Dear parents and friends,

Congratulations to all the students for their great effort last week at our sports day. I saw many students demonstrating our school expectations, as well as other attributes such as persistence and resilience. We have many sports talented students in our school who did very well and will be notified this week if they are going to be in our school team to compete at the Bramble Bay athletics on the 10th and 11th of August. Many thanks to Mrs Sue Williams for preparing the students so well and for organising the event.

Last week parent opinion surveys were sent home. This was a pale blue page with the website log in and information for every parent to have their say about our school. I hope you are all able to find some time to complete this survey. If you don’t have internet access please contact the office and we can assist you with this.

Our School Annual Report for 2014 is now available on our school website for your information. It includes the opinion survey data from 2014, attendance data, NAPLAN results and summary of achievement for the year. [https://nashvilless.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Annual%20reports/annual-report-2014.pdf](https://nashvilless.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Annual%20reports/annual-report-2014.pdf)

Next week is the Bramble Bay Music Festival for all of the schools in our cluster. This is a four day event leading up to a Thursday evening performance at Bald Hills State School involving our concert band and choir. Professional conductors as well as the cluster instrumental and music teachers will work with our music talented students bringing them together for the final show. Involved students have received their information regarding rehearsal venues and times. I look forward to the performance next week.

We are in need of one more family to host a Japanese student. If you can help, please contact the office. The students are approximately 14/15 years of age and will be here from the 23 August to the 3 September.

We have had a couple of changes in staff. Mr King retired last week after 7 years service to our school as cleaner. Mrs Jo Martens is our Students with Disabilities teacher.

The P&Cs major fundraiser is the annual stall at the Einbunpin Festival at Sandgate. Please come along and say hello. Once again our trademark jams, jellies, chutney’s and sauces will be on sale. Thank you to everyone who has helped and have offered to help with the stall on the day. I hope to see you there.

Have a great week,

Tracey
Welcome back everyone for Term 3 at Nashville SS. I am very excited in my new position as Head of Curriculum. There are many new things for me to learn and many opportunities where I hope to share with you some “teaching insights” for the wonderful shared journey of learning throughout the Primary school years. If you have any particular topic areas that you would like me to address, please let me know! My email address is achri169@eq.edu.au.

This term, I will focus on a series of articles about supporting the development of reading with your school aged child. I have called this series “The love of reading” and hope that this helps you feel more equipped with knowledge about what happens at school – and how to be involved at home. Most importantly, I hope that this helps you to build strong relationships with your child’s classroom teacher for 2-way information sharing. This week I will be sharing with you about how we view and measure reading development at Nashville.

Reading is very much the focus of energy and innovation at Nashville through our reading groups throughout each week across every classroom (called “swarms”), to the home reading program, support a reader programs each term and the extension opportunities through the Unify Project. However, it is essential that great information about “best practice” that happens at school is shared with you too – as you are the first – and most important teacher your child will ever have. It is certainly a priority for me to keep you up to date with current research to help you build awareness about effective home strategies that you may like to try at home to keep your child encouraged and progressing.

The Love of Reading...part 1.

Like all areas of learning, the journey for a child to become independent in their reading at about the age of 10-12 years is complex and finely woven from many strands of quality input. This starts with the desire to be social. Toddlers start to develop speech from sounds to organising their words into meaningful sentences to request and respond. When most children start school they are aware that books entertain, tell stories with pictures and words that are made up of letters—“symbols” some they may recognise.

Awareness of “symbols” – usually the first letter in their name – is the next big step to reading. Matching knowledge from all of those times we sing the alphabet song with our pre-Prep aged children through to them being able to successfully match the letters to the actual symbols – and know the corresponding sound – is what we hope to start establishing early in the Prep year. We add meaning to this learning by familiarising our young students with high frequency words (sight words) and introducing a closer relationship with books and pictures, stories and oral retell. As we move through the early primary years and mastery is achieved of knowing how letters work together to form familiar patterns of sounds, how reorganising words can change the message of the sentence, recognising the effect of how punctuation changes expression and increasing in ability to make inferences – in a variety of genres – the process of becoming an “Independent Reader” is established over time.

This is a very functional view of the steps in becoming an “Independent Reader” – exactly when each stage along this way is achieved is highly individual thing! Exactly what amount of teaching input, style of teaching input and amount of rehearsal will be the aspects that are finely tuned for each individual. Whilst much of this happens during the school day – the opportunities at home for supporting your child’s progress is an important foundation in partnership with your child’s teacher.

