Dear parents and carers,

Since our last newsletter we have celebrated a very successful Under 8’s day with very large numbers this year. Many younger siblings came along to join us as well as younger members from the community and local day care and kindy centres. We were spoiled by glorious weather and a great day was had by all. Our Year 5 and 6 students did a great job helping to run the activities, the P-3 teachers and teacher-aides organised the activities and the P&C ran the morning tea stall which raises the funds for the consumable materials each year. Thanks everyone who helped lend a hand. It was great to see our adopt-a-cop, Snr Constable Martin Shone come along as well with a team from the Sandgate Police Station. Turning on the sirens was certainly a highlight for many of the children.

Year 5 and 6’s attended the Bracken Ridge State High School dress rehearsal for their musical ‘High School Musical’ last week and enjoyed seeing some of our past students on stage and in the band. The Prep’s excursion to Lone Pine was a very huge and tiring day but enjoyed by all who attended. The students attended the venue for their Geography studies this term and travelling on a bus was a first for many students.

The State of Origin Free Dress Day raised much needed funds of $267.00 for the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal and the school leaders presented these funds to Mr Steve Unicomb last week at school.

The Simultaneous Storybook event was a great success as the school acted out the story The Brother’s Quibble by Aaron Blabey. There is a montage of photo’s on display in the office area if you missed it. We had some great performers, singers, narrators and back stage assistants in this year’s production.
From the Principal Cont …

This week we have 15 students attending the Northside Beginner Band Blitz, a great Metro Region opportunity for our beginners to workshop their instrument with other students and teachers with a culminating performance at the end of the day.

We are still looking for some families to host a Japanese student in August. If you are interested, there is an application form that was sent home with each family, or contact the office if you didn’t receive one. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Every Tuesday afternoon the teachers are all involved in a staff meeting. Unless you have an urgent enquiry, could you please arrange to talk to your child’s class teacher on any other afternoon or morning. It’s important that our meetings start on time.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge has started and we are once again aiming for 100% participation. Keep reading everyone.

Have a great week,

Tracey

Curriculum News …

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

University of New South Wales offers a suite of skills-based assessments with a competition element. Students in Years 3 to 6 are invited to participate in the English and Mathematics tests which will be sat in July and August this year. The testing will be administered at the school.

Parents may choose to enter their child/ren in both English and Mathematics or choose just one of the tests. Student achievement is recognised with High Distinction, Distinction, Credit, Merit and Participation Certificates. Medals are also awarded to the student/s who achieve the highest score in each subject and year level.

Further information about the ICAS tests is available at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au. If you would like your child to participate in the ICAS testing in 2015, information letters and registration forms are available at the office for collection. Please note that whilst ICAS offers six different tests and some tests are available for Years Two through to Twelve, Nashville SS will only be administering the English and Mathematics tests to students in Years Three to Six. Each of the tests costs $8.80 per student, which will be payable by the parents.

Graffiti Education Program

On Thursday 18 June, all Year 5 and 6 students will be participating in the Graffiti Ed program. The Graffiti Education® Awareness Program was developed in 2002. Strategically developed to deter youth from travelling down the graffiti path, the program challenges the thinking of children and adolescents during a time in their life when they are experimenting, forming attitudes and beliefs and being influenced.

This 45 minute program is being funded by the Brisbane City Council. Parents are encouraged to discuss graffiti with their child/ren and consider the impact that graffiti can have on individuals and society.

Naomi Thistlethwaite

(Acting Head of Curriculum)
The students have been busy planting seedlings into small pots ready for your gardens!

They will be on sale after parade at our garden stall or come and see Jacqui Lewis or Maura Stiler and they will help you. Seedlings include lettuce, tomatoes, salvia and primula.

Monies made will be used to plant further plants into our garden and pay for materials used to sustain our Garden of Promise and to provide ingredients for our amazing Community Kitchen.

Thank you to all the families for their generous support and donations over recent weeks. We also raised $278.00 from Friday’s World Environment Day. Check out our Facebook page ‘Nashville Kitchen Garden’ for all the latest news and photos.

