From the Principal ...

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to a new school year and a special welcome to our new families. We have over 60 new students and many other new families commencing across a variety of year levels. Congratulations to all students on the smooth start to the school year. This year we have 321 students in 13 classes and many support staff, as listed below. Thank you to the parents who were able to stay and enjoy our ‘Tea and Tissues’ morning tea on the first day of school.

Resource Levy

All students are required to pay a $40 resource levy which was stated on the booklist. This is payable at the office, preferably in the morning before 11.00am or by bank transfer as soon as possible.

New school closures website launched

The Department of Education and Training has launched a new website which provides detailed information on closed educational facilities (including state, non-state schools and early childhood education centres) during a disaster or emergency event. Visit http://closures.det.qld.gov.au/.

Staff 2016

PRINCIPAL - Mrs Tracey Douglas
HEAD OF CURRICULUM - Mrs Allison Christian
Master Teacher - Mrs Anita Dodd
Prep B - Ms Phaidra Hird
Prep Y - Mrs Sue McKenzie
P/1 - Ms April Harrison
Year 1/2 - Mrs Maura Stiler
Year 1B - Ms Stephanie Callaghan
Year 2 - Mr Paul Kratzman
Year 2/3Y - Mr Russell Bloomer
Year 3 - Mrs Sharon Butler (Mon-Thurs) Mrs Jayde Scott (Fri)
Year 4B - Mrs Jacqui Lewis
Year 4Y - Mrs Simone Keates
Year 5 - Mrs Miren Hewitt
Year 5/6 - Mrs Jess Chapman (Mon-Thurs) and Mrs Sue Williams
Year 6 - Mr Phil Lauchs

SPECIALIST TEACHERS

Teacher Librarian - Mrs Jeanette Pawsey (Monday to Wednesday)
Physical Education - Mrs Sue Williams (Tuesday and Thursday)
L.O.T.E. (Japanese) - Ms Joyce Leung (Friday)
Classroom Music - Mrs Annette Grant (Wed afternoon, Thursday and Friday)
Instrumental Music - Mr Malcolm James (every Monday)
ST:LaN - Mrs Anita Dodd (Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy)
SET Teacher - Mr Mark Florence (Special Education Teacher)
Student Leaders 2016
Our new leaders were announced at the end of last year. Congratulations to these students:-
School Captains – Ruby W and Seth T
Sports Captains – Eleanor H, Isabelle D Chace E and Baillie C (Oxley), Ashlee J, Kiara P, Matthew B and Ashton S (Cook), Amber H, Holly B, Ethan T and Aidan S (Flinders)
Music Captain – Deklan W
Arts Captain – Hazel-Lea G
Library Captain – Chayse C
Eco-Council Captain – Oscar W and Stacey E
Student Council Captain – Jennifer P and Imarlie M

Our Leadership badge presentation parade will be Friday 19 February at 2pm. All parents are invited to attend. Student counsellors and eco councillors for year 3 – 6 will be selected by their class in the next couple of weeks. Library assistants will be nominated to Mrs Pawsey by class teachers.

Parent Evening – 9th February
On Tuesday 9th February, Nashville State School teachers will be hosting a parent information evening. This will involve two sessions to enable parents to go to multiple sessions. A separate letter will be going home to each student with more details. Please note we are not combining the info sessions with a sausage sizzle this year.

Times will be as follows:

Parent Information sessions with class teachers (2x30 min sessions)
Session A 5.30pm- 6.00pm
Session B 6.15pm– 6.45pm
Home Reading Program
Our Home Reading program commenced on Monday 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. 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 – Urgent Safety Message
We have a large number of students with severe nut allergies and will have an anaphylactic reaction if they ingest nuts or come in contact with nuts (eg transference of traces of nuts via hand holding). Nuts, products including nuts (eg bars and spreads) are not to be brought to school to ensure the safety of these students. This means no Peanut Paste or Nutella products, nut bars of any sort, baking with these products including almond meal. Please read the labels of the packaged food. Staff will be checking lunch boxes and students will be asked not to open products containing nuts.

Car Parking
Please be aware of the 2 minute drop off zones in Douglas Street, and the bus zones. Parents are also not to park and wait for long periods at the shops across the road. Please observe all signage to ensure the safety of all of our students.

