Dear parents and carers,

As the term is drawing to an end, it’s a good opportunity to reflect on our achievements so far this term:-

- Prep students settled in and establishing routines
- Perceptual and gross motor program implemented in Prep
- Year 6 leadership training and induction process completed and successful Year 5 and 6 camp to Maroon Dam.
- Two classes attended Nudgee Beach Environmental Education Centre
- Flying Start program implemented – year 7’s transitioned successfully to high school with very positive feedback on how prepared they were for the transition.
- Year 2 swimming program completed, fancy dress ball and cross country preparation
- Active Travel off to a strong start this year, and we have had a big focus on travelling actively every Friday and one Bling Your Ride Day
- Fundraising by student council for the Leukaemia Foundation - $600
- Oral Language program (Read It Again), implemented in Prep and Gillon Phonological Program in Year 1.
- Two teachers (Mrs Lewis and Mrs Keates) trained in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program
- Science Factory visit
- Lunch time programs in place
- Two cohorts have commenced the instrumental music program (year 4 and 5) and attended the Kickstart music program
- Eco Council organised Clean Up School’s Day
- Nashie passports commenced – school wide reward system.
- Year 4-6 participated in sports rotations
- Online courses for targeted students – Unify, Upper 2 Bands (Year 3) and Solid Pathways.
- Brainwaves program (summer vacation, technology at Aspley State School and Easter program coming up soon at Griffith University).
- Play group off to a great start
- Reading and writing teacher aide support in place all classes
- Parent/teacher interviews in progress.
- P & C Committee in place with a huge agenda for the year and fundraising targets.
Congratulations to the students and the P&C for a fantastic evening on Friday night for our fancy dress ball. Mrs Williams did a great job preparing the students for their dances, the live music of “Ridgey Didge” was a special treat and the fantastic spread of food was up to the P&C usual delicious standard. It was great to see so many parents and family members supporting their children in attendance.

Parent/ Teacher Interviews

If you haven’t received any information about the parent/ teacher interviews, please contact your class teacher and make an interview time. We recommend that parents keep in regular contact with their child’s class teacher.

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 and sponsorship cards will be handed in to the teacher on Wednesday, then signed by the teacher on Thursday when the event is completed. Monies and cards can be returned at the start of next term.

ANZAC Day Reminder

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. Students will require to be in full school uniform (not sports) and bring their hat and water bottle.

After the march this year we will be asking parents to collect their child from 2nd Avenue (near 2nd Avenue Realty) to come and collect their children to watch the service together with their family. In the park we are unable to secure a section of grass to accommodate the whole school, so we ask parents to meet us and collect their child for the ceremony. We appreciate your support with this change of plan for this year – record crowds are predicted for the 100 year anniversary.

Our school parade on Friday 24th April will commence at 2pm and will be in the area between A and B block.

Have a fantastic break & see you next term.

Tracey

Day 1 Term 2 is
Monday 20 April 2015
We are extremely excited to announce that we are now one of 800 schools across Australia to join the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. The program delivers ‘pleasurable food education’ for children. Skills for learning, skills for life! The garden and kitchen program provide a real-life context for learning, interweaving the theories and practices behind growing, harvesting, preparing and sharing fresh, seasonal foods.

Mrs Lewis and Mrs Keates have just completed the first stage of training and keen to get started. The program will begin with Year Four in Term 2 2015. Like all programs, the success of this requires and relies on help from our school and wider community. Calling all parents, grandparents and community members! We need volunteers to assist us in a range of areas. Donations of kitchen equipment, pantry items, working bees and assistance in weekly garden and kitchen classes are name just a few areas.

If you are interested in hearing more about the program or how you could assist us in building and developing the program in the school please join us for an information session on Wednesday 29th April at 3pm.

Thank you—Support-a-reader...

Thank you to the volunteers who came along to the training session for Support-A-Reader program to assist students for around 20 minutes in their reading before school 3 days a week.

If you would like to participate, its not too late! We would love more parents, grandparents and other members of the community to join us!

Please contact Jeanette Pawsey or Allison Christian on 3869 7333 if you would like to be involved.

