Dear parents and carers,

Last night was the first P&C meeting for the year and it was a very good night with many new faces coming along to learn more about our school and P&C. Lots of planning and ideas were discussed.

**Leader Induction Friday 19 February at 2pm**
This Friday we have a very special parade. It is our Leadership Induction parade where our leaders and captains will participate in the badge presentation. We will have invited guests attending. All parents are invited to attend and the earlier starting time is 2.00pm.

**Parent Evening and Parent Reading Session**
Thank you for attending our parent/teacher information evening last Tuesday evening. We had a large level of attendance from parents – it was great to see so many parents. This Wednesday from 8.40 – 10.40 am in the hall, parents and friends can come along to learn more about supporting their child as a reader at home and may also be interested in assisting our before school reading program later in the term. Another session will run next term after hours for working parents.

**Safety around our School**
Please reinforce with your child/ren the importance of using the supervised crossing in the morning and afternoon. Children crossing further down the street have created great concern by witnessing parents as they are not looking properly. We have two supervised crossings and all children are urged to use these for their safety.

**Playgroup Tuesdays - 9.15am – 11.15am**
Our Tuesday playgroup has had a very strong start this year. This is an important part of our transition to school program. 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.

**Hollywood Hits Fancy Dress Ball Friday 11 March 5.00pm**
Our annual fancy dress ball is here again and the dressing up theme is “Hollywood Hits”. This is the culminating event of the first unit of PE which is dance and includes the Footsteps program. We are looking forward to this event which is a P&C fundraising event. $5 per child, and adults FREE.

**Lost Property**
We already have a large collection of items in our lost property. Lost property is located outside our teacher aide preparation room – this is the purple door opposite the uniform room. Please check regularly and label all items.

**Tennis Court**
We love to encourage our parents to use our tennis court facility. Please contact the office for access details.

**Resource Levy**
Thank you to the many families who have paid the resource levy for the year. This funds class budgets for consumable items such as art and craft supplies, cooking ingredients and science consumables, other items for class use that may be required such as photocopying.
New Musicians

Last week the students commencing our Instrumental Music Program for 2016, started learning about their instrument in a one day “Kickstart” program. They were introduced to their instrument, learnt about how to assemble, clean, care and hold it and came home being able to create some sounds, if not a new whole song!

This week the students have commence their lessons at school with Mr James.

Yours in education,

Tracey Douglas

P.S. Please see the blue banner on page 1 for all upcoming dates.
Supporting your child with reading

I hope you have considered coming along to our session on Wednesday morning after drop-off time to join Anita, our Master Teacher and Learning Support teacher to engage in some useful information, strategies and tips to support your child in their reading development. We are providing light refreshments for participants and free childminding. We would love you to join us. Please call Katie or Jen on 3869 7333 to RSVP for catering purposes.

NAPLAN at Nashville

As always, we have our eye on student progress and reflect on a range of data – report card data, reading levels and previous NAPLAN tests to gauge how are students are travelling. We have been carefully considering some strategies to build additional success for our students in Years 3 and 5 at this time which we are confident will equip them with a strong set of skills beyond a NAPLAN assessment in May.

Research shows that effective preparation of children for NAPLAN is not an outcome of practicing NAPLAN style tests – as NAPLAN assesses the embedded learning – and ability to use the skills that have hopefully been developed throughout your child’s years at school. What we are focussing on is building skills that our data indicates needs to be strengthened – and our students’ abilities in reading, and their enjoyment of it, will be evidence of the improvements.

Teachers will continue to provide the usual instruction in the techniques of doing a NAPLAN test (ie. Using the booklets, writing your name in capital letters, shading circles). Some of you may even receive these activities home as part of your child’s homework package for the week. Please support your child in this activity to build confidence and de-stress any issues they may be feeling.

If you have concerns about your child’s participation in NAPLAN please make an appointment to discuss with your class teacher in the next week or so. It is intended that all students can and should access the NAPLAN assessment. However, you may have specific concerns to raise with us and we welcome these discussions.

Allison
Meet the Nashville Team...

Please meet some of our new staff members.

Ms Julie Bagley
Guidance Officer

Miss Phaidra Hird
Teacher Prep B

Mr Russell Bloomer
Teacher 2/3

Ms Stephanie Callaghan
Teacher Year 1

Ms April Harrison
Teacher Prep/1

Nashville Kitchen/Garden News ...

Welcome to 2016. We have an exciting year planned in both the kitchen and the garden.

WORKING BEE- Please come lend a hand on Saturday 20th February from 8-11am. We have a huge range of jobs to be done. Whether it is for the morning or just an hour, your help will be very much appreciated. BYO-shovels, rakes, brooms, wheelbarrows

COMPOST- We are desperate to grow more compost and need your help. If you do not compost at home, we would love to have your veggie scraps! Simply leave your veggie scraps in a bag beside the compost bins in the garden and we will gladly put them to good use.

