Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to a new school year and a special welcome to our new families. We have 58 new Preps starting this year looking very smart in their new uniforms, and many other new families commencing across a variety of year levels.

This year we have 281 students in 12 classes and many support staff, as listed below. This is the first year that we do not have Year 7 in primary schools in Queensland. The year 6’s are our first group through as the oldest cohort in our school. Congratulations to all students on the smooth start to the school year. Thank you to the parents who were able to stay and enjoy our ‘Tea and Tissues’ morning tea on the first day of school.

**Master Teacher Position**

Last year the position of Master Teacher was created to assist teachers in the classroom with coaching and mentoring to improve teacher practice. Congratulations to Mrs Allison Christian who has been appointed as the Master Teacher for Nashville State School this term, and as well Mrs Christian will be our Support Teacher for Literacy and Numeracy and will continue to support students with a disability until a new teacher replacing.

**Head of Curriculum (HOC) Position**

Mrs Padgett is now Principal of Mt Gravatt East State School, and a replacement permanent HOC will be appointed in the near future.

**Smoking banned 5 metres around school grounds**

Smoking any tobacco products or using an electronic cigarette within five metres of any state or private school grounds has been banned. This applies before, during and after school hours as well as over weekends and school holidays.

On the spot fines can be issued by environmental health officers, police or other officers authorised by the local government to anyone found in breach of this legislation. The ban does not extend to businesses or residences that share a property boundary with a school. Smokers are asked to put out your cigarette and dispose of the litter thoughtfully well before you reach the school boundary.

Staff 2015

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Student Leaders 2015

Our new leaders were announced at the end of last year. Congratulations to these students:-
School Captains – Emma Dahlke and Joshua Steele.

Sports Captains – Lara Edmunds (Oxley), Lily Baker (Cook), Zavannah Harvey (Flinders)
Music Captain – Isabelle Drake
Arts Captain – Poppi Douglas
Eco Captain—Ethan Hansen
Student Council Captain—Michael Connolly
Library Captain – Ashleigh Chambers
Parent Evening and Whole School 2015 Program Launch – 10th February

On Tuesday 10th February, Nashville State School will be launching its 2015 School Programs and an update with our whole school initiatives. This will coincide with the parent information evening.

We are encouraging all families to come along to find out about these initiatives as well as how you can assist your child/children with these programs. Parents who attend will receive for their child/ren a chance to go into a draw to win a book pack, to be drawn at the school assembly on Friday 14th February. A letter will be forwarded to you shortly with more details.

**Times will be as follows:**

5.00pm - 5.30pm
Parent and teacher sausage sizzle

5.30pm – 6.00pm
Session for the 2015 School Program Launch in the hall

6.15pm - 7.15pm
Parent Information sessions with class teachers (2x30 min sessions)
Session A 6.15pm- 6.45pm
Session B 6.50pm- 7.20pm

**Home Reading Program**

Our Home Reading program commenced this week. You will receive a folder with the yellow and green pages in it with your child’s name on it. Please help your child to read every night and sign their daily session chart for engaging in a reading session of at least 10 minutes. They can be read to by a parent, read with a parent or can read by themselves. The teachers will collate how many reading sessions your child has completed every Friday at school, and certificates will be handed out for 25, 50, 75, 125, 150, 175 reading sessions and wristbands are presented for 100, 200 and 300 reading sessions. You can only sign one reading session per day, but please keep reading over the weekend and over school holidays …..this is the only way to reach 300 by the end of the year.

**Nuts at School**

We have a number of students with mild to severe nut allergies and will have an anaphylactic reaction. Nuts, products including nuts (eg bars and spreads) are not to be brought to school to ensure the safety of these students.

**Chappy News**

Our chaplain, Leanne, will be continuing the breakfast program on Friday mornings before school.

**Playgroup**

Our Tuesday playgroup commences this week from 9.15am to 11.15am. All Nashville families with under 5’s are welcome to attend.

**Start of School Reminders**

Punctuality and Attendance – Every day counts

There is a direct correlation between attendance and results. A high level of attendance is giving your child the best opportunity possible. Please ensure that your child is at school every day, unless ill. This includes avoiding removing children from school for family holidays. It is impossible for teachers to make up the number of lessons missed during large absences. Children arriving late are missing out on part of the first lesson of the day and disrupt the class upon arrival. Please ensure you are here on time for learning to commence no later than 8.40am.

**Year 5 and 6 Camp – Week 4**

All students in Year 5 and 6 have received their camp notes and forms, please return these to the class teachers as soon as possible. The students will be attending camp at Maroon Dam Environmental Education Centre via Boonah. The program is focussed on developing team and leadership skills through outdoor challenges and games.
Instrumental Music

Student participating in the Instrumental Music program will have received letters and information this week regarding dates of events and instrumental hire forms. Please return these as soon as possible. As our band currently contains 4 students due to the Year 7’s moving to high school, there is no 7.30am band practise this semester, until our Year 3 and 4 students are ready to form a band.

