Dear parents and carers,

Hard to believe this is our last newsletter for the year already!! This week we are celebrating the end of a great year at Nashville. I hope you can come along to some of our many celebrations this week.

Tuesday evening - Year 6 Celebration
1pm Wednesday - Awards Ceremony
5.30pm Wednesday – Prep break up party
9.00am Thursday – Christmas Concert & free dress Day
1.00pm Thursday – End of Year Concert

Active Travel News

On Friday we celebrated the end to our Active Travel year with a break up brekky in the park. The Brisbane City Council funds our break up brekky for us each year and Cr Jared Cassidy came along to show us his support. The last thing left to do is to announce the winning Active Travel Class for 2016, our overall points tally for the year and to draw the winner of the scooter, donated by Cr Cassidy. This will all happen on Wednesday at our afternoon awards ceremony at 1pm.

Staff Changes for 2016

We have a number of staff leaving us this year. It is always sad to farewell our staff members, especially those who have been part of the Nashville Community for a very long time. Mrs Lyndon, Mrs Morris, Mrs Ryan, Mr Fiorelli and Mrs Johnson (our Guidance Officer) are leaving us this year. We wish our departing staff all the best for their future and safe travels.

We welcome our new teachers as well – Mrs April Harrison, Mrs Phaidra Hird, Mr Mark Florence, Mr Russell Bloomer, and our new Guidance Officer is Mrs Julie Bagly.

Mrs Elise Maguire (our former year 5 teacher) won’t be returning to Nashville. After working at Comet State School for the last 18months as Acting Principal, Elise has won the position of Principal of Kenilworth State School. Congratulations Elise!

School Leadership Program

The Captains for 2016 will be announced on Wednesday at our awards ceremony. Last week we heard a very large number of high quality speeches from the Year 5 candidates, followed by a student voting process.
2016 Classes
The school has almost completed organising class allocations for students in 2016. All state schools only receive their final staffing after day eight of the new school year. This means there is the possibility of changes to teacher and class allocation for students at the end of week two next year. Some years this means an extra class will be formed, other years the loss of a class and respective adjustments – it all depends on enrolment numbers at that time. All placements up to that time are considered tentative, which is the same for all state schools in Queensland. A letter will be sent home on Wednesday December 9th, informing students and parents of the tentative class placement for next year and the teacher, if known. Please also bear in mind that the teacher may change during the school year for various reasons, so no arrangement should be considered permanent or guaranteed for the whole year. At Nashville, our strong year level teams, prescriptive curriculum and electronic student achievement records, go a long way towards ensuring the learning program is business as usual even when there is a short term or permanent change of teacher. Please work with your children to be resilient around this so that they do not get their heart set on one particular teacher or class and that they are able to handle the fact that sometimes changes do occur, especially early in the year when staffing is still being finalised.

Next year our student numbers will be increasing by approximately 40 students overall. Our departing year 6 cohort is quite small and we not only have a large group of preps, but many other families with primary aged children are moving to our school next year. We will have more classes and teachers next year. This is great news for Nashville.

Bring Your Books to School – Friday 21 January
On Friday 21 January at 2 pm to 3 pm. Parents and students are able to come into school and deliver the big bag of school books to their classroom and meet their teacher. This will make the morning of day 1 a lot smoother for everyone.

School commences next year on Wednesday 27th January. Tea and Tissues is on again in the hall on the first day from 8.40am hosted by the P&C.

Choir & Band
Thank you to the choir for performing at the Rotary Carols and Eventide, and the band for their recent parade performances.
Have a safe and happy break. Merry Christmas from everyone here at Nashville State School.
Tracey

HOC News ...
Enjoy the Holidays!
The final countdown of lunch boxes is now here! Lazy days lie ahead – without the rush of the school bell or the race through traffic to get to work on time. I hope most – if not all Nashville families enjoy the change of pace and recharge that the long holiday break brings to families.

I have enjoyed very much working with you and your children throughout this year in the various roles I have had at Nashville! I am certainly excited to be presenting you with an opportunity for your school aged children to stay connected to school – particularly when those moments of boredom set in – or there seems to be nothing to do! I hope that your child will enjoy keeping up with their reading! We hope to see lots of passports make it back to school next year!

e-Camp
Each child in Prep through to Year 5 will receive an e-Camp Passport in their report card envelope with a letter on how to access the ed-Studio website. I hope many families will enjoy this aspect of support for the holidays and look forward to receiving your feedback next year.

