Dear parents and carers,

Last week our school staff said “thank you” to the many people who have worked with us throughout 2015 at the Volunteers Afternoon Tea.

There are many people who assist us in a variety of ways, from supporting children in class rooms with reading, to swimming lessons, P&C activities, sport, music and accompanying classes on excursions. As a staff, we would like to personally thank you. Your efforts have made a difference to your children’s achievements in 2015.

Mr Sterling Hinchliffe, Member for Sandgate, attended parade recently to congratulate all students for their participation in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Well done to everyone for making it into the Premier’s Hall of Fame for 100% participation for 3 years now.

Active Travel Break Up Brekky

We have some other break up events coming up. Our annual active travel brekky is in Peace Park before school on Friday 4 December at 8am. There is no Chappy Brekky this day. Come to Peace Park on your bike or scooter for breakfast, and we will all head into school together again on last time for the year.

Choir Events

The Rotary Carols in the Park is held around the Einbunpin Lagoon each year. This year it will be held on Thursday night 3 December from 5.30pm. Our senior choir will be going to Eventide to perform as part of their Christmas Chapel event after the Active Travel Break up on Friday 4 December. A separate note will be going home to the involved students.

Student Leaders Break Up

Our Leaders will be attending a break up party off site on Tuesday 1 December to reward them for their efforts this year in their leadership positions.

High School Orientation

Our Year 6’s will be spending a day at their new high schools during week 9 of the term for an orientation day. Students will need to make their own transport arrangements to attend.

Playgroup Breakup

Today was the last day of our Busy Bee’s Playgroup for the year. The event was celebrated with an incursion that involved a collection of reptiles for the children to learn about. We look forward to seeing the members of our pre-prep group here next year in their Nashville uniforms for Prep.

Yours in education,

Tracey
Keeping learning progressing through the holidays

As the year begins to draw to a close, we begin to review the progress that your children have made this year in context of the learning programs that we have implemented across the school. As we reflect on achievement progress we continue to investigate the ingredients to support learning to continue even stronger! As professionals committed to delivering Targeted precision learning that aligns with our continuous improvement agenda we look to research to examine best practice, talk with other professionals inside our school and also beyond.

We have discussed throughout the semester the objective to improve reading outcomes for all learners at Nashville as this is so important for achieving improved results across all learning areas. It is an important part of developing the skills for higher order thinking that is evidenced particularly in maths problem solving and in Scientific inquiry.

Think of the times you “connect the dots” to draw conclusions from information you take in – both visually, aurally or through your other senses…You may even make a prediction – based on past experiences – of what might happen next, or what could occur in the situation…These are all the skills we seek to develop and provide opportunities to extend throughout learning situations across all learning areas. However, most critically to the development of this process for your child is the sustained and finely tuned attention to developing your child’s reading comprehension skills!

The holidays are nearly here - and research suggests that there are risks to progress over the long summer recess, so we are developing some resources that you may like your child to access over the school holidays. We are including a range of activities that will be available on line in a safe environment via the Nashville website. To encourage students to access the site and stay engaged in learning – and particularly reading – in a fun way, we will launch a competition before the holidays…… watch this space!

References: Effects of a Voluntary Summer Reading Intervention on Reading Achievement: Results From a Randomized Field Trial Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis December 21, 2006 28: 335-355 http://eric.ed.gov/?id=EJ759814

Schools, Achievement, and Inequality: A Seasonal Perspective Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis June 20, 2001 23: 171-191 http://epa.sagepub.com/content/23/2/171


OSHC News …

The holidays are coming fast so please remember to book early to avoid disappointment, call us on 3869925 or 0438 542 817. We have been very busy with our active travel, fitness, cooking and crafts. This week we will be making gift bags, mobiles, a sponge sprout house and a jelly fish in a bottle. So if you are bored come over and enjoy some fun activities.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HOMEWORK WINNERS LACHLAN, IMOGEN, LILY, CAYLA

FOR BREAKFAST MASIE MADE SOME BEAUTIFUL SCRAMBLED EGGS, WHICH WE ALL ENJOYED.

FRIDAY WAS OUR LAST DAY OF FITNESS WITH MANDY FOR THE YEAR. THE CHILDREN ENJOYED THE TRAMPOLINEING, ROLLING, RUNNING AND GAMES THAT THEY PLAYED. WE LOOK FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR.
Konnichiwa! Hello!