School Uniform

Please ensure your children are following the school uniform code. This includes a wide brimmed hat, black shoes and shoelaces (no coloured logo’s, or other colours should not be visible) with white socks.

Sun Smart - Hats

This week we have had some students without hats, Our hat order has now arrived and are available from the uniform room. Next week we will be commencing the “no hat, no play” rule. Please ensure your child has their hat every day to fully participate in school activities.

Fruit Break and Water Bottles

All children need to have a piece of fruit in their lunchbox for their class mid-morning fruit break. Water bottles are encouraged and are kept close by in the classroom for quick access. This avoids missing out on learning to visit the drink taps and helps keep the water intake regular which is vital on hot days.

Swimming Program

All Year 2 students have been given a separate note regarding the swimming program this term. This commenced this week on Thursday, and will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is imperative that the students have returned their permission slip and money to attend. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to assist.

End of Day Procedures

All families are encouraged to depart the school grounds promptly at the conclusion of the school day. This is to ensure safety and supervision for all students and allows the staff to continue on with their work after hours without interruption. Children on bikes and scooters need to safely walk with their bikes or scooters until outside the school grounds. Your assistance is appreciated with these requests. Please refrain from smoking outside our school gates. As we are a Sun Smart school, please encourage your child to wear their hat walking in and out of the school grounds, and waiting after school.

P&C Annual General Meeting and February Meeting

The AGM for the P&C will be on Monday night the 16th February at 7pm. This will be followed by the normal monthly meeting. Everyone is welcome and it is always great to see new faces. Thank you to all of the parents who supported the stall on Saturday.

Queensland Education Accord


Yours in education,

Tracey Douglas
This week I have been assisting the Preps and 1’s to settle in. It has been most pleasing watching these joyous little people become part of our school this past week.

I am sure all parents have felt the warmest of welcomes from all the great teaching staff at Nashville. We are well prepared to make 2015 our best year ever!

Letters to parents of students receiving learning support programming for term 1 will be sent home later this week.

Students with formally documented adjustments to learning (Individual Curriculum Plans and Records Of Adjustments) will be contacted over coming weeks to discuss their child’s learning plans for Semester 1.

Mrs Christian

Library News ...

GEMS (Gifted Education Mentor Support)

Unify starts this Wednesday, 4th February at 7.45am in the computer lab with Mrs Pawsey. Please be on time as we are setting computer processes for the online course. Unify is an on-line program run by the Brisbane School of Distance Education part funded by the school and parents. This course is a writing program.

Library

Class borrowing starts week 4. Please remember your library bag.

Mrs Pawsey

School Banking Rewards now available! Term 1

These new rewards have just been released for Term 1, and are available while stocks last:

- ET DVD
- Planet Handball

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for these exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. There are 2 new items to come in Term 2 as well!

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2015 School Banking program Information Pack from the School office.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don’t forget that Wednesday is School Banking

The rewards items available during 2015 are:

- ET DVD, released Term 1
- Planet Handball, released Term 1
- Invisible Ink Martian Pen, released Term 2
- Intergalactic Rocket, released Term 2
- Glow-in-the-Dark Solar System, released Term 3
- Cosmic Light Beam Torch, released Term 3
- Outer Space Savers Money Box, released Term 4
- Lunar Light Band, released Term 4
Physical Education News...

This term during Phys. Ed. lessons every class will be learning bush dances to perform at our annual Fancy Dress Ball Bush Bonanza! This is an opportunity for all students to display their skill and enjoyment of the dance component of our Phys. Ed. curriculum. The annual Fancy Dress Ball will be on Friday night 27 March in our Nashville school hall with the theme this year being anything related to the bush!

At the beginning of this term (weeks 2-5) our Year 2 students will also be attending Sandgate Community Pool for 8 sessions for our Learn to Swim program. This program provides a variety of skills to all students based on their ability levels.

As the weather cools down we will be commencing fitness training before school in readiness for our whole school Cross Country which will be held on Thursday 2 April. Maybe you can start your own fitness training at home as well! Improved fitness will help the students’ Beep Test which will be conducted towards the end of the term.

Looking forward to another eventful year for physical activity at Nashville!

Sue Williams

Chappy News....

Hello and welcome to a new school year!

For those of you who don’t know me, my name is Leanne and I’m the school chaplain here at Nashville SS. I work at Nashville on Tuesdays and Fridays.

People often wonder what the role of a chaplain is, so I thought I’d outline a few of the things I do at Nashville SS.

As a chaplain, it is my role to support students, parents and teachers. If your student or your family is experiencing some difficulties, it is part of my role to support you through that. You can arrange for yourself or your child to speak to me by emailing me or contacting the school office to arrange a meeting time.

I run free voluntary programs which all students can participate in. Currently, we have craft every Tuesday at first break in Mr Kratzman’s room, and Brekky club every Friday morning from 8-8:30am. Any student who arrives at school between 8-8:30am on a Friday is welcome to come to the tuckshop and help themselves to bananas and toast topped with vegemite, jam, honey or cream cheese.