Simultaneous Story Time Thank You,

Thank you to everyone for your help. A very special congratulation goes to the TALENT - as they say in the industry! Tracey for being such a naughty Spalding- reflection room for you Simone for being an awesome mum. Paul for going above and beyond clipping his hair and his role as the cool dad Seth for doing a superb job as Bunny. Annabella and Ryan for being terrific Narrators.

Thanks to the choir, Prep B, Prep Y, Prep/1, 1B, 1/2 and 2B for singing Rock A Bye Baby and Savannah (2B) on the microphone.

Well done Year 3 for singing and choreographing the War song. Jennifer’s drumming was executed perfectly- well done Malcolm for preparing this with her.

Fabulous effort to all Year 4, 5 and 6 students singing See you Again and Flashlight. Big effort goes to our Dancing Rappers: Chase 1/2, Jai 4Y and Nate 4Y.

Thanks to our vocal rappers on the microphone: Sam 4Y, Logan 5/6, Harrison 5/6, Ethan 5/6 and Olivia 5. Beautiful singing and a lovely tone to our microphone singers for See you Again: Lara, Jacinta, Emma D, Jennifer, Ashleigh, Summer, Lily, Olivia, Daniel, Amber, Isabella D, Hailey and Poppity.

Flashlight microphone singers for really knowing your words and your microphone technique: Lara, Jacinta, Emma, Jennifer, Ashleigh, Summer, Lily, Olivia, Daniel, Amber, Isabella, Sam, Hailey, Logan, Ethan, Poppity and Harrison, Ashlee, Chayse, Stacey, Imarlie, Kiara, Chace, Jai, Nate, Lynaiah, Courtney and Jaree.

To our Super Talented Artist Barry Lewis (Balyin in Year 3’s dad), Maura and back stage helpers Ethan and Michael for smooth sailing behind the scenes. Natalie for making Tracey’s crown, Andrea for her clever design for Seth’s dummy. Thanks to Leigh Taylor for donating the helium balloon. (Uleea Yr5 and Carrigan Yr1), Computer: Luke, Tobias and Mr Lauchs sound, Jacqui to lending us her couch, Margy for taking the photos. iPad filming: Michael C and Deklan W. Allan for hanging the backdrop.

Jeanette Pawsey
Next P&C Meeting
A reminder that our next P&C meeting is this coming Monday June 15 at 7pm in the Teacher’s Staff Room, so do please come along! We will be ramping up our Einbunpin planning and activities, so if you’re interested in getting involved, please attend.

Entertainment Books now delivered
You will have received your Entertainment Book by now, for those who did not opt out prior to distribution. Please remember there is no obligation to purchase. Simply return your book to the office if you don’t want it.

Paddington Bear is coming to Nashville. Movie night is Friday June 19. FOOD from 5pm, and Movie at 5.30pm.
The P&C welcomes donations of desserts and cakes, which can be brought to the hall prior to 5pm. Should you be able to help in cooking meals for the evening, please contact Abby Harvey, Janine Brush, Kirrilly Goodall or Lynda Bundock to let us know. We’ll need helpers to serve on the evening as well. We’ll even have a special Bear as our Lucky Door Prize, so save your coins for raffle tickets. Rug up – it will be chilly in the hall!

CELEBRATE the last day of Term 2 on Friday June 26 with a P&C Sausage Sizzle! We’ll send a note home so that you can pre-order a YUMMY lunch on the day, and celebrate the end of Term 2 and the start of mid-year holidays! Any volunteers available to assist on the day, please contact Lynda, Abby, Janine or Kirrilly.

Cookbook update
Hooray – the Cookbook is now with Published Authors to start putting it together officially! We met our deadline – so THANK YOU again to everyone who was involved. We had 130 recipes in the book, with a few more in reserve should we need them. Thanks to Jacqui Lindsay for her wonderful design skills. I hope you like our front and back covers included here below. Please do get your orders in, so that we make sure we print enough copies. Order forms at the office, or available for download from the P&C Facebook page or on the Skoolbag App. Please return completed forms to the office.

