Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to week 8. We have had a number of successful events since the last newsletter. Our 2015 school captains, leaders and counselors were inducted in a special parade, Year 1 and 3 enjoyed their excursion to Nudgee Beach Environmental Education Centre and brought many new learnings back to school with them and the Student Council raised $582.70 for the Leukemia Foundation with Crazy Hair Day last week.

Website for families

I came across this website recently and it has some great ideas for families to do in the outdoors and strategies to balance screen time with outdoor time. This is something that I know many parents struggle with as many of our kids prefer to be indoors with their technology instead of building up other skills in the outdoors.


By now you should have received your class note regarding parent teacher interviews. Please come along and discuss your child’s progress with your child’s teacher. If the dates and times offered don’t suit you, please suggest another time.
National Day of Action Against Bullying

On Friday we are raising awareness about bullying at our school. Students are invited to come dressed in orange (no charge), lessons will be taught in class and a special display is being designed for parade on Friday. The student council will be organizing a lunchtime disco. P-2 students first break and 3-6 second break and orange frozen cups will be on sale.

Fancy Dress Ball/ Bush Dance Bonanza

Come along on Friday night 27th March to strut your stuff! The children will be performing their class dances but there will be plenty of opportunity for mums and dads to join in as well. It starts at 7pm, but food is available from 6pm. It’s $10 a family and tickets can be purchased at the door or from the office prior to the event.

Cross Country/ Fun Run

Our school term concludes with the great event. All year levels will be running an appropriate distance. Please come along and cheer for your child and their house team. We will be assembling on the oval terraces to commence at 1pm on the 2nd April. This is a fundraising event as well and sponsorship cards will be coming home this week.

ANZAC Day

Once again we have been invited to attend the Sandgate District RSL March at 8.45am on Saturday 25th April. Students assemble in Keogh Street and march together, and can be collected at the conclusion at 10am from the park in the town centre. Students will require to be in full school uniform (not sports) and bring their hat and waterbottle. Our school parade on Friday 24th will commence at 2pm and will be in the area between A and B block.

Have a great week,

Tracey
Head of Curriculum News...

Last week, I started work at this great school as the acting Head of Curriculum. I appreciate the warm welcome that has been extended to me by staff, students and the parents that I have met. Nashville is a school that has a wonderful sense of community and it is clear that everybody involved in the school is proud to be a part of it. I have enjoyed participating in the Crazy Hair Day, Bling Your Bike event and having the privilege of handing out certificates to the school’s enthusiastic readers at assembly on Friday afternoon. This week, I look forward to taking some of the school’s leaders to the Young Leaders’ Day at the Brisbane Convention Centre. What a great opportunity for these students! Sincere thanks again for the warm welcome that I have received and I look forward to getting to know the students and school community over the coming weeks.

Naomi Thistlethwaite

School News ...

Our school photos will be taken on the Monday 30th March 2015

For the convenience of our school community, advancedlife have now introduced Online Ordering. School photos can now be ordered and paid for using a secure online Web Portal. Please note: Photos can still be purchased using an envelope.

The preference of our school is that Orders and Payments be made through the Web Portal as this reduces the administration and associated order issues related to the return of cash & envelopes on photo day.

To place your order visit [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) and enter the code: RKJ ZYN GQR. A full set of instructions on how to order can be found on the back of the order flyer. The order code can also be found printed on the envelopes supplied by advancedlife. Please be aware that:

1. Sibling/Family Photos may be ordered online or via envelope. To ensure a smooth photography day, [Online Orders](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) for Sibling/Family Photos will be cut off earlier than usual. To allow a list of students that require Sibling/Family photographs taken to be compiled, Sibling Photos can still be ordered after the Online cut off date by collecting an envelope from the office in the usual way and returning the envelope on photo day with payment enclosed.
2. All Online Orders should be placed on or before our day of photography. Please Note: Once orders are closed a LATE FEE will apply.
3. The Online code above the Web Portal may also be used to order previous years’ sports and other group photos at any time.

        
        
        All Online Orders placed through the Web Portal will be returned to school for collection.

FANCY DRESS BALL

7.00 – 8.30pm Friday 27 March 2015

$10.00 per family - tickets available at the office or on the night.

BUSH DANCE BONANZA

Food on Sale – Chilli Con Carne Cups (comes with salad). There will be a Vegetarian version of this as well, Corn on the Cob, Sausage Sizzle, Desserts

Soft Drinks, Tea and Coffee
PE News...

**Annual Fancy Dress “Bush Bonanza”**

In Physical Education lessons all students have been learning their special Bush Dances. They will perform these on the night of our “Bush Bonanza” Friday night 27 March in the school hall. Dancing commences at 7pm & will conclude at approximately 8:30pm. Look forward to seeing you all there! Family tickets can be purchased at the office for $10.00.

