Dear parents and carers,

Reflecting on the highlights of Term 1 2015 makes you realise what can be done when a talented and capable group of students and staff work together for a common goal – great learning outcomes. The term provided many opportunities for our students and this term is shaping up to be no different, plenty of activities and learning opportunities to challenge our students. The support of volunteers, workers and helpers has been outstanding this year, thank you all who have been able to help.

On Thursday 1 April, Nashville held its Annual Inter-House Cross Country Carnival. It was a great day, the weather held out and all students are to be congratulated on their efforts and resilience. Fantastic effort from the preps running in their first race. The runners were supported by enthusiastic and participative parents and friends. Congratulations to all teams for your efforts and the results of the day were:

1st Oxley
2nd Flinders
3rd Cook

Our sports capable students will be representing our school on Friday participating in the Bramble Bay Cross Country event. Good luck, team!

Instrumental music students are gathering momentum and our beginners will be receiving information this week about their upcoming camp.

Our student leaders from Year 6 have really stepped up to the challenges of official functions, organising and implementing activities around the school including sports shed coordination, leading teams of people in sports, assemblies, maintaining our sustainability program, fulfilling library responsibilities showing many capabilities. The ANZAC Day ceremony was no exception – all leaders taking a turn reading a speech or poem and greeted and spoke to our special guests. Thank you to all students who participated in some way in our service.
Prep Open Day (for 2016 prep students)

If you have a child born between 1/7/10 and 30/6/11 they are prep age. Our open day this year will be held on Saturday morning, 16th May from 10.00 to 11.30am. Please come along and have a taste of prep for the morning and meet the staff.

Under 8’s Day

This year Under 8’s Day will be celebrated on Friday 29th May. All Prep to Year 3 students will be participating and running a class activity. If you would like to help, please see your child’s class teacher. Parents are asked to also bring a plate to sell for morning tea (the proceeds fund the costs of the materials for the day). All Under 8’s in our community are invited to come along.

Every Day Counts

Parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every day. Being at school every day counts, with one day absent each week quickly adding up to two months of missed lessons in a year.

Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year. We will have had 2 weeks holiday. There is a 10 week term ahead of us and all students are expected to attend each day.

More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at -

Exemption from Compulsory Attendance Information for Parents

What is an exemption and why do I need it?

Every parent of a child of compulsory school age or a young person in the compulsory participation phase has a legal obligation to ensure their child is enrolled and attending school or participating in an eligible option.

Parents can apply for an exemption from this obligation when their child cannot attend or it would be unreasonable in all the circumstances for their child to attend school or participate in an eligible option for a period of more than 10 consecutive school days.

Situations where an application for an exemption may be made include:

- Illness
- Family reasons
- Cultural or religious reasons

If your child is exempted from compulsory schooling, you are excused from your obligation in relation to compulsory schooling or compulsory participation.

The school principal is not responsible for providing an educational program to your child, however they may provide advice on other educational options available.

Who decides to grant or not grant an exemption?

For state school students:

Decisions about exemptions are made by the principal of the school the student attends.

Applying for an exemption

You are encouraged to discuss with the school whether an application for exemption is a suitable option. The school can provide you with an application form for an exemption. It is important that supporting documentation and evidence are attached to the application.

When a decision about the exemption has been made, you will be informed in writing whether or not the exemption has been granted and if any conditions have been imposed. If you are not satisfied with the decision made, you can make a submission for the decision to be reviewed.

Welcome to our many new families starting at Nashville this term.

Tracey
**NAPLAN (National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy)**

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual formal assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

**2015 Key Dates**

- Tuesday 12 May – Language Conventions and Writing
- Wednesday 13 May – Reading
- Thursday 14 May – Numeracy
- Friday 15 May – Catch-up test

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in literacy and numeracy skills against national standards for all Australian students. This data is used both to profile students, their class group, year level, school, state, nation, etc. The data may be used by schools to better target effort and support to assist all students improve and acquire the skills necessary for further achievement. All students are generally expected to participate in the tests.

**Exempt Students:** Students may be exempted from one or more of the tests if they arrived from overseas less than a year before the test and have a language background other than English or if they have significant intellectual or complex disabilities.

**Withdrawn Students:** Parents may choose to withdraw their child/ren on the grounds of religious or philosophical objections to the testing. Request must be in writing.

**Adjustments for Students with Disability:** Students with disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom.

**Preparing your child for NAPLAN**

- Ensure Years 3 and 5 student attendance over 12th – 14th May, 2015.
- Let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program.
- Urge them to focus and do their very best on the days.
- Get a good night’s sleep.
- Eat a good healthy and filling breakfast.

An individual student NAPLAN Report will be received by the school and issued later this year. For further information about NAPLAN, parents can go to:


**Reading reading reading**, Its on again - The Premiers Reading Challenge. Mrs Pawsey has outlined the details in her Library News report this week. We have been in the Premier’s Hall of Fame 2 years in a row for 100% participation. Let’s make it 3!