So, what exactly is reading? The reading process has been defined as comprising of four parts or “practices”:

- Making meaning from texts – what students do to make meaning from texts (pictures, words, graphs, being able to draw conclusions, predict, make a reasonable inference)
- Having a contextual understanding (the purpose of the text, social/cultural understanding)
- Conventions – “cracking the code” of letters/sounds/words/sentences
- Strategies – how students actively make sense

At Nashville, the measurement of reading progress is a five-weekly cycle throughout the year to ensure granular understanding of your student’s reading development is revised frequently to maintain the balance of exactly what your student requires to be learning at that point in time. This is in accordance with educational research that informs our programming at Nashville. We measure a child’s reading ability on their fluency and accuracy when reading aloud. Of equal, if not greater importance, is how a child makes meaning or “comprehends” the text. At Nashville, we use Fountas and Pinnell (F&P) to benchmark reading standards that our students are achieving in these areas. Analysis of your child’s reading assessment helps to clearly reveal their next reading goal.

I hope this has given you some relevant information about how we maintain knowledge about your child’s reading ability at Nashville – and some ways that you can help support their development in this complex and many faceted process! I look forward to continuing the “Love of Reading” series to cover issues relevant to reading development for your children.

Allison Christian
Year 1 News...

The students were delighted to see a little yellow minion arrive in class last Friday as their teacher. Luckily they were able to spend the day on the oval putting their measurement knowledge into action as they ran their sprints, jumped the high jump and the long jump. The progress they are making in class is amazing with obvious improvement in reading and writing. They enjoyed a unit on poetry and will now learn how animals are depicted as characters in stories. Later they will write and illustrate their own narratives so watch out for their work during Book Week.

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Sport News...

Congratulations to all of the students who competed in our annual athletics carnival and gave their best performances. Thank you to the staff for conducting the events professionally, to our volunteers John, Sarah & Garth from Bracken Ridge Little Athletics and to the P&C and all parents for your support.

The results were as follows:
Ball Games Trophy – COOK
Relay Trophy – OXLEY
Overall Trophy – FLINDERS

The Age Champions:
10 years Girls – Uleexa T & Eleanor H
10 years Boys – Riley D
11 years Girls – Trinity A
11 years Boys – Chace E
12 years Girls – Zavanna H
12 years Boys – Josh S

Selected athletes will be going on the 10th and 11th of August to the Bramble Bay Athletics Carnival.
Notes were sent home with these students today.
P & C News...

A reminder that our next P&C meeting is on Monday August 17 at 7pm in the Teacher’s Staff Room, so do please come along!

It’s FESTIVAL TIME!! Sunday July 26 from 9am to 4pm

PLEASE come along and get involved with your school and your community.

Top 10 ways that you can get involved:

1. Labelling jam jars on Thursday night (July 23) at Abby Harvey’s house from 7pm. ‘Many hands make light work’, so please do come along if you can spare some time. Call Abby on 0422 355 033.

2. Baking for Taste-testing: small pikelets or muffins that can be used with chutneys, etc. You could donate any kind of crackers or biscuits, which can be brought to the school before Friday, or brought to the stall on the day. Any fresh baking can be brought to the stall on the day.

3. Setting up the stall on Sunday from 7am – need some dads for this please.

4. Serving at the stall during the day selling preserves, jams and cookbooks.

5. Encouraging festival goers to Taste-test our marvellous preserves and jams (and then encouraging them to buy…..lots….)


7. Helping at the Craft Table – we’ll be making Sunflower hats, and also Sunflower take-away flowers. You don’t need any particular expertise in craft-making – just enthusiasm and the ability to stick and staple!

8. Packing up the stall at 4pm – need some dads for this please.

9. Visiting the stall to purchase our goodies

10. Encouraging everyone you know to visiting the stall to purchase our goodies!

Please nominate the shift when you can help. Text or call Abby Harvey (0422 355 033) or Lynda Bundock (0498 652 917) so we can finalise the roster. We’ve included the minimum number of people needed for each shift.

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Cookbook update

The Cookbooks are here, and they look great. If you want to purchase yours before Einbunpin, then they’re available from the school office, or from the uniform shop. $20 each for one or two copies, $17.50 each for three or more copies.

Footsteps Disco Term 3

Change of date. We’re waiting for Footsteps to let us know when they’re available, so stay tuned.

Twilight Market Shopping Event – Expressions of Interest from Stall holders please – NEW DATE Save the date – Friday, November 6, 2015 (evening). The P&C are going to organise our first-ever shopping event. We’re still brainstorming the event, so if you’d like to be on the sub-committee, then contact Chenani Ewart-Morgan on 0429 160 275 or Lynda Bundock on 0498 652 917. 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.

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

If you have any pre-loved school uniforms that you’d like to sell or donate, please bring them to the uniform shop and see Chenani. Chenani is also looking for some assistance in the Uniform shop. She currently has no back up, and want to train someone to fill in for her if needed. This is a great way to give back to the school community.

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.

**Fundraising:**

We’ve had some successful activities lately that have contributed to our Fundraising pool.