POTS- We are seeking large pots to use outside our kitchen area for herbs and other small vegetable crops. If you have any large pots at home that you no longer need please pop them up to the Yr 4 classroom or leave them outside the kitchen area at the hall.

Please like us on Facebook @ Nashville Kitchen Garden.
Class 1/2 News ...

The students in class 1/2 have settled into their new routines very easily and are enjoying reading books about feelings. They have expressed their own feelings in words, drawings and using digital tools. On Friday they sang the Happy Song from the movie Despicable 2 at parade complete with actions choreographed by Miss Jacqui. I cannot wait for them to sing the Pout Pout Fish song as they are great singers and actors.

Year 1 News ...

How quickly the Year 1 students have quickly settled in to school and class routines! Thank you for your support in this. Evidently, the students have been working hard to practise their spelling words as they performed very well on their first spelling test last week. We also began reading groups this week to support your child’s reading fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary and phonics development. Year 1 borrows books from the library on Thursdays. Please ensure your child brings a library bag to protect their books or they will not be permitted to borrow.

In Maths so far, we have been learning about counting and ordering numbers, skip counting in 2s, representing two-digit numbers and solving addition problems. Science this term is about Living Things so the students are learning about the external features and needs of living things, habitats and how human action can change habitats. In this unit, students will also observe the growth of mealworms and cress in the classroom. In History, Year 1 is exploring the concept of remembering their past through various sources. The students will also explore the stages of human life and significant events which are special to them.

Thank you to Sophie, Max and Lily for your interesting and meaningful Show & Tell talks on the topic of ‘About You’. Year 1 is certainly looking forward to the next session on Wednesday about ‘Changes over time’.
Instrumental Music - Kickstart

Last week Nashville beginner instrumental students began their musical journeys with a day-long introductory program. On this day students were taught how to put their instruments together, hold them correctly, clean them and play their first notes as well as other fun activities.

Here is some positive feedback from some students who attended:

**Flute**
Sierra: “I liked learning to put the flute together, then practising at home”
Evie: “Just playing the flute was really fun”

**Saxophone**
Amber: “I liked how it was easy to make a sound and it wasn’t too hard to reach your fingers around to play the keys”

**Trumpet**
Rommy: “It was good because they taught us the basics of learning the trumpet”

**Trombone**
Sterling: “I enjoyed learning to play Hot Cross Buns”

**Percussion**
Taylen: “I liked the teacher and he taught us how to hold our drum sticks properly”
Eli: “I loved the concert when we were playing the drums”

**Clarinet**
Madison: “It took me a while to get the sound working properly but it happened eventually”
Lara: “The clarinet was awesome”

Choir

Students in years 2 – 6 have the opportunity to join our school choirs. **Senior Choir** (years 4/5/6) will be rehearsing from 1.20 – 2.00pm on Thursdays. **Junior Choir** (years 2&3) will rehearse from 11.00 – 11.40am on Fridays.

We had our first rehearsals last week but it is not too late to join. This is an “all-comers” choir so all are welcome (both boys and girls). If your child enjoys singing and performing, please encourage him/her to participate.

Our first performances will be parade items later this term.
P & C News...

It was fantastic to see several new faces at our first meeting for the year. A lot of issues discussed, and even a visit from our Deagon Ward Greens Candidate – Anthony Walsh.

Our AGM was postponed until the March meeting, so please do join us for that. It will be held at 7pm in the teacher’s staff room on Monday March 21, so please do come along. ALL current P&C officers will be standing down from their roles, and voting will take place. We also will be adding two new roles to the Executive - Fundraising Coordinator, and also Communications Coordinator, which Janine Brush has kindly volunteered to do.

Facebook page:

Please join our Nashville State School P&C Facebook page and ask to join the group. Communication from the school and P&C will increasingly be electronic, so get the kids to set you up if it’s all too hard. :)

“Meet the parents” event in the school hall Friday February 26, 2016 – 7pm to 8pm– NO KIDS

Notes will go home this week. You MUST RSVP to register for this event to receive one complimentary drink (beer or wine) on arrival. No RSVP – No Drink! We will not be selling additional alcoholic drinks at this event. The purpose of this event is twofold:

Meet other parents from your child’s year group and get to know them – build community
Provide feedback and ideas to the P&C about things you’d like to see happen.

The feedback will be collated and presented at the March P&C meeting. Please help us to represent you!

Cookbooks:

A HUGE SHOUT OUT to three local businesses who have been selling our Cookbooks!!

The Guardian Pharmacy – opposite the school – have sold 14 copies so far....

Venus Skin & Body – at the Deagon St/Baskerville St Roundabout.

Brighton Village Medical Centre – within the Beaconsfield Rd shopping village.

Footsteps Disco – Friday March 11 – HOLLYWOOD HITS theme.

Please come along to the school dance on Friday March 11 (Food from 5.00pm – TBC). Learn some steps from the Silver Screen, and partake of the P&C’s gorgeous catering. $5 per child, and adults FREE.

