Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the last week of term. By the end of term everyone is starting to feel tired and the holidays are just around the corner, in time for a well earned rest.

Mrs Naomi Thistlethwaite joined our team as acting Head of Curriculum (HOC) in term one. Mrs Thistlethwaite is returning to McDowall SS next semester. Mrs Christian, our Master Teacher and Support Teacher for Literacy and Numeracy will be taking up the role of HOC in a permanent capacity. Mrs Narelle Robinson also finishes up as our Students with Disability teacher this semester. Replacement staff will be advised next term.

It was great to see so many families at the movie night on Friday night. Thanks to Sue Holland and Victoria Newton for donating the raffle prizes and the P&C for putting on a great spread of food. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

Last week the Year 5/6 class experienced a program from the Brisbane City Council about anti-graffiti. The presentation was energetic and showed the students how damaging graffiti is, the costs to the community to remove it and the consequences when caught.

This week the Year 6 students will be attending Bracken Ridge State High School for a high school experience day where they will be involved in a variety of classes for the day.

Last week we thanked our cleaners on National Cleaners Day. Mrs Hughes also celebrated 21 years as a cleaner at our school.

Thank you to our many volunteers that help in our school every day – we appreciate what you do. We have had a great team in the library three mornings a week implementing the support-a-reader program. If you are able to assist next term, please contact the office and register your interest.

Lately we have had work experience students at our school from two different local high schools at our school, learning the different roles in the school and giving the experience of a work environment.
This term each child will receive a written report card on Wednesday. Parent/teacher interviews will be held week 3 next term, however if you have any questions about your child’s report, please contact your child’s class teacher for an appointment at a mutually convenient time. Please remember that “C” is year level expectation.

School resumes on Monday 13 July. We are looking forward to welcoming several new families next term.

Happy holidays,

Tracey

Curriculum News …

GRAFFITI EDUCATION

On Thursday 18 June, Xavier from Warner Education came to visit our Year 5 and 6 students. He came to share the message about graffiti and to differentiate between street art, which is positive and legal, and graffiti which is destructive and illegal. This was an engaging presentation that was enjoyed by all students.

Joshua S said, “Xavier wasn’t just talking about graffiti, but was presenting graffiti with some humour. The most important message I learnt was, don’t graffiti, you’ll get sent to juvi”.

Emma D reported that, “He was explaining why you shouldn’t do graffiti and it costs a lot of money to get it all off. You don’t have to do something wrong to make other people like you. Just be who you are and then people will like you”!

Upon departure, Xavier mentioned that the students were all engaged and displayed excellent behaviour. Well done to our Year 5 and 6 students.

SMART START

On Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 June, the Smart Start program will be delivered at Nashville State School. All students will have the opportunity to participate in this activity. These interactive and engaging workshops help equip students with the confidence and competence to make smart decisions about money. The workshops are tailored to the needs of different age groups, ensuring they are relevant and interesting for all year levels. Smart Start is a free program that is offered by the Commonwealth Bank. Be sure to ask your child what they learnt from this visit.

Help needed …

Can you spare a few hours a month? We need a new Book Club Co-ordinator. It involves distributing the book club newsletter to the classes, collecting and collating the order and distributing the books when they arrive. Please contact the office if you can help. A big thank you to Sarah O’Shanessy (P. J and Coopers Mum) for her help for the last few years with her amazing work with the Book Club.
PE News...

BRAMBLE BAY REPRESENTATIVE

Congratulations to Poppi D who has been selected in the Bramble Bay District Softball team to participate in the Met North carnival. Well done & good luck!

NASHVILLE’S ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Children have been training during Phys Ed lessons for the upcoming athletics carnival which is on Friday 17 July. Some events for 9yr – 12yr olds will be held on Thursday afternoon 16 July.

Sue Williams

P/1 & Y1 News...

Over the past few weeks the Year 1s have participated in a Fire Education Program offered each year by the Queensland Fire Service. The children have learnt about good and bad fires and the importance of fire alarms. They have learnt to notify their family and “Get Down Low and GO, GO, GO” if they hear the fire alarm go off and if there is smoke. If the worst happens and their clothes catch on fire they practiced how to “Stop, Drop and Roll” to put out the flames. On their second visit, the fire officers brought a fire engine with them and the children were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to operate the fire hose and explore the fire engine.