Chappy News
Our chaplain, Leanne, will be continuing the Chappy breakfast program on Friday mornings before school commencing this week. Children are able to collect a piece of toast with spread of their choice and a piece of fruit from 8.15am. If you are able to assist by helping Leanne on Friday mornings, please let me know. Donations of spreads for the toast are also very welcome – jam, Vegemite and cheese spreads are most popular. We are also looking for interested parents who may like to be on our Local Chaplaincy Committee. Please let Leanne know if you are interested, there is one meeting per term.

Playgroup
Our Tuesday playgroup commences this week from 9.15am to 11.15am. All Nashville families with under 5’s are welcome to attend. There is a small charge each week to cover Playgroup Australia membership and consumables.

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. 95% attendance means 10 days absence per year. We expect all students to have greater than 95% attendance.

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. There is no 7.30am band practise this semester. Beginners will be receiving information about the Kickstart program in week 3.
Principal News Cont ...

School Uniform

Please ensure your children are following the school uniform code. This includes a wide brimmed hat, black shoes and shoelaces (no coloured joggers and coloured shoelaces permitted) with white socks.

Sun Smart - Hats

The “no hat, no play” rule is in place in our school. 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

There will be no term 1 swimming this year. All swimming will now be in term 4.

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 15th February at 7pm. This will be followed by the normal monthly meeting. Everyone is welcome and it is always great to see new faces and be involved in your child’s school.

Yours in education,
Tracey Douglas

Head of Curriculum News ...

From the HOC

Welcome back to our great school and all of the wonderful learning each day holds!

I hope you all enjoyed the break! If your children have the Holiday e-camp Passport ready to return, please send it in next week. There is a box at the office to place passports into – by Friday 2nd break. Please make sure your child’s name is on the passport!

At Nashville we are focussed on Reading as a priority and we would like to invite all parents to attend a session with Anita, our Master Teacher and myself to support your development of knowledge around how children learn to read and supporting them to develop their skills when reading to you at home. This is on Wednesday 17 February 8.40-10.40 in the hall.

Please feel very welcome to attend and share this time with us. We will have some handy resources to help you at home and strategies to help you! Please note that we will have one of our staff members present to provide some childcare during the 2 hour session. Jen and Katie in the office will be happy to take your RSVP by Monday 15 February on 3869 7333.

Home Reading Program The Nashville Home Reading program will commence for 2016 in Week 2 - Monday. Please ensure that your child is reading every night and getting your sign off for one session per day. We would expect that we are starting to present certificates for 25 on Friday 26 of February – unfortunately no child will be eligible until Term 2 for a 50 certificate.
Really? Holidays are over already? We’re back into what I’m sure will be another fun and action-packed year for the P&C. **WELCOME** to all our new Preppies, and to our new Nashville Families. We look forward to getting to know you throughout the year.

**Annual General Meeting + First meeting back for the year: February 15, 2016**

Our AGM and first meeting for the year are on Monday February 15 at 7pm in the teacher’s staff room. We’d love to see some new faces at the meeting, and also those who are looking for a way to give back to the community and to the school. The P&C is a vital part of school life, helping to create a safe, happy, respectful and inviting environment for our children’s primary education.

At the AGM we will have the election of officers. All current office-bearers will stand down from their roles, and an election of officers will be held. **THANK YOU** to all our P&C members and office-bearers. It’s hard to quantify the time and effort that is given in so many different ways. Your dedication and commitment is truly appreciated.

Some members have indicated that they will not be standing again so we welcome nominations from any interested parties. We welcome those who can help a little or a lot.

**Facebook page:**

All our P&C news is posted on the Facebook page – just type in Nashville State School P&C and ask to join the group. It’s a closed group, and we abide by the regulations from P&Cs Qld, and the Department of Education. Check out the site for more details.

**SAVE THE DATE: “Meet the parents” event. Friday February 26, 2016.**

What a great say to meet the parents of other kids who are in the same year as your child(ren). This is a ‘no kids’ event, so start planning your babysitters now!

More details will be coming out soon. You must RSVP and register for this event to receive one complimentary drink (beer or wine) on arrival. Please note - we won’t be selling alcohol at the event, however a chilled glass of something will hopefully get parents in the mood to meet and greet, and bring ideas on how you think the P&C can help the school during the year.

**Uniform Shop**

How gorgeous did all the little Preppies look when trying on their uniforms for the first time? And the big Grade 1 kids who were donning their new Blue hats! Chenani does a truly wonderful job running our uniform shop – which now has a new window and air-conditioning. Thanks to Chenani’s husband Rik for his handyman hard work, and Tim Holland for donating and installing the window.

