. They are working hard to demonstrate and document the identified leadership skills. Later in the term there will be a shortlisting process, followed by speeches and an election. Good luck to our year 5’s.
**Professional Development**

Next week the teachers will spend Monday working on our whole school spelling program, and this will include analysing our data including NAPLAN spelling results. We will also be participating in Asthma training as part of a process to be an Asthma Friendly School. This week I will be going to Melbourne as part of a Brisbane North Principal’s tour to visit some schools in Ashburn, Camberwell, Hartwell and Watsonia North to learn about the governance, learning frameworks and programs being implemented in Victoria. We will also be meeting a variety of researchers and listening to talks about some of the latest research happening in education such as the “Curiosity Framework” which is soon to be launched across Australia and the Pacific, UK and USA.

Have a great week,

Tracey

**Library News...**

**Book Fair**

The Book Fair will run from 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)**

Students have formed their Readers’ Cup groups. 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

**P&C News...**

Thank you everyone who attended the Footsteps Disco. We raised $1007 from the Catering, which greatly assisted with air conditioning the final block of classrooms in the holidays. There are a couple of support rooms still to be air-conditioned, which we hope to be able to do in the New Year. Christmas Card fundraiser has now closed. Thanks to those who have opted to participate. At the end of the year we will be raffling hampers again, drawn at the school concert on 11 December. We hope your child enjoyed the Footsteps program this year that was part funded by the P&C. It is a worthwhile program and the children really look forward to it. Thanks for your ongoing support.
From our HOC’s …

Welcome back! Term 4 will prove to be another busy term full of exciting and challenging learning experiences for our students.

Just a few of our upcoming events this term:
- Choices program for years 4 to 7
- 3/4, 4 and senior Nudgee Beach excursion
- Book Fair
- Learn to swim program for year 2
- Water safety program for years 5 to 7
- and all our end of year celebrations

Support for parents and carers
Would you like help to support your children with homework and schoolwork? How to Help Children is a free parent education website with a wide range of resources. Resources target a range of ages, from toddlers to 13 year olds, and includes different topics such as homework, numeracy, literacy and building social skills.

The How to Help Children website has over 300 videos covering reading skills, improving spelling, punctuation and grammar, writing skills, fractions, number facts, science experiments and building confidence just to name a few. The site is set up as a virtual classroom where:
- your child can work independently
- parents/cares can work with their child
- parents/carers can learn how to tutor their child.

It is a site worth taking a moment to have a look at – www.howtohelpchildren.com

ICAS English test

Congratulations to all the students who took part in the ICAS English test – you all worked very well. These students will receive a certificate on parade this Friday.
Year 2: Lee - Participation
Year 3: Emily – Credit, Annabella - Distinction
Year 4: Ashlee – Participation, Louis – Participation
Year 5: Lara – Credit

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