Allison
Young Leaders’ Day

On Friday 20 March, four of our school leaders arrived at school very early on a misty morning, ready to catch the train to the Brisbane Convention Centre. There they joined about 3000 other Primary school students to hear inspiring stories from adults and young people who shared their leadership success stories. These speakers included Bindi Irwin (Wildlife Warrior) and Coen Ashton (double lung transplant recipient).

Emma D. found the day, “Very inspiring. We got to know about the lives of other leaders and got to know what we can do to be a good leader.”

Ashleigh C. says, “Hearing from everyone was really fun and exciting. The best part was patting a snake from Australia Zoo and listening to Bindi Irwin.”

Isabelle D. thought, “It was really good because we got to learn how to become a better leader. All of the stories were really inspiring, especially Coen’s.”

Joshua S. told me, “I found Coen’s story very interesting. It was also fun chasing the giant inflatable balls and trying to get them up to the top of the stadium.”

Our school leaders were excellent ambassadors for Nashville, displaying exemplary behaviour and manners throughout the day!

Science Factory

What an amazing day Nashville SS students had visiting the Science Factory. Our special guest was at school by 7am ready to set up the 44 stations of fun for all of the students to explore. This hands on science experience allowed students to play with robots, create electric circuits, learn about optical illusions, use their senses of sight, smell, hearing and touch, investigate fossils and so much more. All of the students engaged in the activities and had a great time!

Naomi Thistlethwaite

(Acting Head of Curriculum)
Australian Early Development Census

*Playing our part to build a national picture of child health*

What is the AEDC?

In early 2015, our school, along with thousands of others across the country will begin preparations for the third Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC measures five key areas of development in children during their first year of full-time school to build a national picture of health and wellbeing. Since 2009, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments plan services and target support for children and families.

Teachers are trained to assess each child and answer questions. Children don’t need to be present so no class time is missed, and parents/carers don’t need to supply schools with any new information for the census. Teachers’ individual assessments are then analysed by the AEDC and reported as anonymous groups of children in the final report.

In communities across the country, census results have helped communities to plan new playgrounds and parental services; schools are seeing improved student performance through new literacy programmes; and governments are using the results as evidence to develop better policies for children.

Teachers have also noticed practical benefits in the classroom. Some said in previous years that completing the assessments made them more aware of the needs of individual children and the class as a whole. Others reported that the census results are useful in planning for transitions to school and for developing class programmes.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary. Parents/carers don’t need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the census and how communities are using the data to help children and families visit the AEDC website.

At Nashville State School, Prep teachers will be completing the AEDC between Monday 4 May and Friday 8 May. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Naomi Thistlethwaite through the office.

**Harmony/Anti-Bullying Day Disco and Fancy Dress Ball**
PE News...

NASHVILLE SS CROSS COUNTRY
THURSDAY 2 April 2015

FIRST BREAK – normal duties, eating & play time for Prep to Year 6.
11:20am to 12:40pm - Class time for Prep to Year 6.
12:40pm - Whole school pack up classrooms
12:45pm - Prep to Year 2 go straight to Oval with bags, ready to compete.
12:45pm - Year 3 to Year 6 – Go to oval, with bags & eat lunch in house areas before or after competing. (Wheelie bins to be taken out)

SEATING ON THE TERRACES FROM THE STEPS WILL BE: OXLEY, FLINDERS, COOK

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Please note that these times may be brought forward. Students are to keep their green sponsorship cards as they will need to be signed on the day and then they can be returned to the office with any money. Thank you

Chappy News...

Hello Parents/Caregivers!

Welcome to the end of term! I hope you have had a smooth start to the year. A huge thank you to all families who have provided spreads for brekky club. Your donations have been incredibly helpful.

If you’re looking for something fun to do with your children during the school holidays, there is a disco on Wednesday 15th April at Sandgate Uniting Church. Cost is $2 per child and tickets can be purchased at the door. Parents are also invited to spend time at the café. See details below. I will be attending and would love to see some familiar faces. If you have any further enquiries please feel free to contact me at lthom512@eq.edu.au.
Prep /Year 1 Class News...

