Dear parents and carers,

They’re here at last!!! Last week we finally welcomed from Kyoto Japan, 17 students from Ritsumeikan Uji High School, accompanied by their teacher Mr Kigoshi. Each student was matched with a buddy (cultural ambassador) to assist them to find their way around our school and to integrate into the student population. The visit has involved integrating these students into our year 4-6 classes in the afternoon and in the mornings they have had their own English teacher learning about Australian culture – from food, music, flora and fauna.

On Friday the Japanese students had to present to our year 5 and 6 Japanese class an oral presentation about an aspect of Japanese life and afterwards shared some games to play and activities from origami to learning to use chopsticks and play traditional Japanese games. Then they joined the year 4’s with their Stephanie Alexander program in the garden and cooking pizza which they enjoyed eating as well.

They have been on an excursion to Mt Tambourine and have had a ride on the City Cat and visit Lone Pine Animal Sanctuary. At lunch time the Ritsumeikan students have been in big demand for handball teams, games of soccer and tiggy. Everyone is enjoying the international dimension at our school this last week, it has been a mutually rewarding experience. Thank you to all of the host families who have helped make this possible.

Next week I commence interviewing the 2016 Preps, it doesn’t seem that long ago I was meeting our 2015 preps in their interviews. If you know someone interested in coming to Nashville next year, please encourage them to contact us this term.

This week we are celebrating support staff week, it’s a time to thank all of the staff that support learning and getting the school ready for learning every day. Thank you to all of our support staff.

Enjoy your week,
Tracey Douglas
The Love of Reading...Part 4

When a child is not showing enthusiasm for books or reading, parents may express concern about their ability. A good place to start is making a time to talk to the classroom teacher. An area that is frequently overlooked is the child’s vision. A quick (and free!) test of a child’s eyesight can reveal the following things:

- Short range vision (for reading, cutting, writing)
- Medium/long range vision (for throwing, balancing, kicking, aiming)
- Tracking (following the writing on the board or page)
- Convergence (ability of the 2 eyes to work together in a coordinated way)
- Colour blindness (discriminating red and green is a common problem for some youngsters)
- Visual Processing (how the brain understands it receives from the eyes)

All of these areas can be supported, if not rectified through the wearing of glasses and/or undertaking activities that will help a child’s eyes to develop their best potential. It is a good habit to have your child’s eyes checked annually – they change very quickly until adulthood. You don’t need to wait until a child develops sore eyes or headaches either – if it is within the year of the previous appointment, you can take a child back to an optometrist for another free check.

Another area that parents may also want to investigate with their class teacher is support for developing reading. There are a few areas that the class teacher might want to gather information on:

- Eye check
- Hearing Check

Our Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy (Anita Dodd) may do some investigations around your child’s letter/sound knowledge and how they find sounds placed within a word. Sometimes results from simple screeners can assist programming that can bring a child great improvements!

However, sometimes this may not be enough and a further investigation to gain insight into a child having significant reading issues may require an assessment by the Speech Language Therapist (SLT) who understands how the elements of speech and language work together – or how to support development in certain areas – to bring the many facets of reading: fluency, accuracy and comprehension – together. Programming for your child in a small group is the most usual way for students to be supported at school through this service.

There may be significant reasons why an area of speech or language development could impact on different areas of development that affect the development of a child’s reading skills. SLTs are very skilled therapists who make diagnoses and also devise therapy to assist development. We are very fortunate in our schools that we have great therapists to support our students!

At Nashville, we are committed to reading being an enjoyable skill – and one that we all benefit from being able to use well as adults! I hope that you have found the information on reading informative this term. If you have any questions, please contact me or your classroom teacher in the first instance.

Have a great rest of Term 3!

Allison
Lote News...

Minasan, konnichiwa (Hello everyone),

Ritsumeikan Uji Junior High School Visit

On 24\textsuperscript{th} August a group of 17 students along with their teachers from Ritsumeikan Uji Junior High School began the first day of their study tour. It was great to meet the students and introduce the cultural ambassadors to them, and hear about their interests at the Welcoming Ceremony. We have enjoyed their company in the first week of their tour and no doubt they are also taking time to enjoy their Aussie experience.