Class News

Students from Years 4 to 6 have been working very hard on completing their assessments for Term 4. Students from Years 5 performed a telephone conversation role-play and can now invite a friend out to a place in Japanese. Year 6 students acted out a shopping situation at a 100-yen shop. Year 4 students presented information about their families in Japanese. Otsukaresama deshita! Thank you for your hard work. Here are some pictures from our performances and presentations:

Year 6 “Kyaraben” Activity

As a finale to the 100-yen shop unit **Year 6 students** will be making a character obento lunchbox (kyaraben) in our lesson in Week 8 (Friday, 27th November). Character lunchboxes are colourful and elaborately decorated lunchboxes prepared for children to bring to school in Japan. They are usually made with utensils and products available from 100-yen shops.

Cooked rice, seaweed sheet and 100-yen shop items will be provided for the Year 6 students. Students will need to bring a small plastic container with a lid, and a selection of pre-cut vegetables (e.g. sliced cucumber, carrots, lettuce, cherry tomatoes) to school on Friday, 27th November. Please refer to the letter sent home for further details. Here’s an example from last year’s activity:

Arigatōgozaimasu

(Thank you very much)

Joyce Leung

(Japanese Teacher)
Prep Y News ...

Prep Y have been extremely busy over the past few weeks, completing their assessments for Term 4. I cannot say enough how very proud I am of their efforts and the hard work they have shown during this period. The students are very excited (not to mention tired!) that the end of their Prep year is nearly here and they are all looking forward to moving up into Grade 1 next year!

In preparation for this, we have been practising our handwriting in the Grade 1 books, using the blue and red lines. They feel so very big (and proud) when we get these books out to work in.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of the parents from Prep Y. Your help and support with your child(s) learning and development this year has been very much appreciated. It has made my role of educating the students this year all the more enjoyable. Prep Y, you have been a pleasure and I wish you all the very best with the rest of your educational journey.

Thanks, Ms Morris.

Here is a sample of our writing from last week. ‘If Santa was stuck in the chimney, I would.......’

Prep B News ...

Prep B has had a busy start to term 4! We had fun designing and making a house for a teddy that was just the right fit. We measured and built some magnificent structures. We have also been busy writing letters. It has been a pleasure to watch Prep B grow and develop during their first year of school.
P & C News...

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
Attention ALL Nashville State School families!! We need every family’s help to sell out our Christmas raffle! Tickets will be coming home this week, so please keep watch for those and SELL, SELL, SELL. We have reached 75% of our $20,000 fundraising target this year, so we’ve done really well, but need this last big push. Please help us get tickets out to the wider community to ‘share the love’ this Christmas. Please make sure you have all your ticket stubs and money back to the office by Wednesday December 9. Raffle drawn during the concert on Thursday December 10.

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. Festivities start from 4pm and set up from 3.30pm.
The Nashville P&C will have a stall as part of the event, to sell our jams, preserves, chutneys, cookbooks. We will also be selling gorgeous Tomato Seedlings to help out the Kitchen Garden program. Please let us know if you can volunteer on the stall that evening.

Uniform Shop
School Shades survey: Thank you to those parents who have shared their views about Sun Shades. The feedback was primarily a ‘No’ to these products, so we won’t be purchasing them. However, should your child wish to wear sunglasses, please let the office know.

Last open date 2015: Wednesday December 2
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:
The last open date for Tuckshop for 2015 is Thursday December 3. Tuckshop will re-open on Monday February 1, 2016.

Toy Catalogues:
Did you know you can order from Toy Catalogues ALL YEAR ‘ROUND, and help support the school?? The School receives 20% of your order value (excluding delivery fees). This money is then used to purchase education resources. Orders can also still be placed for Christmas until the beginning of December. Take a look at the websites below, and remember to nominate Nashville State School when you order. www.chalk.com.au  www.edex.com.au
Come along and support our choir at the
ROTARY CAROLS IN THE PARK
2015

NOTICE TO THE SCHOOLS

When: Thursday evening 3rd December, 5.30pm for 6pm start

Where: Einbunpin Lagoon

In the event of rain the Carols will be held in the Assembly Hall Sandgate SS

Wear: Christmas clothes/Colours optional

Who: Interested students and their families. Students from Sandgate, Brighton, Nashville and Boondall Choirs will be singing.

On Sale (funds raised by Sandgate Rotary Club)

Sausage Sizzle $2
Soft Drinks $1.50
Glow Stix $2

There will also be Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate available for purchase from the Salvo’s Coffee Van
Thank you to our volunteers...

To be a volunteer...it takes...

- **Generosity** - a willingness to give your time to others.
- **Understanding** - others' lives and outlooks are often very different from your own.
- **Empathy** - an ability to put yourself in someone else's shoes and feel what they must feel.
- **Compassion** - to truly care about making someone else's life better.
- **Patience** - because the process doesn't always go as smoothly as it might.
- **Positive attitude** - to make a difference, no matter how small, with a smile.
- **Dedication** - to stick with the project and see it through.