Donations of home bake are needed for the night. Please bake Caramel Slice, Cup Cakes, Brownies, Jam Drops, and anything else that your ‘A-listers’ are demanding to eat!

Election Stall and Sausage Sizzle – Saturday March 19 – from 8am

We will be holding an election stall and sausage sizzle to capitalise on the amount of visitors to our school for the Election Day. We need the following:

Cooks for the Sausage Sizzle
Home bake donations – your yummiest stuff to sell
People to help man the stall and serve Sausages

Kirrilly Goodall has kindly volunteered to coordinate this event, so please get in touch with her if you can assist in any way. candkgoodall@bigpond.com

AND WE’RE OFF – FOR 2016!!
Be safe.
Be a Learner.
Be Respectful.

Chappy News ...

Hello Parents/Carers!

I hope your children are settling in well to the new school year.

Below I have attached two flyers for free upcoming events which may be able to assist with tricky parenting issues.

One event is an upcoming program run by Relationships Australia (located in Strathpine) which is designed to help children cope with the life changes that come with parent separation.

The second is an event addressing “Parenting Adolescents”, for families with teenage children. This event shall be held at Bracken Ridge SHS.

Kind regards,

Leanne

FREE SUPPORT GROUPS FOR CHILDREN & TEENS!

**SEASONS™ PROGRAM**

A 6 week course for children & teens who have experienced change through family separation

First Group: Children from 6 to 9 years old.
When: 13th April to 18th May 2016.
Time: 3:15 pm to 4:30 pm

Second Group: Open for expression of interest
Age group will be determined according to interest.
When: 6th August to 8th September 2016
Time: 3:15 pm to 4:30 pm

For further information or to register your interest, please contact Family Relationship Centre on 3423 6962
16 Mecklen Street
Strathpine
Ask for Susan or Martha
A partnership between

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‘PARENTING ADOLESCENTS’

- with Dr Bob Jacobs

Dr. Bob has focused his career on children’s advocacy. He has over 30 years’ experience working with children, youth and parents as a teacher, coach, psychologist, mediator and lawyer. Currently he runs The Parenting Centre in Maleny.

On this night Dr Bob will discuss how parents can keep the lines of communication open and continue to ‘parent’ right through the most difficult issues of adolescence, such as peer pressure, drugs and sex. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session.

**WHEN:** 6:30 – 8pm, Wed 9th March

**WHERE:** Bracken Ridge High School MPSC
68 Barfoot Street, Bracken Ridge

**WHO:** All are welcome! Feel free to invite family and friends

**COST:** Free Refreshments will also be provided

For more information please contact Trudi Rechard (chaplain at Bracken Ridge SHS) by email to trudirechardi@bigpond.com or Kacie Ball (chaplain at Bracken Ridge SHS) by email to kiacieball@hotmail.com or by phone through the school admin 3881 1066.

A combined initiative of Bracken Ridge SHS, Sandgate DSMs, Pine Rivers SHS and Bracken Ridge Chaplaincy Services

Community News ...

**Coding Kids**

A computer club where children build computer games, animation and learn programming.

Location: Bracken Ridge Hall (byo laptop)
5 weeks of classes: Thu 18 Feb - Thu 24 Mar
- 3.30-4.30pm Grades 2-3
- 4.30-5.30pm Grades 4-6
$108 for 6 weeks

Contact Emily on emily.f.delapena@gmail.com or 0449 162 677 for more information.

Redcliffe Rugby Union Club

Redcliffe Rugby are looking for players in the following teams

Juniors ( Development 3 years +, 5 -17 male & females)
Colts (16y) - Senior - Veterans (35 years + Old Boys) - Female (18+)

Our goal at the Redcliffe Rugby Club is to promote the sport of rugby union in the community and to create a family orientated club on the Redcliffe Peninsula.

We encourage the entire family to participate in all our clubs activities and events as we look to offer a pathway from junior rugby through to Colts and senior. Followed by the true definition of rugby that simply can’t be covered by sport.

We are continually looking to grow our club and if you are interested in playing rugby union or would like to become more involved with the local community through volunteer work then please contact the following people for more information.

**Juniors**

Junior Club Secretary Bronnie Bertington on bronnie.bertington@gmail.com.au 0481 393 113

Junior Club Registrar Col Innes on col.innes@redclifferugby.com.au 0402 834 087

Club training commences Friday 6:00pm 12th Feb 2016

**Seniors**

Senior Club Secretary Alan Keyth on senior.secretary@redclifferugby.com.au 0403 236 162

Senior Club Registrar Mark Cole on mark.regisra@redclifferugby.com.au 0429 236 302

Female - Colts and Seniors and Veterans - Club pre-season training happening every Wednesday from 6:30pm

www.redclifferugby.com.au

Contact: Ray Finlayson Fields, Skyrack St Clontarf 4019.
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

Dennis Professional Tennis Coaching

Mobile Phone 0452 452 004

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