If you have any pre-loved school uniforms that you’d like to sell or donate, please bring them to the uniform shop and see Chenani.

Chenani is also looking for some **ASSISTANCE IN THE UNIFORM SHOP**. She currently has no back up, and wants to train someone to fill in for her. This is another way to give back to the school community. The uniform shop is open Monday 8.30am - 9.00am and Wednesday 2.00pm - 2.40pm.

**Tuckshop:**

Tuckshop will re-open on Monday February 1, 2016. For our new parents – our Tuckshop is run by the fabulous Mandy, and a couple of wonderful volunteers (Andy, Lara and others) and is open on Mondays and Thursdays.

**HOME BAKE NEEDED PLEASE:** One of the Tuckshop favourites is ‘home bake’ - donations of baked goods that meet the ‘green’ or ‘amber’ food guidelines as much as possible (some reds slip in!). Please see Mandy about the kids’ favourite recipes and quantities required, and put your name down to assist with home bake for a week. This is one of the many ways in which your contribution can make a real difference!
Cookbooks:
Yes – we still have copies of the Cookbook to sell - $20. If you don’t have one yet, then please help support and complete this fundraising project and get yours today! They also make great presents and are for sale at the Uniform Shop and at the office.

P&C Member Profile: President – Lynda Bundock

A bit about you: I’m mum to Emma and married to Allen. I am a trainer in Business/Management & HR, and have my own business Top Job Coaching – specialising CVs/Resumes, LinkedIn profiles, Career Coaching – love to help mums returning to the workforce. I’m also studying a Grad. Cert. in Career Development. 2016 will be my second year as part of Nashville’s P&C Association.

What do you do in your role: I lead the association, chair the meetings, drive the forward planning, attend official functions, and help with whatever I can help with through the year, and usually ask lots of questions!

Why did you join the P&C?: We have one daughter, so I wanted to get involved in her school journey as much as possible and find out what goes on ‘behind the scenes’. I wanted to give back to the community in a practical way.

Memorable moment (s)?: There are many, but…Einbunpin Festival stands out. I loved the way the school community pulled together. The effort made by P&C members and the wider school community was remarkable, our stand looked amazing and the day is fun. It’s a great marketing exercise for the school, we make good money, and the kids who attended brought taste testing jams and preserves and selling raffle tickets to a whole new level!

What do you enjoy most?: I love the camaraderie at the meetings that extends to the day-to-day catch-ups in the school grounds. I’ve met some amazing people and many quiet achievers who donate time, energy and creativity in whatever way they can.

Message to new members?: We need your ideas and your enthusiasm. Many hands really do make light work, and it’s fun. It’s a great way to understand what’s happening at the school, and meet new people at all levels. We’re all busy – we get it. We try to share the workload. Not everyone is involved in everything – it’s whatever you can do. Whether you can do a little or a lot, you’re always welcome.

OSHC News ...

Welcome to another great Year here at Nashville Jabiru. A big hello to all our new families and those who are returning. Here at Jabiru we provide quality care for your children. If you would like to come over and meet the Team please feel free to pop in and visit us at any time we will be happy to help. The children have fun with their friends while being kept safe, secure & supported. Over the Summer Holidays the children enjoyed going to Sea World, a trip to the movies, Lazer tag, Ocean Life Education and a wonderful range of activities. This Term Jabiru Kids will be doing a lot of exciting activities eg. Soap & Candle making, Cooking lessons, Gum boot gardens and a great deal more. Starting this Friday Miss Mandy Leigh will be joining us for Kids Fitness, this will be held on a Friday afternoon, (at no extra cost) be quick to avoid disappointment and book your spot. So come over and join us here for a fun afternoon.

Call us on 3896 3925 or Mob 0438 542 817.
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.


The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit. To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a silver Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

The rewards available during 2016 are:

- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). Getting involved in School Banking is easy! You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at your local branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child’s birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online. If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.
Prep B News ...

What a fantastic start to the school year it has been! It has been great to see so many smiling faces each morning. Already we have been working on our reading, writing and counting skills, and we will be spending a lot more time on those things over the year.

Thanks to all the parents that have helped kick the year off as smoothly as possible.

Prep Y News ...

