From the Principal...

Dear parents and carers,

Skoolbag App – Latest Feature

Our Skoolbag App now makes it easier to let us know of absences and changes in details. Look for the eForms menu item, and then select absence or change of details form. Complete the fields and send, we will receive the information by email at school.

Two Minute Parking Zones

A couple of parents have offered to donate their time to stand in the two minute zones to remind parents where the zones are. These parents will be able to be identified as they will be wearing a high visibility vest. We hope that after a couple of weeks, parents will all be aware of the parking zones. Thank you to these parents for your assistance in a problem that has been causing a lot of frustration this year, particularly on Friday parade.

Leader Induction

This Friday we have a special parade at 2pm. Our leaders, captains, library monitors, student and eco counselors will be presented with their badges on parade.

Making payments

Nashville State School has introduced the option for parents to pay accounts to the school via electronic banking. Your child’s unique Student ID Number (which will be listed on your child’s excursion note) together with the Activity Reference Code (displayed on the top right side of each excursion letter from now on) in the description area to allow prompt receipting of monies to the correct student and activity. Credit Card payments can be indicated on the excursion or activity note. Students and parents may personally deliver money to the office window or to avoid waiting you may drop the money in an envelope with the correct change into the collection box outside the office. Cash payments are preferred to be received in the morning when there are two staff in the office as it can take some time. If there are any concerns regarding payments please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Parents who seek a refund for an excursion will need to provide their bank account details so that the refund can be paid electronically. Alternatively you may request a credit note and this can be used at a later date for a future excursion.
Office Hours

The office is staffed by two people in the mornings and only one person in the afternoon. If you phone and the answering machine turns on, this is because Mrs Merison is on another call or is assisting someone at the window or in first aide. Occasionally she leaves the office to go to a classroom or photocopying machine. Please leave a message and your call will be attended to as soon as we can.

Camp – Maroon Dam

This year’s camp was a tremendous success. The 5 and 6’s rose to the many challenges presented to them by the staff at the centre including team problem solving games, high ropes obstacle courses, cooking their own dinner and camping out. The trip was shortened by a day due to heavy rain being predicted, but the majority of activities were completed. Well done to our students, staff and parents for making the event possible.

Principals’ Conference

Last week I attended the State Principal’s Conference, a biennial event at the Brisbane Convention Centre, along with over a thousand other principals. Kate Jones, Minister for Education, opened the event and spoke passionately about her vision for our schools. Keynote speakers included researchers from Ireland, China, New South Wales and Victoria informing us on the latest international and national research.

Congratulations to Rhiannon R and Erin D from year 2, who won 1st and 2nd medals recently at the Brainways Education Summer Camp.

Notes—Permission to leave school grounds.

Please return this note as soon as possible. This allows students to leave school grounds for eg walking the cross country track, class activities for science to the neighbouring lagoon, Active School Travel breakfast and Active Travel events.

Have a great week.

Tracey
2B Class News...

What an amazing class we have here at 2B. I have enjoyed getting to know the fantastic students in 2B, over the last 5 weeks. We have been doing swimming two days a week and have our last lesson on Tuesday.

In English the students have been reading and writing about characters and how they can relate to a character’s emotions. The students have done a fantastic job and should be proud of the effort they have put into this unit.

The students in math have been looking at Days, Months and calendar’s as well as counting patterns in 2’s, 5’s and 10’s. The students next week will look at length in relation to everyday objects.

In history the students are looking at Technology and how it has changed from the past to the present. And in science we are looking at describing familiar materials used to make objects. And to understand that materials are chosen for a purpose according to their properties.

I appreciate all the help from my fellow teachers, parents and all members of staff who have helped make my job a lot easier. Well done to the students, I hope you enjoy coming to school every day as much as I do.

Mr Kratzmann

Music News ...

All students at Nashville have the opportunity to attend one forty minute music lesson per week with Mrs Grant.

Prep – Year 3: Are focusing on in-tune singing, beat and rhythmic skills through a variety of songs, musical games, singing story books and playing untuned percussion instruments ie. tambourine, castanets, rhythm sticks etc.

Please note: Year 3 students will be commencing their recorder program in Term 2. Please ensure your child has a good quality recorder for these lessons.

Year 4 - 6: Are focusing on in-tune singing through a variety of age-appropriate songs and games. Students are also working on music literacy ie. reading, writing and playing melodies and rhythms using the recorder and the glockenspiel. Students are required to have a recorder for these lessons. Glockenspiels are provided by the school.

Please note: Year 5/6 will be commencing their ukulele program in term 2. If your child owns a uke, they are welcome to bring it along. Otherwise, school ukuleles are provided.

Choir

Students in years 4 – 6 have the opportunity to join our school choir. The group will be rehearsing from 1.30 – 2.00pm on Thursdays. We had our first rehearsal last Thursday but it is not too late to join. This is an “all-comers” choir so all are welcome (both boys and girls). If your child enjoys singing and performing, please encourage him/her to participate.

Our first “gig” is in week 10 when we will perform for Friday parade.
P & C News...

P&C Membership Drive

Where else can you have THIS MUCH FUN for FREE membership? Nashville P&C!

Before you think you’ll automatically be asked to commit your precious ‘quality time’ every week, we realise that everyone is very busy!

What we’d LOVE is your involvement in providing ideas, input into discussions, comments on Facebook and, if you can offer to do a specific task on the odd occasion, then that would be great!

Any contribution is welcome, and goes directly to positively influencing the school and social environment for all our kids.

Our next meeting is Monday March 16 at 7pm in the Teacher’s Staff Room, so do please come along!

Let us know your ideas and feedback on P&C activities via the P&C Facebook page!

If you’ve got a burning desire to see the P&C involved in something, or holding a particular event or fundraising activity – let us know. We can then discuss it at the next meeting. Help us to continue to make this a valuable forum for Nashville SS families.

If you’re not yet in the group, here’s the detail: https://www.facebook.com/groups/492719424204537/ or just type in Nashville State School P&C

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open each week on Mondays from 8.30am until 9am, and on Wednesdays from 2pm until 2.40pm. But – if you’d prefer the uniform shop to be open at another time during the week, please let us know. We understand that parents are busy, and would consider an alternative time if demand was strong enough. Please let us know through the Facebook page.

Future Activities

March 27: The school will be holding a Bush Dance Fancy Dress event. The P&C will be involved in providing the food, so please let us know if you can help serve on the night.

Entertainment Books will be on pre-sale very soon with bonus vouchers available for anyone who pre-purchases a book before release date.
BOOK CLUB
You can now pay online simply go to scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the app.

“Be safe.
Be a Learner.
Be Respectful.”
Moving Nashy Mentors.

Keeping Nashville moving is my goal, I am certified in Fitness (cert III & IV), healthy active parents make healthy active kids, so why not make 2015 our year to be a fit n active school. Being good examples for our children. I personally believe, If we want our children to be active, we need to lead them.

It will be a 40min exercise session for all parents who drop their children off and would usually head back home or go to the gym.

Why not stay at school for an extra bit of 'me' time. Toddlers are welcome, we will have fun moving together.

Cost of $5 each session, of which this will cover "hall hire", supporting the school with funds.

NO limit to participants - just remember towel, water bottle and good shoes.

Days to consider :

WEDNESDAY n FRIDAY

8.40am to 09:30am

You can contact me directly on:

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