Wow the last week of Term 1 is here already. The last 10 weeks have really flown by! It is a good time to reflect upon just how much learning our little people have achieved in this time. The Preps have learnt all about school behaviour and routines and have settled in beautifully. All of the children have made many new friends and have a confident and enthusiastic attitude to learning. The Year 1s have all made significant gains in reading, writing, spelling, sight words and mathematics. The Preps are all having a go at writing, have learnt some beginning sight words and are experts at talking about reading strategies. The Preps have also strengthened both fine and gross skills through thrice weekly Motor Program sessions with their Prep peers. In Science we have learnt about the needs of living things and how to preserve their habitats. For our Technology focus we researched, designed and constructed an insect from collage materials. In History we have learnt about remembering the past and how objects can help us to remember. From our Social Skills lessons we have discussed how to be confident learners and how to be (self-esteem) bucket fillers not dippers. We have enjoyed special events including Crazy Hair Day, Bush Dance, Anti-Bullying Day, Science Factory and Year 1 excursion to Nudgee Beach EEC. We are finishing off our first term.

Instrumental News...

The year has started well for Instrumental Music at Nashville SS. Lessons are well underway and are being held every Monday in the music room in the hall. Most of our students this year are first year beginners from year 4 and 5. This is a flow on effect from the Smart Start program with year 7 students now being part of high schools in Queensland. Like most primary schools in metropolitan region, we only have a limited number of second year students and due to the stage we are in of the year 7 transition, we currently have not third year students. Due to the limited number of second year students and the large number of beginners, we have not run a concert band during term one. I am hoping to see the band reform during term two. I would like to take this opportunity to remind all students that it is only through regular playing of your instrument that progress can occur. What students learn in weekly lessons must be followed up with daily practice to ensure the best possible chance of success for your child on their instrument. As always, should you wish to discuss an aspect of your child’s involvement with instrumental music, please feel free to contact me (mjame39@eq.edu.au)

Malcolm James – Instrumental Music Teacher
Next P&C Meeting

A reminder that our next P&C meeting is **Monday April 20 at 7pm in the Teacher’s Staff Room**, so do please come along! That’s the first Monday back after holidays, so let’s hope we see lots of ‘fresh’ new faces at the meeting.

**110 members on the P&C Facebook page and rising!**

You’ll see soon a new main post on our Facebook page that provide some more structured guidelines on how we will be running the Facebook page. As the page is run by the P&C, we must abide by the social media guidelines published by P&Cs Qld, which adheres to the Department of Education guidelines.

We will endeavour to make the site as useful to you as possible, and provide a forum within which you can stay informed, and interact with posts from the P&C. If you’re not yet in the group, here’s the detail: [https://www.facebook.com/groups/492719424204537/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/492719424204537/) or just type in Nashville State School P&C.

**Hot Cross Bun Orders**

Thank you to everyone who ordered Hot Cross Buns – we had 89 half dozen ordered in total. We realise that these are not the cheapest being offered at the moment, so thanks again for your support. We hope they’re the yummiest though! **We raised $178 towards our goal**, and every dollar helps.

The orders will arrive on **Tuesday March 31**, and your orders will be delivered to your child’s classroom that afternoon for you to take home. Enjoy a tasty Easter break!

**YEEEHAAAA Bush Dance – Friday March 27**

*What a great night was had by all!* All our kids danced up a storm (thanks Mrs. Williams) and the Bush Band was fantastic! A huge **THANK YOU** to Abby Harvey for the food purchasing and cooking, and to all the helpers who served throughout the night. **THANK YOU** to those who helped set up, sold glow products, sold raffle tickets and Easter Egg guesses, took money on the door, cleaned up the kitchen, helped pack up, wash up and the many other tasks that go towards creating a memorable event. **THANK YOU** again to Councillor Victoria Newton for donating our movie pack – won by Eli T. Our Easter Eggs were won by David S. (large), Michael D. (Medium), and Lachy I. (small). Happy munching.

Another huge **THANK YOU** to all who brought donations for dessert. Those who’ve been associated with these events over past years said it was the most dessert donations they’ve seen in ages, so we really appreciate your support. Any that were left will be used for Home Bake at Tuckshop this week, so the kids will love that. **We raised $1482 for the night.**

**We’ve now raised $2710 so far this year** (excludes uniforms and Tuck Shop)

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

A reminder that the Entertainment Books will be available from early May, so stay tuned for more exciting news about this great initiative. Notes will be coming home soon.
Uniform Shop in stock of sports polos!