After a whirlwind first 3 days, the Preps from Prep Y (the Wise Owls), are settling beautifully into the routine of school. Despite the hot weather the children have thrown themselves enthusiastically into the challenges of being a big school kid. We have read the story “Where is the Green Sheep?” and searched the school to find where our green sheep was hiding. He left us quite a few cheeky messages which had us learning where all of the significant places are at Nashville. Finally we found him enjoying a story in the library with Mrs Pawsey. We have also enjoyed reading The Magic Hat and making our own personal connections to the story. We also made some magic hats and some wands, which to the disappointment of one of our boys didn’t work. Oh well we are growing our imaginations and building resilience at the same time! In Maths we have begun to learn about numbers and have identified some numbers that are personally significant to us. This week we will be looking for numbers in our environment and practicing our number recognition and counting.

Thank you to the wonderful Wise Owl parents who have done an excellent job in preparing your little ones for school. They are all keen to learn and excited to attempt new challenges. I am excited and looking forward to a fun year of laughter and learning.

Prep/1 News ...

Prep One had a fantastic first week of school with lots of smiles to brighten the day. Many of the little ones were grinning from ear to ear as they experienced the activities and routines of school for the first time, whilst the older students were smiling with pride as they swapped their yellow school hat for a blue one, or felt grown up enough to walk downstairs by themselves at the going home bell. No matter what the reason, there were plenty of smiles to go around, and a few yawns – we had a BIG three days!

In literacy we had fun playing around with rhyming words and we even made up some that made no sense at all – ‘Is that a glock on the clock or a zair on the chair?’ In maths we practised our days of the week, learnt a new counting meerkats song, and investigated how many unifex cubes we would need to make it all the way across the room.

Chappy Leanne dropped in to say hello to some familiar faces and told our new students about the Chappy breakfast each Friday morning before school. Chappy also reminded us about her room under the staff room that is open at the lunch breaks on Friday for games and craft activities.

On Friday afternoon, we attended our first parade for the year and the very first parade ever for our new Preppies! The preppies received a welcome to Nashville certificate while many of their proud parents looked on and took lots of happy snaps.

It certainly was a BIG week, but we all made it through to Friday afternoon, a little hot, a little tired, but incredibly excited about the ‘bunderful’, ‘zunderful’, wonderful year ahead.
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 State School. 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 provide educational, spiritual and emotional support to the school community. If your student or your family is experiencing some difficulties, it is part of my role to support you through these tough times. I am more than happy to chat with you and/or your child. If this is something you would like at any time throughout the year please do not hesitate to contact me by either emailing myself, or contacting the school office.

Though it is part of my role to help students explore their personal spiritual beliefs and worldviews, I only do this when students request it and if I have written parental consent.

I run free voluntary programs that all students can participate in. Currently, we have craft every Tuesday at first break in Mrs Hewitt’s room, and Brekky club every Friday morning from 8:15am-8:30am. Any student who arrives at school between this time 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.

Chappy TV shall also be continuing this year, which as many of you know, is loved by the students. For our new families, Chappy TV is where I ask students a question, video record their answers, and make a short video clip of students responses to watch on parade. Students must have signed media release forms to be able to participate in Chappy TV.

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, or would like to meet me, please do not hesitate to contact me via my email: leannet@chappy.org.au.

Looking forward to getting to know you!

Leanne
Community News …

Bracken Ridge Scout Group  Sign On Day
Saturday 6th February 2016
8am to 1.00pm
At the Den  50 Tomah Road
Bracken Ridge
Group Leader  Keith Gridley Phone 38810134

Kyle Dennis
Dennis Professional Tennis Coaching
Mobile Phone  0452 452 004

Dear Parent,

Re – First Term Coaching 2016
At Your School Tennis Court

Term coaching classes will commence on Monday 1st February and will continue for 8 weeks, including Monday 21st March from 7:15am – 8am (YRS 4-6) and 8:00am-8:40am (YRS Prep – 3).

Total term fee is $56.00 (GST included) payable within 3 weeks. Tennis racquets may be borrowed or purchased from your coach, Kyle Dennis.

Should your child be late to commence this term, the way their fee is calculated, is of the remaining weeks at $7.00 each per class.

These classes involve coaching of all strokes, necessary for future advancement of your child’s playing ability. Also it involves light physical exercises, rules, ethics of tennis and match play tactics.

Private coaching for juniors, adults, professional, fixture and social players who are wanting to improve their playing ability, are welcome to ask Kyle for a suitable lesson time. His fee remains at $55 per hour. These sessions are by appointment only.

Your Faithfully,

Kyle Dennis
Director

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