Dear parents and friends,

Congratulations to all the students for their great effort last week at the Bramble Bay Music Festival. Our instrumental music students and choir were outstanding in the mass band and choir comprised of students from 14 different schools in our Bramble Bay cluster of schools. The students had the opportunity to be tutored and trained especially for the event by Mr Malcolm James and Mrs Annette Grant, and in addition gained experience working with a professional conductor. An amazing experience for our musical talented students at Nashville and a very enjoyable concert for the audience members.

Last week parent opinion surveys were sent home. This was a pale blue page of 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.

We have had a couple of changes in staff. Mr Riccardo Fiorelli has commenced as our student’s with disabilities teacher and Mrs Anita Dodd will commence next week as our Master Teacher and Support Teacher for Literacy and Numeracy.

Good luck to the students going to the Bramble Bay Athletics Carnival next week on Monday and/or Tuesday. Students are required to organise their own transport to and from the event this year.

Life Ed Van is coming to Nashville, all payments are now due and permission slips need to be returned to the office.

Congratulations to the P&C on a fantastic effort with the Einbunpin Stall this year. Once again there was a lot of support during the day and many families and friends came along to make purchases.

All families are invited to our special welcome parade for the Japanese students on Monday 24 August at 8.40am.

Please be aware that Nashville is participating in the National Collection of Data in 2015. The data is collected to reflect the population of schools across Australia. All Queensland State schools are participating in this. Please be assured that the information remains anonymous. For details about the NCD the following link provides more details.


Have a great week,

Tracey
The Love of Reading…Part 2

So how can the practices at home support the development of reading skills? The most important aspect of reading at home is the environmental aspects of making reading a rewarding and enjoyable experience – having fun with reading! This is a significant aim of Nashville’s reading program – but the opportunities in the home to provide extended 1:1 engagement to listen and scaffold, encourage and extend is certainly acknowledged by educators as being crucial to long term achievement for the development of capable and engaged readers. Not only are families the first – and most significant – educators, they are also the child’s most important audience!

As you think about your child/children as “readers” in relation to the four practices described, and how to provide meaningful support within and beyond home reading activities there may be some scope for busy families to incorporate some of the following aspects:

- Having a comfortable and quiet place to read with and to your child, even if this shared activity is for 5-15 minutes each day (no interruptions from TV, texts, emails)
- Model strategies for younger readers, such as using your finger to guide you
- Ask them to predict what might happen next before you turn the page
- Ask them to retell the story to you in sequence. Can they identify the main idea of the story? Who was the main character? What was your child’s opinion of them and why?
- Is it clear in the child’s retell to you -the beginning, middle, complication and end of the story?
- More established readers still benefit from being listened to and read to – this is usually a great opportunity for you to model expression as per the punctuation and reduce the “embarrassment” some children feel of reading aloud, clearly and with expression. It is also a great opportunity for you to get to know what your child likes to read – and what they find appealing about that particular genre or author.
- A word that your child has difficulty reading may provide the opportunity to explore the structure of the word and the meaning of the word. Building vocabulary in a fun way at home can have benefits to your child’s writing as well.
- Some children gravitate towards non-fiction books (dinosaurs, amazing facts, sports). These too provide opportunities for you to be involved in understanding how they are organising the information they are reading – what additional information are they acquiring from pictures.
- Finding the “incidental moment” – a picture in a magazine, a visual on the TV viewed together – ask your child what they think might be happening.
- Do your children see you read? A trip to the library can be a great habit to have with your children. There are often fun activities to do, a nice atmosphere to sit and skim some pages, or read with your child. Also there are so many genres to choose from. Your child would be very interested to know why you chose a particular book. Maybe you could whet their appetite of discovery for distant lands or long gone times and build a common interest along the way.

I hope you can find many other fun ways that provide support the development of your child to love being a reader! Please email me any ideas that you have found helpful as I can collate these and share on our school website.
**Chappy News...**

Hello Parents/Carers!

Welcome back to another term! Brekky Club is going really well, but unfortunately, we have run out of Strawberry Jam. This is one of the students' favourite spreads and so we go through about half a jar a week! If you would be willing to buy some Strawberry Jam to donate to Brekky club it would be very greatly appreciated!

I hope you have a fabulous week!