Approx $700 from the Movie Night
Approx $1250 from Sports Day

More Cookbooks being sold daily as well. Get in quick to get yours! Thanks to everyone for supporting the P&C in its fundraising efforts.

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**2015/2016 Season Sign On**

**Roadrunners**

**Little Athletics Queensland**

**Jetstar**

**Season Sign On**

- Two week trial period
- Regional Carnival
- End of Season Trophies
- Parental Involvement Required
- Free Mid-week Coaching / training

**Sign On**

Friday 14th August 5.30pm-8pm (Sausage Sizzle Available)
Saturday 22nd August 9am - 11am

At McNab Park Clubrooms

(Registrations also accepted any Friday night during the season)

**Boys & Girls U6 to U17**

Must be 5 years of age at time of registration

(Birth Certificate required for all new athletes)

**Competition Nights**

When: 6pm-8.30pm Friday nights

Where: McNab Park, Denham St

Bracken Ridge, 4017

**Cost & Registration**

Cost: $150 First Child
$100 For Every Child Thereafter

Maintenance Levies $30 per Family (Non-Refundable)

Registration $40 per Family (Paid at registration - Strict T&C’s Apply)

Uniforms From $35 (Full uniform & Footywards compulsory)

**For More Information**

Jill Williams – 9263 3836 or 0412 21 77 22

Joanne Adams – 9288 9799 or 0412 23 58 97

EFTPOS & Credit Card facilities available, payment online or bank transfer accepted.

Bank: Bank of Queensland Accts 0000031539-64314 G.O.Sidwell (Is your name on the deposit slip and bring the receipt)

Website: www.brackenr.roadrunners.com.au

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The event will coincide with our very own Oktoberfest and car boot sale, so get your steins ready, and think all things German! (e. pretzels, steins of beer, bell ringing, dancing and lots of laughing!)

If your school, band, or group is holding performances around this time, we invite you to take part in our day, and invite you up on stage to perform for our crowd of supporters.

Oktoberfest themed or not, the more people that perform on the day, the better exposure for you & your group.

If you want to be a part of it, please send us an email request, and we'll send you a copy of the application form. Please fill it in, and get it back to us before July 31st to ensure your interest is registered.

If you know of any German stallholders that may be of interest, tell them to get in touch with us too!!

As always, if you have any questions in the lead up to this event, get in touch with us via the club


Alternatively, feel free to email your interest to sandgatehawksmarketing@gmail.com

Hear from you soon!!

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Helen O’Grady Drama Academy
Please phone the Principal Margaret Trend B.A., Dip. Ed

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Good morning

MOVING NASHY MENTORS CONTINUES THIS WEEK.

Welcome to Term 3 all. Hope the winter chills have got some motivation together for the start of group exercise in the hall.

Hoping to raise a further $200 towards funds for new equipment for the school. WHEN: Wed n Fri @ 08:45 - 09:30
BRING: $5, towel, waterbottle. Looking forward to making some beautiful summer bodies this term. See you all soon.

Regards, Mandy-Leigh
Community News...

WAYNE SWAN invites you to

Welcoming the BABIES

10am, Sunday 16 August 2015
Kidspace, Seventh Brigade Park, Chermside
Enjoy a free day out with the kids

Wayne invites all local families with babies up to 18 months of age to register to take part in the ceremony.
- Each baby receives a certificate and gift pack
- Catch Peebo and Daggwood the clowns
- Free jumping castle and activities for kids
- Information stalls for mums and dads

WELCOME THE BABIES REGISTRATION FORM

Name of parent/guardian

Full name of baby (as will appear on certificate) __________________________ DOB __________________________

Address ____________________________________________________________ Postcode __________

Phone __________________________ Email __________________________

Send completed registration forms to: Reply Paid 182, Nundah Qld 4012
Or Phone 07 3266 8244 Or Email Wayne.Swan@brisbane.qld.gov.au
Or Register online at www.wayneswan.org

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Brighton Roosters Softball Club

SIGN ON August 5, 2015 - 5.00pm to 8.00pm

at the Brighton Roosters Football Club - 10th Ave, Brighton

We are seeking new players for next season - BOYS & GIRLS from 5yrs, AND LADIES and MEN of all skills

COACHES/MANAGERS/umpires ALSO REQUIRED
- Summer Season runs from Oct 2015 to Mar 2016 (Juniors and Seniors)
- Winter Season runs from May 2016 to July 2016 (Senior ladies only)
- All games are played at Betty Paxton Fields, Boardman Road Redcliffe
- Summer is one game each Saturday, Winter is 2 games fortnightly
- Fees and Uniform costs advised at sign on
- Training is Wednesday nights at Bracken Ridge High School during summer season from August to March. Generally Juniors are from 5.30 - 6.30pm and Seniors 7.00 - 8.30pm. (times are subject to coach availability each year)

Please visit our website or call us if you have any queries.

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