Naomi Thistlethwaite (Acting Head of Curriculum)
Library News…

Library lessons
Prep to year 2 students will be working with fiction and nonfiction books from Sunshine Books online. They will read and discover these stories and activities together on the interactive whiteboard.

Years 3 to 6 will be working through language conventions using Explain Everything App on the ipads as assistive technology.

Lunchtimes in the Library
There is never a dull moment in our library with so much to do. Explore our educational computer programs and games, drawing, creating, building and reading.

Franky Manning and Erin Dean in 2B building with Lego

Norma Brown in P/1 building with Lego

Aden Lyndon year 5/6 and Amber Harvey in 5B using Building a Picture from Little Architect

Library Assistants
Our Library Assistants do a terrific job helping Mrs Pawsey and Mrs McKergow during first and second break. They assist student with the computers, set up displays, shelve, borrow and return books and make sure our library is a happy productive space for all our students to enjoy.


Book Worm Award. Every Friday on parade our library captain, Ashleigh announces the Book Worm award for the week. This is the class with the least overdue books. Please remind your child to return or re-borrow books every week during their library lessons.

Parent Helpers. Thank you to our parent helpers that assist us in the library. Jobs so far include: Books covering and repairs, repackaging guided reading books, sorting all Home Readers in each of the PLA’S. Thank you to Rebecca Hansensmith, Renee Neyenhuis, Lara Fox, Andy Dibbens, Kiz Pouncey and Michelle Van Der Westhuizen.
**Library News Cont...**

**Term 2 Dates**

Please mark this date in your diaries..... ALL WELCOME!

Simultaneous Story Time , week 6, Wednesday 27th May at 11.20.

The book this year is The Brothers Quibble

Spalding Quibble ruled the roost.
He shared it with no other.
But then his parents introduced a brand new baby brother.

Uh oh........Spalding Quibble ruled the roost.
He shared it with no other.
But then his parents introduced a brand new baby brother.

YouTube Video below:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1PKghTN5igc

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

I will be registering our school this week for the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Reading starts Tuesday 19th May, week 5 to Friday 28th August. Once again we would like 100% participation to be awarded the Premier’s Reading Challenge Hall of Fame.

**HORIZONS/GEMS Programs**

**Unify** 7.45am- 9.10am Wednesday mornings:

This is a 12 week intensive booster writing course through Distance Education. It is a weekly webinar facilitated and part-funded by Nashville State School. The total cost is $260 and our school pays $160 per child.

Booster Writing round 1 for selected year 5 students finishes on Wednesday, 6th May (week 3)

Booster Writing round 2 for selected year 4 students starts on Wednesday 20th May (week 5)

**Extension Maths/U2B** 9.40am- 10.40am Wednesday mornings. Selected year 3 students are doing a weekly web conference with Mrs Pawsey focusing on Naplan style numeracy and problem solving.

**Solid Pathways** 12noon- 1.00pm, Tuesdays. This is funded by the Department of Education and is a weekly Web conference for nominated year 4 Indigenous students.

**BrainWays** offers many opportunities to attend gifted workshops to students during the term and in the school holidays. We have a very specific process to select students by analysing a cross section of data as well as consultation with the classroom teacher. Areas such as Maths, English, Science, History, Problem Solving and IT have been offered to students from years 1 to 6. Certificates and students achievement levels are also presented on parade after each completed workshop.

**Support-A-Reader**

Our Support-A-Reader program has started each morning before school in the library. We have 5 volunteers working with selected year 3 students. If you would like to help please contact the office.
Next P&C Meeting

A reminder that our next P&C meeting is **Monday May 18 at 7pm in the Teacher’s Staff Room**, so do please come along! Your ideas and your contribution are very welcome – we’d love to see you!

Celebrating Nashville Mums with our Mothers’ Day stall on Friday 8th May.

Our Mothers’ Day stall at Nashville is a wonderful opportunity to thank all the hardworking mums at our school, and is also one of our major fundraising events for the year. This year, Melina Wales and Julie Hamilton have taken the lead roles in organising the stall and the gifts for the kids to purchase. There will be a huge variety of gifts from $2 to $30, so we’re sure that the kids will find something every mum will love.

Wrap n Chat: **7th May 2015**, Thursday night, 6.30pm at the School hall. If you can spare some time (and a spare pair of scissors) on Thursday night to help out, please come along to Wrap n Chat to help us get ready for the staff the following day.

Stall: **8th May, Friday** from 8.30am onwards – if you can spare some time on Friday to come along and help with the Mothers’ Day stall, your help would be much appreciated.

Entertainment Books coming soon!! Can’t wait to start saving...

Are you buying Digital Membership or Hardcopy? The digital membership allows you to find offers on the go by using the ‘Near Me’ function. The school receives $13 for each copy purchased.

Did you know there are offers from The Full Moon Hotel Café & Bistro, Chemist Warehouse, The Coffee Club, and Surf Connect Wind and Kitesurfing School in Sandgate, and Panama Jacks, Eagle Boys Pizza, Michel’s Patisserie and the Phoenix Bar in Bracken Ridge? Just to name a few...