Now – I had better go and check on our prize cabinet for when our passports are returned and checked next year!
Enjoy a safe and restorative holiday – and make many lasting memories together!
Allison
Annual Awards Ceremony Program 2015

Nashville State School
Annual Awards Ceremony
Program 2015

Wednesday 9 December 1:00 – 2:40pm

ORDER OF AWARDS
1. Introduction/Welcome to Guests
2. Prep Participation Certificates
3. Years 1 to 6 ACADEMIC Achievement Medallions
4. Prep to 6 STRIVE to SUCCEED Awards
5. HOME READING Champions
   2 min. Intermission (Students stand & stretch)
6. Trevor Walker COURAGE Award
7. CHOIR Commitment Award
8. MUSIC CAPTAINS Acknowledgement Shield
9. INSTRUMENTAL Music Award
10. FRANK MARTHEZE Encouragement Award – Year 4
11. LOTE Achievement Award
12. Sue-Anne Sheppard REACH FOR THE STARS Award
13. Freemasons CITIZENSHIP Award
14. BRACKEN RIDGE SHS Bursary
15. SDSHS Scholarship Academic Achievers Program
16. QUOTA Award
17. 100% & 95% Attendance Awards
18. SCHOOL LEADERS - Acknowledgement Shield
19. STUDENT COUNCILLORS Acknowledgement Shield
20. ECO COUNCILLORS Acknowledgement Shield
21. BRAMBLE BAY Reps for 2015
22. AGE CHAMPIONS
23. PERPETUAL TROPHIES - Cross Country, Relays, Ball Games, Athletics
   2 min. Intermission (Students stand & stretch)
24. HOUSE POINTS TROPHY
25. ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL Champion Class
26. SPORTSPERSONS OF THE YEAR
27. STUDENTS OF THE YEAR
28. ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2016 CAPTAINS
29. CLOSE OF CEREMONY

Special guests will include Mr Sterling Hinchliffe (MP), Cr Jared Cassidy, Principals of Bracken Ridge and Sandgate State High School. Ms Kara Martheze and Mrs Julie Sheppard.
"Be safe.
Be a Learner.
Be Respectful."

Prep / Year 1 News ...

The Prep/1 Wise Owls have had a very busy year of laughter and learning. Last week we wrote some acrostic poems and would like to share a couple with you. We would like to wish a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday from our families to yours. See you in 2016!

Class Christmas Concert ...

Nashville State School
Class Christmas Concert
2015

1. Nashville S.S. Junior Choir – “We Need a Little Christmas”
2. Prep B&Y – “Happy Christmas to You”
3. Year 1B&P/1 – “The Happiest Christmas Tree”
4. Year 1/2&2B – “Christmas Where the Gum Trees Grow”
5. Year 3B&3Y – “Rock’n’Roll Christmas”
6. Year 4B&4Y – “Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree”
7. Year 5&5/6 – “Run Rudolph Run”
8. Nashville S.S. Senior Choir – “Santa Claus Is Coming to Town”

Nashie wishes you all
A Merry Christmas and
A Happy New Year!!

Thursday is a free dress day. No thongs, no midriff or singlet tops, wide brimmed hat.
PE & Sport News ...

What a great year we have had and a big thank you to our sporting house captains, Lily Baker, Zavanna Harvey & Lara Edmunds.

We successfully conducted our Cross Country, Athletics carnival, Sports Rotations & Choices Program.

In the last few weeks the students have been participating in Gymfun activities. Thank you also to everyone who has supported our Active School Travel program.

Cheers,
Sue Williams

Nashville Kitchen Garden News...

Nashville Kitchen Garden

This year Nashville State School became part of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. They say from ‘little things, BIG things grow’ and in just 8 months we proven this to be very true- we have reinvigorated the garden, held weekly kitchen classes, produced masses of herbs and vegetables, catered for a number of events and built up a flourishing weekly garden stall. Naturally none of this could have been possible without the dedicated staff, amazing volunteers who help out on a weekly basis and families who have made such generous donations throughout the year. We thank everyone for their support and hope to continue to build on these next year.

Looking forward to GROWING, HARVESTING, PREPARING and SHARING our way through 2016!

Nashville Kitchen Garden Team

LOTE News ...

In the last two weeks we have been busy in our classes making different things with a Japanese theme. Students in Year 6 all worked their magic and created some interesting kyaraben (character obento lunchboxes). Thank you to the parents of Year 6 students for supporting our activity with a variety of different vegetables, fruits and foods to make the boxes!

Year 4 and 5 students were also very busy making different craft activities with a Japanese theme. Year 5 students made a clan of paper-roll ninja and Year 4 students made ohashi-bukuro (chopsticks bags) and butterfly hashi-oki (chopsticks rests).

Thank you for a year of hard work, roku-nensei (Year 6s), go-nensei (Year 5s) and yo-nensei (Year 4s). Ganbarimashita ne!

Arigatougozaimasu (Thank you very much)
Joyce Leung
It’s been another huge year again for the P&C. Thank you to all who have volunteered to help at events during the year, and also in the many other ways that the P&C helps out at the school, including: uniform shop, tuck shop, home baking, jam making, volunteering at special events, and so much more. We were very close to our $20,000 target. The final numbers are just being tallied for the year.

