Dear parents and carers,

The Health and Safety of our Students

The health and safety of our students is our number one priority. We have had a number of reports of parents smoking outside school gates since the “5m from a school” legislation has been introduced, particularly outside the prep gate.

Also, parents parking are parking in the 2 minute zones. Please observe the signs and comply to ensure the safety of our students – we even have flowers on the fence as an additional reminder. On Fridays, the road crossing supervisors have great difficulty with vision due to the large volume of parked cars in the 2 minute zone during parade. This impacts on their safety, the safety of the students and all motorists using Douglas Street. The school bus returning our students after swimming on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon is having difficulty getting a park in the bus zone. Please see last page for further information.

After school all students need to meet their parents and depart as soon as possible. Unsupervised students are getting into dangerous situations, playing in gardens, wrecking plants, climbing trees and fences, hurting themselves and others. Some of these unsafe behaviours are occurring while parents are talking and not watching their children.

Camp – Maroon Dam Outdoor Education Centre

This week the Year 5 and 6 students are headed to camp. Year 6 departed Monday for a 5 day educational program and Year 5 left on Tuesday for a 4 day experience. The program is about developing leadership skills, confidence, team work, communication and problem solving. I will be joining the campers on Tuesday overnight when the Year 6’s have an overnight camp out in tents and will be preparing their own dinner as well. I’m sure their cooking will be delicious and their torches put to good use! Mrs Christian will be joining the group on Wednesday and Thursday. Several parents are also attending to assist. I look forward to hearing all of the stories when they return on Friday.

Launch

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our sausage sizzle and launch last week. We introduced a number of programs starting at Nashville this year including the Stephanie Alexander Garden Kitchen Program (for year 4 and 5), Lunch time activities program, SWPBS (School Wide Positive Behaviour Support) reward passport for Nashie stickers, STRIVE oral language program and we introduced our Master Teacher, Mrs Allison Christian. An update was given on Active School Travel as this is our second year in the three year Brisbane City Council program as well as our Horizons program for our gifted students.
Lunch time options
The students have many choices for their lunch time activities currently. These include playing outside with a variety of equipment from the sports shed, many activities in the library from reading, drawing, construction, boardgames.

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<td>Upper School Ukulele Group with Mrs Douglas in the music room.</td>
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| 2nd Break   | Student Council and Eco Council meetings with Mrs Keates. | Zumba, Hip Hop or Bootcamp in the hall with Mrs Lewis, Mrs Keates, Mr Kratzmann and Mrs Williams. | Men's Shed with Mrs McKenzie in the P/1 classroom (Term 1 and 4). | Upper school gardening group Term 2 and 3. | Senior Choir with Mrs Grant in the music room. |

Swimming Program
Last week the year 2’s were unable to go swimming due to a swimming carnival on Thursday, so they will continue with the program for an additional Tuesday. The last swimming lesson will be Tuesday 3 March.

Class News
Thank you this week 3B for your foyer display of art work about Australia Day and this week we look forward to a parade presentation from 3Y as well as Chappie TV.

P&C 2015
Last night we had big numbers at the first meeting for 2015. It was great to see many new as well as familiar faces. Congratulations to the committee for 2015:-
President: Mrs Lynda Bundock
Vice President: Mrs Kirrilly Goodall
Secretary: Mrs Janine Brush
Treasurer: Mrs Abby Harvey
Grants Officer: Regina Gleeson

Have a great week,

Tracey
Library News ...

Lesson overview for this term:

Prep: we are undertaking an Author Study including books from Pamela Allen, Margaret Wild, Mem
Fox, Dr Seuss, Bob Graham and Nick Bland.

Years 1 and 2 will be concentrating on writing with *Sunshine Books* online using the interactive
Whiteboard.

Years 3 and 4 are exploring iPads to assist with weekly lessons focusing on non-fiction books.

Years 5 and 6 will be working in the computer lab and using iPads aligning lessons with class work.

**Lunchtimes in the Library**

Lunchtimes are a hive of activity. Students can nominate to use the
computers once a week. There is a wide variety of approved
and safe online resources to explore. We have the latest
Little Architect Build a Picture, Lego, Klikko and Superset
Gears to build and share, as well as paper and pens to write
and wonderful books to read.

**Borrowing**

Students can borrow books each week during their library lesson. All students require a library bag
to borrow. The following is a list of the maximum books that can be borrowed.

- Prep: 1 fiction
- Year 1 and 2: 1 fiction and 1 non-fiction
- Year 3: 2 fiction and 1 non-fiction
- Years 4, 5 and 6: 2 fiction and 2 non-fiction

**Book Worm Award**

This award is for the class with the least number of overdue books each week. It requires a class
team effort to win and return all books on time. Please ensure your child has a designated spot at
home to keep their library books and know their library lesson day so they can put their library
books into school bags the night before.