The Ritsumeikan students visited the Years 5 and 6 LOTE lessons and presented about an aspect of Japanese culture to the Nashville students. Here are some highlights of our LOTE lessons from last week:

Class News

In between the Ritsumeikan students’ visit, students from Years 4 to 6 have also been working hard on their new units of work for Term 3. This term students from Year 6 are writing their own Japanese version of the famous storybook, “The Very Hungry Caterpillar.” Students from Year 5 will be creating a poster of a “chibi” cartoon character and writing about the chibi’s personality, nationality and physical appearance. Year 4 students are working on a unit about housing and family.

Arigatougozaimasu (Thank you very much),

Joyce Leung

(Japanese Teacher)

Chappy News...

Hello Parents/Carers!

I’d like to say a MASSIVE thank you to all families who brought in strawberry jam for Brekky Club! We have plenty to last us the rest of the year now. I really appreciate your support and donations. They help immensely!

Also, if you’re looking for something fun to do this weekend, there is a bush dance at Margate! Entry costs $5 per person or $15 per family. Not only is this a super fun night for the family, but it’s also a chaplaincy fundraiser! So if you nominate our school when you purchase your ticket, the funds will come to our schools chaplaincy service. Regardless of it being a fundraiser, it will be a really fun night. Hope to see you there for a hoedown!

Leanne
**P & C News...**

**Next P&C Meeting**

Please note that there will be **NO P&C meeting in September** due to school holidays. The next meeting will be on **Monday October 19th**, which coincides with the pupil free day.

Thank you to Mango Hill Hire for their donation of $100.

**Fathers’ Day Wrap ’n’ Chat and Fathers’ Day Stall**

Please help us on **Thursday September 3 from 1pm** in the hall to wrap all the presents for our fabulous Fathers’ Day stall on Friday September 4. The wrap is earlier in the day this year, as we have another event in the hall during the evening. If you can spare even half an hour, it would be appreciated.

There is a fantastic array of gifts that dad will love, and that your children will love giving to dad, so make sure you’re ready for the stall on Friday Sept 4.

Please also come along and help serve the kids, if you have some time to spare.

We still need the following: individual coffee sachets, fun size chocolates, large Moccona jars and screw top wine bottles. If you can help out with any of these, please drop them in at the office ASAP.

**WEAR YOUR BEST GLOWING GEAR** on **Friday September 11** for our Footsteps disco in the school hall.

**Food from 5pm. Disco starts at 5.30pm sharp and ends at 7pm.**

Glow products will be available for sale at the disco – all proceeds to the P&C for our technology project this year. The fabulous P&C food will also be available from 5pm – first come, first served:

- Butter Chicken
- Cherrio Cups
- Sausage Sizzle
- Zucchini & Carrot slice
- Jelly Cups
- Drinks, icecreams, hot chocolate, coffee & tea.

Raffle prize of a Movie Pack kindly donated by our new Councillor Jared Cassidy will be available on the night.

**Any donations of home baking for desserts will be gratefully received.**

**Cookbook update**

So now that we all know Poppi’s famous chocolate chip cookies from page129 are DELICIOUS (thanks Flynn’s mum), what are we going to feature next???

A reminder that you can purchase copies at the office or at the uniform shop - for you or for great gifts - $20 for one or two, $17.50 for three or more.

Make sure you have copies for your kids – they’ll look back nostalgically in 20 years’ time (or so)...

**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 needs 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.
Toy Catalogues

More exciting Christmas ideas in the Toy Catalogues.

The school makes 20 cents in every dollar, so how about doing all your toy purchasing from these catalogues and help the school at the same time.

Copies will be available to view at the school office as well.

Preserves and Jams still available to order

There are still Preserves, James, Marmalades, Jelliles, Relishes, Chutneys, Sauces and Cumquats available to order. They make great gifts (especially when teamed with a Nashville Cookbook!!).

The order form is available on the Facebook page, or contact Abby Harvey to order on 0422 355 033.

We say farewell to our Japanese visitors at the end of this week.

I’m sure we have all been enriched by the experience.

The P&C will be providing an Aussie BBQ for the farewell dinner for host families on Thursday September 3.

School News ...

Attention All Parents

Just a reminder that all payments for excursions etc need to be placed in an envelope with the students name, class and name of activity clearly written on the envelope. We also ask that parents provide payment using the correct change for the activity as we do not keep cash on the premises overnight. Alternatively payment can be made at the office via EFTPOS or Credit Card. Also payment can be made by direct debit to the school bank account detailed below.

Please also be aware that Nashville State School and Nashville P&C have different bank accounts, Please ensure you are aware of which account to use when making payment.