On behalf of the P&C, we wish everyone a safe, healthy and happy Christmas. Enjoy this special time of year with your nearest and dearest, and we look forward to seeing you again in January 2016.

**Sandgate Christmas Movie in the Park** – boy did that Cookbook get an outing! Thanks to everyone who came to help at our stall. Between raffle tickets, jams, preserves, and Cookbooks, we raised about $750 on the day, with some more orders to come. That’s a great help for our fundraising, and helped raise awareness of the school through our presence at the event.

**Uniform Shop**

**2016 Open dates:** prior to the school year beginning. The open dates are below:

- Wednesday, 20 January: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Thursday, 21 January: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Wednesday, 27 January: 8:30 am to 10:00 am.

**Tuckshop:**

Tuckshop will re-open on Monday February 1, 2016.

**Next P&C Meeting**

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, 15 February, 2016**. This will also be our **Annual General Meeting**, so please mark this in your diaries for next year.

**P&C Christmas Raffle**

Please remember about our Christmas raffle. Tickets (sold and unsold) are to be handed into to the office on **Wednesday Dec 9**, ready for the draw on Thursday Dec 10. Keep your fingers crossed!

Please sell as many tickets as you can, and please support those local businesses that have supported us so well including: Sar Hair, Tavern News, Deagon Car Wash, Your Healthy Horison, Cr Jared Cassidy, Stirling Hinchliffe MP – to name a few.

Good luck in the draw!
BOOK CLUB VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR 2016

Hi, We require a new volunteer for co-ordinating the Scholastic Book Club for 2016. If you are interested, please contact the office. Thank you

NASHVILLE JABIRU KIDS CLUB

The children have been very busy these last two weeks with them enjoying the active school travel, making Aussie gift bags, constructing a sponge sprout house, enjoying some wonderful arts & crafts. Don’t forget to book your holiday place and come join us for some exciting activities, a trip to the movies and an excursion to sea world. Call us on 3896 3925 or 0438 542 817. Our last home work winners for the year are Isaiah & Masie. Congratulations!. Below are photos of the children making a natural reef for Christmas with the help from Chrystal our local Florist. The end of the year has come so fast, we would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.
Dear Parents and caregivers,

Has your child had a free healthy mouth check-up this year?

Metro North Oral Health Services is committed to improving the oral health of our children. If your child is starting school in 2016, or is finishing school at the end of 2015 please contact our friendly staff to book your child’s free check-up.

Our dental clinics are open over the school holidays so call to arrange a free dental appointment today.

Simply call 1300 330 859 to arrange a free dental appointment at a location near you (see our list over the page).

Who is eligible for free dental care?

- All children age 4 through to grade 10
- 2-17 year olds who are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule
- Children (or their parents) who hold a current:
  - Centremark Card
  - Health Care Card
  - Pension Concession Card
  - Seniors card

Get ready for fun activities and Life Skills in 2016!

After School Club

Stellar Kids Club is all about resilience building.

- Fun and creative activities include drama, circus, art & craft, music, yoga and more.
- Teachers and counsellors use positive psychology techniques, growth mindset theory and a strengths-based approach.
- Stellar Kids build their confidence, self-esteem and ability to deal with everyday challenges.
- Stellar Kids become more self-aware, able to manage the fears, worries and challenges that are a part of growing up.

**Book now for 2016:**

[Email address]

Ph 07 3613 3699

Cost: $284

Term 1 2016 classes at:

- Sacred Heart Hall, Sandgate (6-10 age)
- Woody Point (4-6 age)

Inclusions: 8 weeks x 1.5 hours, 2 mentoring sessions, parent information night

Like us on Facebook: [Website URL]
30th November, 2015

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2016

Dear Parents,

As I advised earlier this year, the Archdiocese has released a revised Sacramental policy which has now been distributed to all schools and our church congregations.

Once baptised, the next step in your child’s full initiation into the faith is the Sacrament of Confirmation in the year your child turns 8, normally Year Three. The Second Rite of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will follow in Year Four, concluding with the First Rite of Reconciliation in Year Five.

Our parish Sacramental Program team which includes our primary school APRE’s, parent representatives, and our parish office staff have been working on a program for Confirmation.

I understand that life is busy for all, and to help with your families New Year planning, I have attached the program outline which will culminate in the Sacrament of Confirmation on the 15th May 2016. I would ask all parents to take advantage of the Parish’s website, Facebook page and weekly newsletter to keep up to date with the upcoming program.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Parents Information evening early next year, and if you have any concerns or questions please contact your school’s APRE, or my office directly.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Modestus Mgbaramuko
Parish Priest

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