**Library Assistants**

Duties start week 5. A negotiated draft timetable is available outside the senior’s class room as well
as in the library.

**Horizons/GEMS**

2015 extension programs will include:

**UNIFY**

Unify, this is a 12 week online explicit teaching course through Distance Education and Nashville
State School. We have already commenced the first IMPACT Booster
Webinar series called Just Write. This course is quite challenging, not
just the content but students have to get their heads around the
computer component such as iconnect and blackboard tools. We are
proud to be able to sponsor this program that costs $260 per child by
funding $160 for each student, leaving $100 for parents to pay. This
course has been offered to year 5 students for the first round.

**U2B**

Upper 2 Bands: This online webinar will be facilitated through Nashville State School this year focusing
on extension maths for selected year 3 students. This course commences this week.
ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL NEWS
Well done to all the students who are walking, riding and carpooling to school. We encourage everyone to travel to school in an active way. Remember Friday is our special Active Travel Day where you can get a stamp in your passport. Collecting stamps each Friday helps you win cool prizes.

So come on Nashville! Be fit. Be Active and have fun!!

Eco Council and Student Council News
Last week classes 3-6 held their class elections to elect their Eco and Student Council representatives. Congratulations to the following students –

3B- Student Council- Chelsea Russell
     Eco Council- Jonathon Robbins
3Y- Student Council- Alex Mergler
     Eco Council- Ryan Infiled
4B- Student Council- Liam McNeela
     Eco Council- Buddy Brisley
4Y- Student Council- Billie Jackson
     Eco Council- Ryan Allen
5- Student Council- Logan Jandt
     Eco Council- Deklan Wright
5/6- Student Council- Eleanor Harrison
     Eco Council- Baillee Chapman

We are looking forward to another great year with our student representatives. Our first Eco Council event will be ‘Clean Up Schools’ Day on Friday 27th February.

GARDEN STALL NEWS
Our Garden Stall runs every Friday after parade.
Fresh Eggs for sale $5.00 doz, but get in quick as they sell fast!
We also have a range of tin can potted herbs and other small plants.
Once the garden is up and running we will also sell produce from our garden. If you would like to help out in the garden any time please see Mrs Stiler, Mrs Keates or Mrs Lewis.
We have many ideas for recycling/upcycling projects this year. If you have clean empty tin cans, small clean glass jars and or plastic bottle tops please drop them into the Year Four classroom.

ECO AND STUDENT COUNCIL FUNDRAISER
On sale after parade on Friday- Frozen Cordial Cups 50c!!
AGM held Monday Feb 16, 2015

THANK YOU to Carmel Clarke for her contribution to the P&C over 14 years and for her leadership in the role of P&C President. Thank you Carmel (and family) for all your hard work over the many years. We may have farewelled you from the P&C, but we’re very happy that we’ll still see you around the school grounds.

It was wonderful to see new faces at the AGM and first meeting for the year. A big thank you to our new Sandgate MP, Stirling Hinchcliffe, for attending as well.

The new committee was voted in – some new faces and some returning tireless workers!

President: Lynda Bundock
Vice President: Kirrilly Goodall
Secretary: Janine Brush (returning)
Treasurer: Abby Harvey (returning)
Grants: Regina Gleeson (returning)
Newsletter: Lynda Bundock

There will be many ways that parents can help out during the year, so we’ll endeavour to give you as much notice as possible. No matter how large or small, your contribution will always be welcome, and we’ll try to make it fun too!

Fund-raising this year

Our main fundraising goals this year are:

- **Technology**: The P&C has committed $5000 already to go towards new iPads. At around $550 each (including cover), we’ll get 9 for our money. We will be fundraising hard through the year to make sure we can grow this number and equip our kids with the technology they need. Some of our ‘smart’ interactive whiteboards are not so interactive these days, and need to be replaced or upgraded. These are ‘big ticket’ items, but we will be working towards a contribution to the school for these valuable resources.

- **School Instrumental Music Replacement Program**: The fundraising from the Mothers’ Day stall has provided servicing and replacement of some instruments, however the program needs a good boost this year. We’ll be using that money again this year to bring the joy of music to our kids, so please help us where you can.

- **New NSS Sun Shelter for any outdoors stalls and events**: Regina has been working hard on a grant to help with part-funding for a new sun shelter. Our existing one has put in good service, but wants to be retired! Let’s hope we’re successful with that grant, to make our dollars stretch further.

Remember to join the P&C Facebook page!

Our marvellous secretary, Janine, is now a Facebook expert, and keeps us up-to-date with happenings via the P&C Facebook page. It’s another great way to stay in touch with what’s going on, and also network with other parents in the school community.