Nashville State School bank account number is BSB 064 124 009 037 01. If making payment to the P&C please use correct cash.

Thank you

Administration
PB Class News ...

Prep B were so excited to have Mrs Loraine Rix (Isaiah’s Great-Aunt) come in and teach them how to do Aboriginal Dot Painting. We painted onto bark with the ends of sticks to create our magnificent artwork. It was a wonderful experience and we all hope that Mrs Rix can come back soon!

We loved looking at the gallery of contemporary Australian indigenous art that Mrs Rix’s daughter paints at http://wensart.com.au/.

PY Class News ...

Can you believe we only have THREE weeks of school left for this term!? Prep Y has been very busy during Term 3 working on rhymes in English. We have been listening to and interpreting a lot of rhyming books to help us create our own rhyming verse and then act it out to peers. In Maths we have been working hard on learning about addition and looking at the days of the week and the events that occur on these days. Science has been interesting, as we are looking at weather changes and are really fascinated at the videos, pictures and discussions around these events. Geography this term is about ‘Special Places’ and Prep Y have chosen Nashville’s Garden of Promise as their special place, to observe and discuss how we will take care of this area. Prep Y have also been missing one student, who has been on holidays in England. We have been emailing Charlie whilst he has been away and are hearing and seeing fantastic photos about his wonderful holiday. Prep Y sent him this special photo, just so he didn’t forget us! :)

Thanks Prep Y for a great Term 3, looking forward to an awesome Term 4 to end the year!

Ms Morris
“Be safe.
Be a Learner.
Be Respectful.”

Community News ...

18th August, 2015

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2015/2016

Dear Parents,

As indicated on 25th May, a Parent Information Meeting was scheduled for Monday August 17th, from 6pm, for all parents who wish their children to be included in the sacramental program for 2015/16.

The Parents’ Meeting reviewed draft work. Details of a new policy from the Archdiocese outlining proposed changes to future Sacramental Programs.

The proposed program begins with the Sacrament of Confirmation in Part Three, with Rite of Solicitation and Preparation Communion to follow.

In light of the fact that we have cancelled the Parent Information Meeting on 15th August, and will now conduct classes in the first term of 2016, no details of this program change was to include a letter from the Bishop’s hand signed and in the newsletter.

This is the first year that the children in the 2014/15 program, to be held this upcoming week, that parents have the opportunity to review date and to be familiar with.

If you have any comments or questions please contact the

Year 5/6/7 Co-ordinator on 5058 7979.

Yours in Christ,

[Signature]

Deborah O’Hearn
Chaplaincy Team Leader

BRACEN RIDGE SWIMMING CLUB
2015/2016 SEASON SIGN ON

Saturday 5th September 9:00am - 3:00pm

BRACEN RIDGE SHS School Hall (beneath the multi-purpose hall)

Sign-On Fees:

Leagues by Brim Swamp Swimmers Club
Ages:

Pupil from 8 yrs, by Officers and Adults

(Height certificates required for all new members)

Learn to Swim and Squad

Swimming Lessons from $1.20

Squad entries from $3.00

Swimming Club

Club nights held each Tuesday night. Swimmers complete backwards into their lane, with emphasis on individual improvement and participation. Champions, events are also conducted where swimmers compete in a variety of events.

For More Information:

Dennis Booyen Secretary@braven-club.com.au

Raymond Gwinnell

Chairman

Online payments and bank transfers are preferred

B/E 320827 Account No: 5074 2520

Norma, Bracen Ridge Swimming Club Inc.

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2015 NRL SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS

CLINIC SESSION DATES HOURS COST

QLD Surf Life Saving

Main Beach, Surfers Paradise

23rd - 27th September

Lunchtime for 7-9 year olds, 9-11am, 11:30-1pm, $10

[Details and contact information]

NRL QLD

NRL Queensland

Northside Action Group

18th - 22nd September

$5 for all

[Details and contact information]

REACHING OUT PROGRAMS

Wynnum District

[Details and contact information]

OCEAN SWIM LEAGUE

23rd - 27th September

$20 for all

[Details and contact information]

SPORTS CLINICS

Northside Action Group

18th - 22nd September

$5 for all

[Details and contact information]

YOUTH SPORTS CLINICS

Northside Action Group

18th - 22nd September

$5 for all

[Details and contact information]

“TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE VISIT:

www.play NRL.com.au/2015”

[Details and contact information]

[Image of children participating in activities]