Leanne

**Nashville Community Garden News ...**

Due to the overwhelming sales of our seedlings at the Einbunpin Festival, we are in desperate need of some small pots for our garden. If you have any round or square pots about 100 X 85 X 85cm deep, could you please deliver them to the greenhouse or to Mrs Stiler’s classroom or the year 4 classroom.

Stephanie Alexander Garden Program recipes are located on our website under documents.  https://nashvilless.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Pages/Documents.aspx

Many thanks.

The garden gnomes.

**LOTE News ...**

**Nihongo News**

Minasan konnichiwa! Last week on assembly I gave a presentation about the upcoming visit of the Ritsumeikan Uji Junior High School students and the Top 5 Japanese Phrases that could be used with the visitors. Here are the phrases once again:

1. Konnichiwa – hello
2. Yōkoso – welcome
3. Arigatō (gozaimasu) – Thank you (very much)
4. Dōzo – Here you go. /Please go ahead.
5. How to introduce yourself:

   Konnichiwa. (Hello)

   ________________ desu. (I’m ____________. [Put your name on the line])

Dōzo yoroshiku. (Nice to meet you.)

I hope you will find these phrases useful. Ganbatte kudasai. Sayōnara.

Thank you

Joyce Leung
(Japanese Teacher)
“Be safe.

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**Library News...**

**Books Light Up Our World**

**Book Week 2015**

All classes are working on a class display of their chosen short listed book. Titles such as Pig the Pug, Noni the Poni, Go to Sleep Jessie and Scary Night are among some of the titles chosen. Book Week display will be in the hall on Friday 28th August (week 7) for parade. NO DRESS UP this year. (Every second year)

**Book Week Musical**

A letter will be going home this week about Book Week musical coming to Nashville State School called *Shine a Light*. It is getting rave reviews! Costs will be $6 per child for prep to year 6 and will be held on Wednesday 2nd September (week 8) 1.25pm – 2.40pm.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

Only 4 week left to complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge. This year we are aiming once again to enter the Hall of Fame and are well on our way to achieving this goal. All reading forms are being completed at school but students are encouraged to write down any books read at home.

**Support- A- Reader**

We have 2 programs running this term for Support-A Reader through the library. 12 year 4 students are reading two mornings a week with our Teacher Aides. The second program is an on line program for 25 identified students in years 1 to 3 with access to over 200 eBooks and comprehension activities.

**Woolworths Earn and Learn**

Please support us by collecting Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers. We buy the latest curriculum resources with the points we raise. Reward sticker sheets can be placed in the two boxes outside the school office and prep or our local Woolworth’s store.

**Nashville Readers’ Cup**

Years 4, 5 and 6 students will be involved in the Nashville Readers’ Cup this year. Interested students will form groups of 5 in their house groups. We have selected 3 books each for year 4 as well as 5 and 6 to read.

The Challenge date is Wednesday 16th September (week 10) 8.40am- 10.40am

**GEMS Extension Programs**

**UNIFY/Impact** 3 more lessons left, finishing week 6, term 3. There will be a change of Unify lesson in week 5 due to the Exhibition holiday on the Wednesday 12th August. Change of lesson to Tuesday,11th August at 7.45am.
**Library News cont...**

**Big Day Out**

Eighteen students from rounds 1 and 2 of Unify/Impact had an excursion to the University of Queensland. Very proud of our Gems students! There was a confidence about them all that really shined. Our group was the one of two chosen to retell their written story to the whole auditorium at the end of the day. This included Kiahn and Mika. Nashville State School students were chosen to be interviewed for the official Big Day Out video. Annabella, Ethan and Ruby will be on the video.

Thank you to Jennifer Cowley, Tracey Jones, Madeline Jones and Brett Molloy for coming with us and lending a hand in the pouring rain.

**Solid Pathways**

This online course continues for year 4 Indigenous students identified in the top 2 bands of numeracy and/or literacy in Naplan. It is a weekly webinar every Tuesday at 12noon until 1:00pm in the library.

**BrainWays**

Semester 2 letters for various extension workshops will be sent home for years 1 to year 6 students next week.

**Support A Reader - Home Study Program Semester 2 2015**

Recently selected students were offered the opportunity to access the Nashville licence for the semester for Sunshine Classics Online.