The Cook/Flinders/Oxley House Polo Shirts are back in stock at the uniform shop in time for our cross country event on April 2. Great job Chenani for chasing down that supplier! The uniform shop is open Monday 8.30am - 9.00am and Wednesday 2.00pm - 2.40pm. If you can’t make it during those times, please leave your order with the school office, along with your mobile number, and Chenani Ewart-Morgan can process your payment over the phone via credit card, and make arrangements with you about delivery.

Mothers’ Day Stall

We will again be holding a stall for Mothers’ Day, and preparations are underway. How exciting. Watch this space for more information.

Einbumpin Festival - Sunday July 26, 2015

A reminder for this month, we need donations of:

- 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 (styleline underscore roofing)

Our Tuckshop

How fortunate are we at Nashville State School to have the amazing Mandy Williams at the helm of our Tuckshop. In many other schools, the role of Tuckshop Convenor is a paid position, so we are extremely lucky to have someone who volunteers as many hours as Mandy does, and who is dedicated to serving our kids and our school. Tuckshop is open Mondays and Thursdays, so if you can spare even 1 hour, Mandy will put your time to good use!

Mandy makes and bakes most of the food that is sold at the Tuckshop. Her Sausage Rolls and Nachos are legendary. She also tries to use produce that the school grows in its gardens. Mandy is extremely passionate about serving healthy food, and only GREEN and AMBER foods are sold. If you want more information about Healthy Choices for school foods, check out the following link: [http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/healthy/docs/smart-choices-quick-guide.pdf](http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/healthy/docs/smart-choices-quick-guide.pdf)

One of the new products that Mandy has sourced that’s a hit with the kids is the range of GLEE sparkling fruit juices ($2 each). These have less sugar than Poppers and are 100% Australian made and owned. They have no preservatives, no added sugar and are made from natural colours, natural flavours and are rich in Vitamin C. GLEEs come in four delicious flavours: Slammin’ Strawberry (Apple and Strawberry), Bubblegum Grape (Apple and Grape), Berry Blast (Apple, Raspberry, Boysenberry) and Blackcurrant Burst (Apple and Blackcurrant). GLEEs are an AMBER drink.

Mandy is always on the hunt for healthy alternatives that the kids will love, so if you have any suggestions, then please contact Mandy directly at the Tuckshop on Mondays and Thursdays, or send her a message through the Facebook page.
Tuckshop News...

Please note that Tuckshop **will not** be open 2\textsuperscript{nd} break Thursday 2 April 2015 due to the cross country event. Thank you
Community News …

Bracken Ridge Library has a regular Home Work Help program that provides homework and reading assistance for children from Prep all the way through to Year 12. This valuable program is held 3.30pm-5pm every Wednesday during school term and is free of charge. It is a great way to assist school age children with their homework or to encourage reading. It is a friendly and informal event that encourages children in a welcoming environment.

School holiday fun

Wimpy kids and dorks* – Wednesday 8 April 11am-12noon. This writing workshop is based on the popular junior novels “Diary of a Wimpy Kid” and “Dork Diaries”. Learn how to design your own character and plan a super-awesome storyline. Ideal for ages 8-12 years.

Library laboratory* – Friday 10 April 2pm-3pm. Join our library staff as they share their favourite science experiments. What will we do in the library lab? Come along and find out! Ideal for children aged 4-8 years.

YeeHaa Cowboy* – Wednesday 15 April 11am-12noon. Come and discover some great books and the history of the Wild West and create your own little Wild West scene. Ideal for ages 5-12 years.

*Bookings essential. Call Bracken Ridge Library on 3667 6060 for more information

Throughout the school holidays we will also have craft activities each day between 10am-11.30am. The Library offers members free use of computers with internet access or bring along your own device and use our free wifi.

Thank you for supporting Bracken Ridge Library and we look forward to helping the children of our community to develop a love of reading and supporting them with their education.