The P/1s had a visitor in the eucalypt tree outside of the window of our second story classroom this week, a beautiful carpet python! He had come out of his hiding place to get some sunshine. What a fabulous real life topic for lots of fabulous writing and drawing!

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 childrens bag for hats that don’t belong to them. If there is a hat with another students name written on it please return it to lost property so it can be found by the correct owner. Thank you
“Be safe. 
Be a Learner. 
Be Respectful.”

Tuckshop News ...

A new tuckshop on line ordering system will be commencing next Term. More information will be sent out via P&C facebook page and Skoolbag App.

Please note parents and carers that for student absences, please call our new number 3869 7366. For all other matters, please call 3869 7333.
P & C News …

Next P&C Meeting
A reminder that our next P&C meeting is on Monday July 20 at 7pm in the Teacher’s Staff Room, so do please come along! We will be finalising up our Einbunpin planning and activities, so if you’re interested in getting involved, please attend.

THANK YOU to all who came to our Paddington movie night on Friday June 19. We believe we had a record turnout to enjoy this lovely family movie, and also the great food on offer from the P&C. Thanks to everyone who cooked, helped serve in the kitchen, sold raffle tickets, to Sue Holland who made our Paddington Bear raffle prize, and to Victoria Newton for donating our Movie Pack raffle prize. We made about $800 from the event, so this will go into our fundraising pot for new iPads.

PLEASE NOTE: Sausage Sizzle is now CANCELLED Friday June 26. With a few things happening on Friday June 26 for last day of term, we have decided to cancel the sausage sizzle.

Cookbook update
Lynda Bundock, Kirrilly Goodall and Janine Brush have been busy editing our cookbook, and it’s ready for printing. Please continue to put in your forward orders, so that we can guarantee we’ll sell our 300 copies, and make more than $5000 for the school.

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Footsteps Disco Term 3
Save the date! Friday 14th August for our Footsteps Disco. We’ll be announcing the theme closer to the time, but we’re sure it will be a fantastic night for all. The P&C will provide food and prizes. Lots of fun coming your way!

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

Call for assistance please: Making our new School Sunflower Stand.
We need the assistance of:
(1) a Printer, and
(2) a handy dad to make the backing for the stand so that it’s self-standing and self-supporting, and safe.

The stand will be large enough to allow kids of all sizes to be able to stand behind it and put their faces through the holes in the middle of the sunflowers.

We need this stand constructed and finished to be ready for July 26 Einbunpin festival.
P&C happy to pay for materials – just need printing and labour donated please.

If you know anyone who has a printing business, who might print this large format stand for us, please contact Lynda Bundock on 0498 65 29 17.
**October Shopping Event – Expressions of Interest from Stall holders please**

Save the date – Friday, October 23, 2015 (evening). The P&C are going to organise our first-ever shopping event (Parents Only). Entry will be via ticket purchase, and the event will be open to the wider community as well. It will be a great opportunity to get some Christmas shopping done, have a great night out with your friends and without the kids, enjoy some wine and cheese (YES… WINE AND CHEESE), and help us raise some more funds for our iPads and technology targets.

We’d love to support local businesses who provide products or services that would be perfect for Christmas gifts for all members of the family – mums, dads, grandparents, kids, etc. More details will come to hand soon.

So put that date in your diary, give some advance warning to the baby-sitter, let your friends know about it as well, and we’ll be in touch again soon with the details. Tickets will go on sale closer to the event date.

If you’re interested in having a stall at the event, then please contact Chenani Ewart-Morgan on 0429 160 275 or Lynda Bundock on 0498 652 917.

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**Community News ...**

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**Is a “dry night” something you can only dream of?**

Blue Cares’ “Dry Bed Program” can help your child to make it a reality.

Our Registered Nurse will assess your child and work with you both to create a plan to reach your goal.

Phone Blue Care on 1800 030 289 and see how we can help you.

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