From the Principal ...

Dear parents and carers

It was great to arrive back to school last week after my leave to find the children heavily engaged in their term 4 work. I joined the Year 5/6’s on their excursion to Nudgee Beach Environmental education centre last week and was very impressed by the program and the students were looking a habitat, identifying the animals and plants in that habitat.

Ahead of us is a very busy term and end to the 2015 school year. With 6 weeks remaining, there is still lots to do. Even though there is a lot of activity, our focus is still learning and making every day count encouraging our students to always do their best effort. Please encourage your child to work and try their hardest until the end of the school year.

This year we will celebrate World Teachers’ Day on Friday 30 October. This day provides us with the opportunity to acknowledge the professionalism and dedication of our teachers, and their role in increasing complex, multicultural and technological world. It is also a day on which students, parents and community members can demonstrate their appreciations of teachers in their local community.

We currently have 290 students enrolled and next year we are expecting to grow to 320 students. If you know you are leaving and won’t be attending Nashville next year, please let us know as soon as possible to assist our planning.

Regards,
Tracey

HOC News ...

Term 4 is well underway and the excitement of the events and activities being discussed and planned for year’s end is bubbling across the school community. It is a wonderful time of year to be enjoying the warmer weather too! However, we still have a few weeks of work and then assessment to go as we enter the reporting period for Semester Two.

We would ask that at this time that students are coming to school every day, as it is important that everyone is given the opportunity to finish the year having received all the learning opportunities and completing assessments.

Homework will still be coming home for quite a few more weeks yet and home readers every night in the early years. Please support your child to be completing their homework each week and changing over their books so the full years’ worth of learning – every day has so much value to the journey!

I hope that you are enjoying the progress that you notice when you listen to your child read! Supporting your child set reading goals has been a school-wide focus this term as we continue to refine our strategies to progress student outcomes.

I am sure your child would love to tell you all about what they are working on and the various strategies they are using to improve. Interestingly, almost all students that I speak to say that mum or dad is someone that they can ask for help to improve their reading, along with their class teacher. I am absolutely delighted to hear this when I talk to students as it certainly provides the very best foundation – student, home and school working together – to achieve a great education!

Thank you for showing your child every day how much you value their learning at our great school!

Allison Christian
**School News ...**

**DAY FOR DANIEL**

Friday 30th October

The Day for Daniel is a National Day of Action to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention. It is about educating children and adults about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives. It aims to help empower our children to Recognise, React and Report if they feel something is not right.

On Friday 30th October the Student Council will be selling red ribbons for $1.00 and frozen icy cups after school for 50c. Donations will also be kindly accepted. All money raised will go directly to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

Thanks for your support.

**Year 4 News ...**

Loads of action in both the kitchen and garden this term.

In the garden we are harvesting the last of our produce for the year and are now moving to preparing each area for the long, hot summer. There is a lot of work to do in the coming weeks, so if you have some time we would love the helping hands.

In the kitchen we are having to be quite creative with our menus as our garden winds down. However, we are not letting that stop us from preparing and serving gorgeous, tasty food each week. On Friday 30th October the students from the SAKGP will prepare a delicious lunch for our teachers as part of our WORLD TEACHER’S DAY CELEBRATIONS and later in the term we will cater for the Volunteers Afternoon Tea.

Our stall Garden Stall operates every Friday after parade. Each week we have eggs, produce, seedlings and potted plants. All money rasied goes directly back into funding our garden and kitchen projects.

Don’t forget to check out our Facebook page- *Nashville Kitchen Garden* for news and photos.
P & C News...

Next P&C Meeting

Our next meeting will be on **Monday November 16**th, at 7pm in the Teacher’s Lounge. This will be our last official meeting for the year! How fast the year has gone. We’ll be doing some planning work for 2016, so if you have any ideas or points of view about how the P&C is operating, we’d love to see you there.

Movie Night – Save the Date – Friday November 13th:

![Disney's Inside Out](image)

We’ll be having our Term 4 Movie Night on Friday November 13th. The movie title is Disney’s ‘Inside Out’ – a great hit with kids apparently!

The P&C will be providing food Nachos, and salads, ice-creams, popcorn and other yummies.

Please bring donations of home baked goodies as well, to help us with feeding the masses, and raising funds for our school technology.

Christmas Movie at Einbunpin Lagoon for ‘Christmas in Sandgate’ – December 5.

The Christmas in Sandgate team will be holding their annual event at Einbunpin lagoon on Saturday December 5. The movie will be Paddington, which will screen at 7.15pm.

![Paddington](image)

The Nashville P&C will have a stall as part of the event, to sell our jams, preserves, chutneys, cookbooks, and any other Christmas goodies that we can bake and make between now and then. Please let us know if you’d like to bake some Christmas goodies for us to sell. Contact any of the P&C members about your ideas.

Uniform Shop – Feedback on Sun Shades – please complete survey

Some parents have suggested that the uniform shop stock Schoolshades Sunglasses. Chenani has researched the product, and we currently have a survey on our Facebook page to assess the demand for the product. The information about the sunglasses can be accessed through the link below. The survey will also be sent out on Skoolbag App, so please let us know whether you’re interested in this product.


PE News...

Year five and six students have completed their three sessions of the Water Safety Program. This program includes; personal survival skills, swimming skills and rescue skills.

The year three classes have one more swimming session this week. The program has catered for swimmers of all abilities to help improve and extend their swimming ability, personal survival skills and rescue skills.

The remaining classes have been learning and performing Netball and Basketball skills in Phys. Ed. lessons back at school. Over the next few weeks all classes will have the opportunity to perform Gymfun skills and the Beep Test!

Sue Williams
Your child is now due for a FREE dental check-up

**We’ve improved our school-based Oral Health Service**

Good dental health begins at home. That’s why we’re making changes to our school dental program to give all parents the opportunity to be involved in their child’s dental care.

**What’s changing?**

We now ask that a parent or guardian attend dental appointments with their child. To fit in with busy families, we are offering FREE dental treatment at Bracken Ridge Dental Clinic.

That means you can now book an appointment for your child; you do not have to wait for us to arrange appointments through your child’s school.

**How can I make an appointment?**

Simply call our new telephone line - **1300 300 850** - to arrange an appointment at the Bracken Ridge Dental Clinic.

**Who can now attend?**

☑ All students 4 years of age through to year 10

☑ Students in years 11 & 12
  who have a current Centrelink Card, Healthcare Card or Pension Card

☑ 2 - 3 year olds
  whose parents have a current Centrelink Card, Healthcare Card or Pension Card

☑ 2 - 17 year olds
  who are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS). To check your eligibility visit the website at my.gov.au or phone 132001

We look forward to welcoming you and your family soon.