If you’re not yet in the group, here’s the detail: https://www.facebook.com/groups/492719424204537/ or just type in Nashville State School P&C
Tuckshop

It might be a long way to the shop for a Sausage Roll (work with me ACDC fans)….but not at our Tuckshop! Did you know that Sausage Rolls are the number 1 best seller!

With a collective sigh of relief from Nashville parents, we can say that Mandy and her crew are back at Tuckshop on Mondays and Thursdays. Helpers are ALWAYS welcome, so please see Mandy directly at the Tuckshop and offer some time – even an hour would be great.

Please visit the Facebook page to see the link to download the form and fill in your available times and dates, and hand this back to the school office.

Election Stall January 31

A big thank you to all who contributed to the Election Day stall on January 31, and thank you to our new Vice President, Kirrily Goodall, for organizing the event. More than $1000 was raised, and this has given our fundraising a great start for the year.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open each week on Mondays from 8.30am until 9am, and on Wednesdays from 2pm until 2.40pm. But – if you’d prefer the uniform shop to be open at another time during the week, please let us know. We understand that parents are busy, and would consider an alternative time if demand was strong enough. Please let us know through the Facebook page.

Chenani has been given the ‘go ahead’ to order some more ‘House’ colour polo shirts, and is hopeful that the stock will arrive before the Cross Country race in April. Stock does take approximately 2 months to arrive, so Chenani will be calling in a few favours to try to get them here in time.

Chenani really needs an assistant to help in the uniform shop during the year, especially to cover for emergencies, or if she or her family members become ill. Please contact the school office, or see Chenani directly at the uniform shop if you can help in any way. Alternatively, contact the Facebook page.

Future Activities

March 12: Crazy Hair Day – P&C involvement will be confirmed.

March 27: The school will be holding a Bush Dance Fancy Dress event. P&C involvement will be confirmed.

Next Meeting

Our P&C meetings are generally on the third Monday of the month, except for public holidays.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 16 March 2015 in the Teacher’s staff room. Reminders will be sent out.
Active School Travel
Two minute passenger loading zone

At Nashville State School there are two, two minute zones in Douglas Street, near the bus stop outside the hall and near the entrance gate and school sign.

A two-minute passenger loading zone is like a quick-moving taxi rank. It’s illegal to stop in this zone for more than two minutes. If your child is not waiting for you at the two minute zone when you arrive, you can wait two minutes but then must leave and return a few minutes later.

Police regularly patrol school two minute passenger loading zones. So for your child’s safety, please obey the law and do not stop for more than two minutes in this zone.

For an even quicker school pickup, why not arrive a little later and miss rush hour at the school gate?

How to use two minute zones:

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<td>- Move to the head of the queue or move forward as space becomes available</td>
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<td>- Teach children to move promptly to the vehicle</td>
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<td>- Load and unload passengers at the head of the line</td>
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<td>- Stay in the car if you are the driver, unless loading or unloading baggage or passengers</td>
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<td>- Park for more than two minutes – you can be fined</td>
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<td>- Leave the vehicle, except to load or unload</td>
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<td>- Reverse into the zone as this puts children in danger</td>
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<td>- Call children to the bottom of the queue or across the road. This is dangerous.</td>
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To avoid this area altogether, why not park a few blocks away and Park and Stride to school?

Community News...

Sandgate/ Brighton Catholic Parish have released their sacramental program dates for 2015. If your child is requiring Confirmation or Communion this year, please contact the office for further details.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2014/2015
Confirmation & First Holy Communion

For all children who have completed their enrolment in the Sacramental Program & have made their First Reconciliation;

Confirmation Preparation 2015
Parent Information Evening – Sandgate Parish Hall – Monday March 16th, 7pm

Confirmation Workshops (2 hours)
Brighton Parish Hall – Saturday May 1st and Saturday May 8th, 4.00pm – 6.00pm
Sandgate Parish Hall – Sunday May 3rd and Sunday May 10th, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Confirmation Practice (all children)
Sacred Heart Church, Sandgate – Thursday May 14th at 3.30pm

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
Sacred Heart Church, Sandgate – Monday May 18th at 7pm

First Holy Communion 2015
Parent Information Evening – Sandgate Parish Hall – Monday May 18th, 7pm

First Holy Communion Workshops (2 hours)
Brighton Parish Hall – Saturday 23rd August and 30th August, 4.00pm – 6.00pm
Sandgate Parish Hall – Sunday 23rd August and 30th August, 10.30am – 12.30pm

First Holy Communion Practice
Church of the Real Presence, Brighton – Saturday 5th September, 4.00pm at Sandgate Church, Sandgate – Sunday 5th September, 10.30am

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
Church of the Real Presence, Brighton – Saturday 12th September, 9.00am
Sacred Heart Church, Sandgate – Sunday 13th September, 9am