**Nashville Cross Country/Fun Run**

Our whole school Cross Country is on Thursday 2 April. The event will commence at 1pm. Students will receive a sponsorship card this week as this is also a fundraising event. Students have started their fitness training through the dance program and home training. We will conduct more fitness training sessions on Tuesday & Thursday mornings at 8:15am. Please meet Mrs Williams near the hall if you wish to join in. The sessions are open to all Preps to Year 6.

Sue Williams

LOTE News...

**Nihongo News**

Minasan, konnichiwa! Students in years 4, 5, and 6 have been keeping busy in their LOTE lessons in term 1 in each of their units. This is the first time year 4 students join the LOTE program, and so far we have been discussing the major cultural events, such as the New Year Celebration (January), Setsubun (Bean-Throwing Festival – February), and Hinamatsuri (Doll Festival – March). We have also been exploring different cities of Japan, and completing language tasks for greetings and self-introduction as we visit each city.

Students in year 6 have been learning phrases and vocabulary in order to create a poster about a day in their lives. Year 5 students have been studying about school life in Japan, and learning to talk about their favourite school subjects and school grades.

Years 5 and 6 classes have been using the “YTK” boards to practise writing their hiragana characters. YTK is made from the words “Yonde” (read), “Tsukute” (make) and “Kaite” (write). The boards allow students to associate each hiragana character with its sound, make the hiragana with play dough and practise writing the characters. It caters for both bodily-kinesthetic and linguistic learning styles in Gardner’s Multiple Intelligences.

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**NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING**

Friday – Free Dress Day (wear orange) no cost

- Lunch Time Disco
- Prep – Y2 (1st break)
- Yr3 – Yr6 (2nd break)
- Frozen cups $0.50
Prep B Class News...

Prep B has had a wonderful start to their school experience. They have settled in well to school routines and made many new friends. Prep B have been exploring numbers to 10 and positional language; engaging with the alphabet and children’s literature; exploring our living world; and, learning about diversity in families.

Prep B has been following the Jolly Phonics Program and have started blending sounds to make small words. The children are very proud of their new skills in reading and writing and have loved creating art and craft projects to consolidate their letter knowledge.

Prep B is now welcoming parent volunteers into our classroom; we love having visitors and always need a hand. If you are unable to visit and would still like to help; we always have a pile of laminating, cutting and or pasting that needs to be done.

Thank you. Mrs Jennifer Ryan

Prep Y Class News...

Prep Y have been very busy over the last six weeks, settling into their school environment, making lots of new friends and learning concepts and skills within English, Maths, Science and History. Within Maths, Prep Y have been looking at sequencing numbers from 1-10, sorting and classifying, sequencing events, counting collections and subitising. They have been working extremely well within these areas and are demonstrating their new learnt abilities within their rotational groups. Well done to Prep Y for a fantastic start to the year, you should all be very proud of the hard work that you have demonstrated. Big thanks to the parents of Prep Y also, for not only your help in the smooth transition of your children at the start of the year, but for your help and assistance within the classroom, much appreciated!

Thank you Ms Morris.
P & C News...

P&C Meeting March 16

What a great meeting we had on Monday night! We were especially delighted to have two new Prep parents attend the meeting – thank you for attending and for your contributions!

Our next meeting is Monday April 20 at 7pm in the Teacher’s Staff Room, so do please come along!

Our Fundraising Goal this year is…..(drum roll)…..$20,000!

Welcome to the Fundraising Thermometer!

In each newsletter, we’ll show you how we’re doing as a school community. Remember to spread the joy of fundraising to your wider circles, and get them to help our wonderful school too.

Not only will this goal of $20,000 help us purchase iPads for a whole class, but it will also contribute towards much-needed assistance for the school for other resources.

The wonderful air conditioning that our kids now enjoy comes at a cost in rising electricity bills, so we’ll be able to assist with that too.

How HOT are your orders for HOT CROSS BUNS?

What’s your favourite going to be? Are you a Traditional or a Fruit-free or a Choc-olate????

Each cost $7 for a half dozen (6 buns). For every half dozen ordered, Bakers Delight ASPLEY HYPERMARKET will donate $2.00 to the school.

Simply fill in the details on the order forms that have already gone home. If you need another one, download it from the P&C Facebook page.

Bring your order form, together with full payment, back to school by Monday 23rd March. Your Hot Cross Buns will be ready to collect from school on Tuesday 31st March.

Please do get your orders in by the due date, as late orders can not be accommodated. The bakery needs to order their ingredients, so we must have accurate numbers by the deadline above.

106 members on the P&C Facebook page and rising!