As a chaplain I do not provide counselling, only pastoral care. Also, though it is part of my role to help students explore their personal spiritual beliefs and worldviews, I only do this if it is requested by the student and I have written parental consent.

If you would like to get involved with Chaplaincy at Nashville, I would love some helpers for Brekky Club, or join our Local Chaplaincy Committee. Brekky Club is an easy thing to be involved in, as it’s only from 8am-8:30am each Friday morning. The Local Chaplaincy Committee is a group that meets once a term to discuss the progress and direction of chaplaincy, and to fundraise for chaplaincy services within the school. If either of these services is something you would like to be part of, please let me know.

Also, if anyone would like to donate jam, vegemite, or cream cheese, that would be greatly appreciated!

So this is a little of what I do at Nashville. If you have any other questions, would like to meet me, please do not hesitate to contact me via my email: lthom512@eq.edu.au.

I hope you have had a lovely start to the school year.

Leanne
P&C News…

P&C News – January 2015 – Week 2

A very warm WELCOME BACK to all our wonderful families and students, and a BIG WELCOME to our new families and students.

We hope you all had a very safe and happy break, and are now raring to go in 2015.

Christmas Raffle
Thank you to everyone who helped prepare the Christmas raffle, and also to everyone who bought tickets. Our fundraising will go towards finishing the air-conditioning project over the holidays.

Election Stall
Over a thousand dollars was raised on Saturday. Thank you to everyone who helped baked and attend the stall on Saturday to serve and cook sausages. Many thanks to Kirrilly Goodall for co-ordinating.

Fund-raising this year
Our main goal this year is to raise money to replace old technology, and also equip more classrooms with sets of iPads. We all know how important it is that our children are up-to-speed with the latest technology in this digital age, and we’ve seen the benefits that this equipment can bring to the classroom and learning outcomes.

Join the P&C in 2015 – AGM Monday February 16 at 7pm

Being part of the P&C is one of the best ways to show your children how much you value their education and how interested you are in what they do. A lot can and has been achieved through the P&C and school working together towards common goals.

We work hard and we have a lot of fun. It’s a great way to get to know others in the school community as well.

Our AGM and first meeting for the year is on Monday, February 16, 2015, so please do come along.

Remember to join the P&C Facebook page!
We’ve now hit 85 members and growing fast! Fantastic to see so many of our school families interacting on Facebook, and helping each other out with information, hints and tips, and anything else that’s approved! https://www.facebook.com/groups/492719424204537/ or just type in Nashville State School P&C

Tuckshop 2015
Tuckshop will resume on Monday February 16.
HOOORAYYYY!
Marvellous Mandy Williams will again lead the tuckshop team, and is always looking for volunteers on Mondays and Thursdays.

We LOVE our Tuckshop, and we wouldn’t have it without Mandy and her team.
Some of the parents who helped out last year have now moved on to High School with their kids, so we’re looking for more assistance. Even an hour would be a fantastic help.
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.
P& C News continued...

Election Stall January 31

By now we know the outcome of the state election – wish we could have voted for the Nashville P&C Committee!! Thank you to all who helped out on the stall, and who made yummy contributions to sell on the day.

Uniform Shop

Our Uniform Shop Manager, Chenani Ewart-Morgan, has done a fabulous job again, kitting out our students before starting school for the year. Many hours of work behind the scenes, ordering stock, contacting parents and suppliers, taking deliveries, unpacking stock – the list goes on!

The uniform shop will be open each week on Mondays from 8.30am until 9am, and on Wednesdays from 2pm until 2.40pm.

Chenani needs an assistant to help in the shop during the year, and to be trained in the systems and stock control. Please contact Chenani through the office, or send a message via the Facebook page.

Tuckshop News ...

Available in February

All orders will be served to students at First Break. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase at second break.

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MONDAY—only

Lunch packs:
Please choose Pack A OR Pack B

Pack A = Sandwich (Ham + Choose OR Chicken + Choose OR Vegemite + Choose)
         Piece of Fruit OR Homebake
         Juice Popper OR Water OR Glee drink

Pack B = Sausage Roll
         Piece of Fruit OR Homebake
         Juice Popper OR Water OR Glee drink

$4.50

THURSDAY—only

Hot Food:

Meat Nachos
Vegie Nachos

Both available with Avocado $0.50 extra
Year 1 News...

All of the students, including two new students to our school Reina and India, have settled in very well to their new routine. The classroom has a Beach theme to fit in with our Science and Geography units. The sandpit was such a success that it had to be removed or there would have been no work done. As we are discussing emotions in our English unit, we have been listening to the Despicable Me version of Happy and it cheers us up. Maybe we might sing it on parade!

Vacancy- School Crossing Supervisors

Casual positions exist for School Crossing Supervisors at multiple schools throughout the region. Please tell neighbours, friends and family of these positions available. Please help us to help our students.

School Crossing Supervisor positions are for up to 5 days per week on a roster.

Remuneration $27.49 per hour.

Contact the Brisbane North Road Safety Office for more information

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