This licence entitles the user to access over 200 books and activities to support comprehension skills. It is suitable for students in Years 1-3. The cost for the semester is $10. If you have more than 1 child, all of your children can use the one licence.

The advantage of using this system to encourage and support young readers is that it is a high quality and engaging program. The other benefit is that it is self paced and the student can play back because they record themselves reading. Listening back to "how you sound" is a revealing aspect for a young reader to begin to self assess so they are beginning to build awareness about correcting words that they read incorrectly in their online book.

If you believe that your child could benefit from accessing this program, please contact Allison or Jeanette. The licence, with sign on and password details will be made available to you and your child upon payment of $10.

Contact details: Jeanette Pawsey: jpaws2@eq.edu.au
                      Allison Christian: achri169@eq.edu.au

**School News ...**

Prep Y are in need of any wrapping paper for a collage ASAP please. Thank you

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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 students name written on it please return it to lost property so it can be found by the correct owner. Thank you
**P & C News...**

**Next P&C Meeting**

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!

**Einbunpin News**

What a fantastic NSS Festival Stall we had!! We made close to $5000 for the day. “Nashville State School are killing it in the stall stakes” said Wayne Swan – Federal Member for Lilley. Wayne had walked around the festival and said that we were the best stall there! Actually….many people said that on the day. To achieve such accolades was music to my ears. Of course it was a huge team effort, and a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed time, effort, made jams and preserves, gave ingredients to make those jams, contributions of biscuits and baking for taste-testing, ironing bunting, setting up and packing down, labelling of all the jam jars in the lead up, and working at the stall during the day.

To all the members of our incredibly hardworking P&C who go above and beyond all the time to give back to the school, to benefit all our children. It was a delight to see how well everyone worked together to make this happen. Thanks to **Janine Brush** for all her inspirational Facebook notes, and to **Kerrily Goodall, Regina Gleeson, Dana Lang, Simone Smith, Kate Wild, Rachel Siebuhr and Dave Harrison** for your fantastic salesmanship on the day! Thanks to the following people who also helped with set up and pack down: **Michelle and Jacques Vd Westhuizen, James Lindemann, Gayle McCosh, Sarah and Patrick McNeela and Dave Rodda, Jason Beck, Trevor Harvey, Allan Bundock.**

There are some very special mentions to make: To **Abby and Stu Harvey** whose amazing effort really gave our stall the products to sell, and a smooth set up and pack down. You two really are incredible!!

Thanks also to **Louise Forrest (and I’m sure the whole Forrest family)** for making our Sunflower theme really come alive. People loved the stall and it looked so cheerful! Thanks also to **Su Holland** who served, created and manned our craft table, and who provided our gorgeous little Sunflower doll raffle prize. To **Tim Holland and Lyn Cunningham** for making the famous Sunflower photo stand and to **Jacqui Lindsay** for your talented design work – it was well used on the day. There will be many Nashville sunflower photos now floating over the internet.

Thanks to **Jeays Hardware**, who donated our fabulous wheelbarrow full of gardening goodies – please do support them and keep shopping locally!! The raffle was won by Linda Parsons – a former student of the school, whose daughter also went to the school!!

To our fabulous teachers and school staff who helped with everything – especially **Sue McKenzie, Leanne Thomson (Chappy), Maura Stiler (and Dave),** and **Simone and Michael Keates** who brought fabulous Nashville produce and plants to sell at the stall and to promote the healthy and happy culture the school is trying to promote, and to **Jess Chapman, Allison and Joseph and Tracey Douglas** who sold tickets, taste-tested and promoted the school.

I sincerely hope I haven’t missed anyone! Apologies if I have and thanks again to everyone involved! Check out our Facebook page for many photos from the day – take a look at the next page for just a sample:

**Cookbook update**

The Cookbooks are here, and they look great. They are 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.
“Be safe.  
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Footsteps Disco Term 3
The Footsteps team will be coming to lead a Disco on Friday September 11. The P&C will be providing food for the event, and will be sending home a menu and prices for pre-ordering of food for the event. Stay tuned for more information here and watch the Facebook page, and Skoolbag App too.

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.

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.

Community News ...

BRIGHTON ROOSTERS SOFTBALL sign on is Wednesday evening 5 August 2015 at the Club House.