How fantastic that we can keep our fabulous school community up-to-date on activities on the Facebook page. 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

YEEEEEAAAAA Bush Dance – Friday March 27

Dust off those cowboy dancing boots, get your best gal or guy and get to Nashville’s Bush Dance on Friday March 27. There will be a LIVE BAND, and dancing displays from our own little Cowgirls and Cowboys on the night. Tickets are $10 per family, so come along. These can be pre-purchased at the office or at the door on the night.

Food will be available from 6pm, so please come then, have some great ‘bush tucker’ so you’re ready to Do-Si-Do your partner from 7pm!

Our menu for the night will be: Abby Harvey’s famous MILD Chilli Con Carne Cups (comes with salad). There will be a Vegetarian version of this as well.

Corn on the Cob
Sausage Sizzle
Desserts (see below)
Ice Creams, Soft Drinks, Tea and Coffee
Please help us make this night a huge success by helping in any of the following ways:

- Making Desserts, Cup Cakes, Brownies, Chocolate Slice or other Home Bake to donate for dessert
- Helping in the kitchen with cooking (please arrive by 5.30pm)
- Entrance ticket sales at the door
- Selling raffle tickets through the night
- Cooking the BBQ for Sausage Sizzle (come on fathers.....)
- Helping serve food in the kitchen

We need at least seven (7) volunteers on the night - so please arrive at 5.30pm to help us.

Entertainment Books coming soon!! Can’t wait to start saving...

We enjoyed a lively chat with the representative from the Entertainment Books company, who talked us through the 2015 version. So many great offers, and really amazing value for only $65. Vouchers are valid for about 14 months, and the school receives $13 for every book sold.

Many P&C members told their stories about the incredible value the book delivers (many saved hundreds of dollars), and if that wasn’t enough, there’s now a mobile/online version! Fantastic. You can just show your mobile phone at the venue, and search available options while on the go. I’m loving it already. The books will be available from early May, so stay tuned for more exciting news about this great initiative. Notes will be coming home soon.

Einbunpin Festival - Sunday July 26, 2015

Einbunpin Festival is a great way to get involved with our amazing Bayside community, and showcase what a wonderful school Nashville State School is. The call has gone out for Stallholders for 2015, and Nashville State School will be there with our Preserves/Jams/Lemon Butters and the like. In 2014, we sold more than 690 jars. Let’s see if we can top that in 2015!

Abby Harvey is again leading the Preserve making, and we want to get started on collecting the ingredients that we need.

For this month, we need donations of bottles of the following:

- Apple Cider Vinegar
- Red Wine Vinegar
- Balsamic Vinegar

Please drop donations off at the school office.

Please note: We do NOT need donations of empty bottles for the jams/preserves. We purchase new bottles for these.

Please contact Abby Harvey if you can help with Preserve Making, or if you’d like to assist in any other way. Abby’s email is: styleline_roofing@yahoo.com.au

Did you know.....our fabulous multi-purpose hall is for hire!!

If you know of an organisation that is looking for a new home, and would want to use the hall regularly, please contact the school office for details, or send us a note on the Facebook page.
Moving Nashy Mentors.

Keeping Nashville moving is my goal, I am certified in Fitness (cert III & IV), healthy active parents make healthy active kids, so why not make 2015 our year to be a fit n active school. Being good examples for our children. I peonally believe, If we want our children to be active, we need to lead them.

It will be a 40min exercise session for all parents who drop their children off and would usually head back home or go to the gym.

Why not stay at school for an extra bit of 'me' time. Toddlers are welcome, we will have fun moving together.

Cost of $5 each session, of which this will cover "hall hire", supporting the school with funds.

NO limit to participants - just remember towel, water bottle and good shoes.

Days to consider:
WEDNESDAY n FRIDAY
8.40am to 09:30am

You can contact me directly on:
Email: madhack01@gmail.com
Mobile: 044 888 6694

For those worried about smaller children running around -don't, they are more than welcome to join in.

There is NO limit on age / fitness level / gender.

If you are able to walk to your car, you can make it in the hall.

Thank you once again to all supporting, Fri was a good abs session and legs ( laughing does work your stom-ach).

Get your family active and eating well

Local families can now sign up to the free healthy lifestyle program called PEACH™ - Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health. Registrations are now open for a group to commence in term 2, 2015.

The program is fun for kids and helps parents and carers make healthy eating and activity a part of every-day life. It is available to families with a child aged between 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight their age.

It consists of 10 group sessions that run for 90 minutes each. The first 9 sessions are held weekly within the school term. Ongoing individualised family support is offered through the second half of the program ending with one final group session.

Some of the topics covered include nutrition skills, relationships with food and eating, changing family lifestyle behaviours and making healthy eating affordable. While the parent sessions are taking place, children enjoy active play with a trained child physical activity facilitator.

The program is funded by the Queensland government and being delivered by the Queensland University of Technology.

If you would like more information about the PEACH™ program or to register please contact free call 1800 263 519 or visit www.peachqld.com.au