At Nashville we have an amazing group of volunteers who give up their time willingly each week to interact in classrooms, make resources, help in the tuckshop, share their sporting and craft skills, take groups for swimming, cover library books, cater at functions, represent us at local festivals...... the list goes on and on. The staff and students of our school would like to sincerely thank our community volunteers who come from far and wide to make that huge difference to our lives.

**Thanks a bunch!**

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.

~Winston Churchill
“Be safe.
Be a Learner.
Be Respectful.”

Community News...

Bracken Ridge Swimming Club

Holiday Intensive
Learn To Swim Program

Week 1 – 14th to 18th December 2015
Week 2 – 21st to 25th December 2015
Week 3 – 1st to 5th January 2016
Week 4 – 8th to 12th January 2016

$65 for the week – 5 x 30 min lessons

Students attend every day for five days. This gives children the mandatory opportunity to master skills such as swimming and understanding the laws of the pool in a safe and supportive environment.

The lessons are designed to encourage children to become safe and confident swimmers. This continuous focus of learning allows students to understand their swimming skills. It’s like doing half a term in a week.

How to Enrol?
Individuals or Groups of 4+

Contact Bracken Ridge Swimming Club Office

Visit the pool: 9-11am & 3-5pm
Behind the Multipurpose Hall - Bracken Ridge State School, Durack Street, Bracken Ridge 5017
Visit our website and complete form at: www.bracken.org.au/fit
Phone: 07 3950 6666
Email: info@bracken.org.au

Footlights Dance Studio

Join us for our
Open Day!
Saturday 23rd January 2016
9am – 12pm,
75 Kempster Street, Sandgate 4017

Have fun while you meet the teachers, view the studio, and enrol in classes for 2016.

Face Painting,
Balloons,
Fairy Princess Fun!!!

Website: www.ntlance.com.au
Email: admin@ntlance.com.au
Phone: 0466841612

Contact us to secure your place in advance!

Classes from 2yrs+
Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop, Contemporary, Musical Theatre, Acrobatics, Creative Movement

The Summer Cartoon Camps are back!

Monday December 14th
Theme: Star Wars™
Prizes for the best dressed.

- Draw: Beginner’s cartooning part 1.
- Draw: Draw R2-D2™ & BB-8™
- Play: Cool games including: Space Wars™
- Draw: Draw your own robot
- Enjoy: Mocktails
- Drive: A space ship
- Make: Cool passers
- Drive: The Millennium Falcon™

Tuesday December 15th
Theme: Wizards & Magic
Prizes awarded.

- Draw: Snoopys™ & Batman™
- Magic Workshop - Professor Kufflethub
- Draw: Insects - a slug, worm & a bee
- Draw: Cute little puppets
- Make: Homemade Rocky Road
- Draw: Murder in the dark night
- Draw: Tom & Jerry™
- Crazy hair: Have your hair styled
- Drawing: A detailed fire dragon

Wednesday December 16th
Theme: Rock Stars
Prizes for the best dressed.

- Draw: Beginner’s cartooning part 2.
- Draw: An underwater coral reef
- Draw: Peanuts™ characters: Snoopy™, Charlie Brown™ & Woodstock™
- Draw: A tropical island
- Face painting: Be creative!
- Water Fight: If you want to bring a change of clothes & a water gun
- Draw: Cartoons from the Regular Show™
- Draw: The main Jungle Book™ characters
- Friday: Make & eat delicious rainbow blizzards.
- Kingdom Talent Show: Perform in the show if you want to. Prizes for best performances.

Thursday December 17th
Theme: Pirates
Prizes for the best dressed.

- Draw: The exciting pirate game - arrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr
- Enjoy: Yummy Caribbean S’mores
- Draw: Scooky™ & Mike Wazowski™
- Treasure Hunt: Find the pirate treasures
- Competition: Crack the pirates code to win a bonus of $1000 Kingdom Dollars
- Draw: A character from Toy Story™
- Draw: Cute troll characters
- Draw: Cogsworth™
- Draw: The Good Dinosaur™ characters
- Urbane Ceremony: Royals & Reels are chosen.

Friday December 18th
Theme: Hippos & Rainbows
Prizes for the most colourful

- Draw: Cartooning part 3.
- Draw: Minecraft™ characters
- Party Food: Enjoy party food
- Play: Exciting fun games
- Draw: Teen Titans™ characters
- Draw: Princess Peach™, Toad™ & Sonic™
- Kingdom Dance-off: Prizes for the best & worst dancers.
- Market Day: Everyone needs to prepare a stall. Bring pre-loved stuff to sell.

Make bad books... We’ll give you $1000 Kingdom dollars to spend.

www.illustrating-man.com.au