Einbunpin Festival - Sunday July 26, 2015 – Jams, Chutneys and Jellies Stall

This is our major fundraising activity for the year, so we will be keeping you up-to-date on stall activities and how you can be involved. Please also see the Facebook page for up-to-the-minute information.

This year, we plan to produce our very own Nashville State School Cook Book to sell on the stall as well. Details will be sent home separately. We’ll be looking for you to provide us with your favourite family recipes to add to the Cook Book via a special website, so please start collating those now.

How you can help:
- Donate ingredients for our jams, chutneys, etc. Please see list below and drop off at the office.
- Help make the jams, etc. Please see Abby Harvey, or call her on 0422 355 033
- Enlist others to help make the jams! See above.
- Helping with setting up and packing up (more details closer to the time)
- Working on the stall – if you can spare an hour or two to assist selling behind the counter, or enticing festival-goers with free samples, or by selling raffle tickets.
- Send in your recipes for our Cook Book. This will be done via a special website, so please wait for details.

A reminder for this month, we need donations of:
- White Sugar, Brown Sugar
- Pectin (Jam Setter)
- Apple Cider Vinegar
- White Wine Vinegar

Please drop donations off at the school office. **Please note:** We do NOT need donations of empty bottles for the jams/preserves. We purchase new bottles for these.

Please contact Abby Harvey if you can help with Preserve Making, or if you’d like to assist in any other way. Abby’s email is: styleline_roofing@yahoo.com.au
116 members on the P&C Facebook page and rising!

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.

Ready for Winter at the Uniform Shop
The chill is in the air and Chenani’s getting ready with Nashville Winter Jackets. Please note: there will be a small price rise for the jackets due to increasing supplier prices.

The uniform shop is open Monday 8.30am – 9.00am and Wednesday 2.00pm – 2.40pm. If you can’t make it during those times, please leave your order with the school office, along with your mobile number, and Chenani Ewart-Morgan can process your payment over the phone via credit card, and make arrangements with you about delivery.

Should you be able to assist Chenani during either of the open days, please contact her, or send a message through Facebook.

LOST PROPERTY is full of hats, drink bottles and many other miscellaneous items. It is located opposite the uniform room under the Admin block. Please also check your children’s bag for hats that don’t belong to them. If there is a hat with another student’s name written on it please return it to lost property so it can be found by the correct owner. Thank you.
We are in the process of setting up our Kitchen and pantry in preparation to begin our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program in year 4. To assist us in this process we are asking for donations from our school community. We would love it if you could all have a clear out of your kitchen and donate any of your unwanted items and/or throw one of the pantry items below into your weekly shop.

Any donations can be either dropped into the office or the Year Four classroom. Please mark donations clearly- Stephanie Alexander Kitchen/Garden (SAKGP). You are also invited to our SAKGP parent session at 3pm in the Hall. We hope to see you there. Thank you for your help.

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**Volunteers Wanted for Kitchen Garden Program**

The success of this unique and exciting Program relies on the support of volunteers.

There is nothing more satisfying than sharing a delicious meal created with fresh produce that you have grown from seed to harvest. Every week at school the Year Four children will share in this experience as part of the Kitchen Garden Program.

You don't have to be a green thumb or a naked chef, you just have to love growing food, eating food and being with children.

If you would like to volunteer in the kitchen or garden, we would love to hear from you.

The Program runs on Friday mornings

Contact: Jacqui Lewis or Simone Keates
OSHC News...

JABIRU KIDS CLUB NASHVILLE

Come and enjoy a wonderful fun filled afternoon or morning at Nashville Jabiru. Play with your friends, taste delicious foods from different countries and learn some great new games. For bookings please call Kym on 3896 3925 or Mob 0438 542 817

3B & 3Y Class News...

ANZAC is an acronym for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps and on the 25th of April each year we remember and honour all of those Australian and New Zealand men and women who served fighting for their country in times of war and on peace keeping missions. Many of these soldiers lost their lives when representing their country as a member of the armed forces.

An ANZAC commemoration was held at Nashville State School to remember the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the ANZACs in Gallipoli. The ceremony was held in the garden near the Australian flag and as it was a formal event, we could not clap or talk. Each class made a wreath to present and students also made red poppies for the garden to recreate Flanders Field. A number of guests attended our ceremony, including people wearing medals and rosemary who had worked in the armed forces and also local politicians. Each of these guests presented a wreath too.

During the Nashville ceremony, there were a number of items that are always included in ANZAC commemorations. We all stood for one minute of silence and Mr James played two very difficult tunes on the bugle that were played by soldiers in Gallipoli. Students sang the Australian and New Zealand national anthems and the choir sang a song about ANZAC Day. Some of the guests made short speeches about bravery and ‘The Ode’ was stated. This is a short poem about remembering mates who lost their lives during WWI.

Hannah (3B) and Madison (3Y)
“Be safe.  
Be a Learner.  
Be Respectful.”