Einbunpin Festival - Sunday July 26, 2015 – Jams, Chutneys and Jellies Stall
If you want to contribute to the jam-making activities, please contact Abby Harvey via the Facebook page, or call her on 0422 355 033 or email on styleline_roofing@yahoo.com.au. Keep bringing in to the school office: White Sugar, Brown Sugar, Pectin (Jam Setter), Apple Cider Vinegar, White Wine Vinegar.
Lote News...

Konnichiwa! Hello!

Class News

Year 6 - This week Year 6 students were introduced to the culture of putting up a teru teru bōzu on rainy days, as part their study unit about the weather. The teru teru bōzu is a small white doll made from tissue paper or white cloth. Japanese children put up a teru teru bōzu near a window on rainy days to wish for fine weather.

Students from Year 6 performed a role-play for their assessment and can discuss the weather in different cities of Australia in Japanese.

Year 5 - Students from Year 5 have been working on a role-play about a classroom situation. Students have been learning classroom items vocabulary, asking and offering items, and giving and following instructions in Japanese.

Ritsumeikan Uji JHS Study Tour

This year Nashville State School will be hosting a study tour group from Ritsumeikan Uji Junior High School from 23rd August to 4th September. Hosting an exchange student is a great opportunity for students to learn about the Japanese culture and use the Japanese language in an authentic context. The group is currently still looking for host families. Please return the application form to the office at your earliest convenience if your family is available to assist with hosting a student during their visit.

Arigatōgozaimasu (Thank you very much)

Joyce Leung

(Japanese Teacher)
The Prep team had the awesome privilege of taking the Nashville Preppies on their first ever excursion to Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary on Thursday 4th June.

A magnificent time was had by all!

The bus ride, a first for many preppies, was loud and fun especially when we went through road tunnels. The children loved seeing cranes, planes, trains and skyscrapers along the way as we headed off to Fig Tree Pocket.

Wildlife Education Officer Kayla let us touch a snake, hold baby chicks and pat Indigo, a girl Koala. We fed kangaroos, wallabies and emus and watched a great show about birds of prey. We saw platypus, Tasmanian devils, cassowaries, birds, reptiles, sheep, pigs and goats as well as many other Australian animals.

Nashville Preppies behaved beautifully and were a credit to our school; we were all so proud of them. There were some sleeping beauties on the bus trip home as we were all very tired after such an exciting day.

Thank you to the many parent helpers who made the days such a success. A very special thank you to Andy Dibbens who was our official tour photographer.
School News...

Join the Jabiru carnival at Nashville SS this June July Holidays

Jabiru Kids Nashville has planned a great program of activities for the June/July holidays. We’re creating our own carnival, with children making booths, games, snacks and decorations, culminating in rides and fun on carnival day, Friday 10 July. We’ll also be making science, art and craft creations, and going to the movies to see Inside Out, an animated comedy.

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.
PARENTS VIEWS ABOUT PARENTING SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Researchers from the University of Queensland and the University of Western Australia are investigating perceptions of parenting support programs and what influences whether parents take part in such programs.

If your child is aged 2 to 10 years, please follow the link below to complete a 20 minute survey about your perceptions of parenting programs, your child, and yourself:

https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parentviews/

Or contact Genevieve on 0408 357 311 (email: genevieve.whybird@uqconnect.edu.au), or Louise on 0419 917 998 (email: 21125278@student.uwa.edu.au).

We thank you for your support!
Enrolment for 2016

Bracken Ridge State High School

Parents wishing to enrol their son/daughter at Bracken Ridge State High School are encouraged to return their completed Application for student enrolment form as soon as possible (if you have not already done so). The Principal is conducting enrolment interviews now for our 2016 year 7 students. An enrolment interview will be arranged with you by our office staff once an Application for student enrolment form has been submitted.

Enrolment Application Packs have been made available to all year 6 students in our local primary schools and can also be obtained directly from our school office. Drop in or call us on 3869 7222 for more information.

We look forward to working with your son or daughter next year.

Mrs Regina Garrick
Principal