From the Principal ...

Dear parents and carers,

What a fantastic evening we had last week at our annual Fancy Dress Ball. The students all did an amazing job with their "Hollywood Hits" outfits and a great time was had by all. The Footsteps program provided the students with some pretty cool moves and grooves – and great to see the parents and staff joining in as well with some of our favourite dances. Some highlights and points to note were:-

- The number of Disney Princesses was significantly more than the number handsome Prince’s—but plenty of James Bond’s were on hand to save the day.
- Princess Leah had many Jedi’s to keep her safe from a number of Darth Vaders.
- There was no way The Joker was going to cause problems, with the very high ratio of super hero’s
- The arrival of Tom Cruise and friends from Top Gun was the 1980’s highlight!
- The Pink Ladies and the T-birds are alive and well
- All Red Riding Hood’s were safe and sound – no Big Bad Wolf this year
- YMCA is still the staff #1 favourite dance of the night. (Some things never change!)

Thank you to the P&C for all of their organising to make the night so successful, and for part funding the Footsteps Dance Program for our students, Mrs Williams for coordinating and teaching dancing as well this term in PE and all of the teachers who supported the program as well.

ANZAC Day

Our school ANZAC ceremony is a lovely event commemorating those who have fallen in the wars. You are most welcome to join us in front of our ANZAC memorial garden (between A and B block) on the Friday afternoon prior to ANZAC Day (22 April at 2pm). This will be in place of our usual parade. Special guests and all parents and families members are invited to attend.
Principal News cont...

All students are also invited to march on Monday 25 April in full school uniform with correct shoes, hat and water bottle. Directly after the march, students need to be collected on the corner of outside 2nd Avenue Real Estate. We are not supervising students during the ceremony as we cannot be guaranteed a spot to sit inside the park. The students will gather at 8.30am outside the Sandgate Court House and RSL and the march will be called to attention at 8.50am.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Next Tuesday evening is our parent/teacher interview evening. If you have not received any correspondence from your class teacher as yet, please contact them through the office to make an appointment time. This is an opportunity to discuss your child’s mid-semester results and gain important feedback on your child’s progress. If you are unable to attend the nominated time slots, please let your teacher know and another time will be accommodated for you.

This is our last newsletter for the term. We have a number of events that you will need to be aware of

Harmony Day - 21 March (gold coin donation, free dress with an orange theme)
School Photos — 22 March (please make sure students are in formal uniform with white socks and black shoes. If you require order envelopes, please see the office.)
Cross Country — 24 March (1.00pm to 2.40pm) on the oval.
Easter Bonnet Parade - 24 March (Prep B, Prep Y and P/1 only. 12noon at Prep)
ANZAC Day School service — 22 April (2pm special assembly between A and B block)
ANZAC Day March - 25 April (Assemble outside Sandgate Court House at 8.30am)

It is hard to believe that term 1 of 2016 is almost over. Thank you to the teachers and students for all of their hard work and the outpouring of parent support. Term 2 commences on Monday 11 April.

Have fantastic Easter.

Tracey
Head of Curriculum News...

Exciting News - Changes to reporting in 2016

This semester we will be making a change so that all report cards are delivered directly into your email in-box. This will by-pass your child having to transport the report card home and you will have their results and teacher feedback immediately.

Currently, Jen and Katie are checking and updating all parent email contacts. If you need to provide an updated or new email address, please ring 3869 7333.

This will certainly streamline the process at Nashville and save many pages of paper each semester.

NAPLAN

There will be a NAPLAN information session provided before the April 18 P&C meeting at 6.30pm in the staff room.

Topics covered will be:

  How do we prepare for NAPLAN in our home?
  What does NAPLAN mean to me?
  What does NAPLAN mean to our school?

I hope to present a very positive take on how you can view and talk about NAPLAN with your family and some insight into the assessment results from a community perspective.

You are most welcome to stay on for the P&C meeting afterwards.

Recognition of your child’s work

Sometimes it might seem that we celebrate the “big” achievements at school and the little things go unnoticed or not have much value at all. I want you to know that this is far from the reality here at Nashville! Over the past few weeks I have enjoyed checking your children’s book work – their attention to handwriting, neatness, using a ruler and a rubber (successfully!) to produce work they can be very proud to show.

Life is about paying attention to the small details – and building a child’s understanding of the importance to get the little things just right. Regular check-ins, positive feedback and a lovely sticker are all ways that I can help class teachers build the understanding with your child that neat bookwork is worthwhile – and that they will continue to strive to improve.

I look forward to continuing to support your child valuing organisational skills around their school work.

Allison

Class News ...

Term One has certainly been very busy and I have been very happy with the way the children have settled into Grade Three. They have developed the skills required for being safe, respectful and learners who take pride in their work presentation. Year three class members are looking forward to their first NAPLAN experience and have been working extremely hard in class on preparation for these tests. In English, we have read ‘Matty Forever’ (a narrative) and students have planned, drafted and edited their own imaginative narratives about friendships. In our reading groups, we have had great success finding the main idea of various texts and we are now exploring how to compare and contrast.

The speed and accuracy of our number facts has increased significantly and we are now learning how to apply these number facts to multiplication and division algorithms. The study of number and place value has been extended and this week we are concentrating on chance and data.

Students in 3B have completed some important scientific research about living, non living and once living. Mrs Scott has been working on the History unit about commemorations and celebrations and also the health learning experiences on how to be a good friend.

We are looking forward to more exciting learning adventures next term.

Sharon Butler and Jayde Scott
Phew! What a busy term we have had in the Year Four classrooms.

In the last 7 weeks we have; been entertained reading The Twits, become authors creating our very own Twits chapter, developed our problem solving skills in Maths, investigated living and non living things and researched an endangered species in Science, we have learnt how to be our own master through Play is the Way with Chappy Leanne and we have chopped, planted, watered, composted and prepared in our Kitchen Garden Program.

We have certainly achieved a lot in just one term and cannot wait to see what Term 2 holds for us!

Music News ...

The junior choir has a song ready for parade this week. All parents are most welcome to attend and hear how well our younger students are growing in their performance skills. They enjoy their choir practice and are very excited to present to you all on Friday. Please be ready to be very pleasantly surprised by their voices. Please ensure that all Junior Choir Agreements have been signed and returned!

Annette
LOTE News …

Nihongo News

Class News

We have had a busy term learning new vocabulary and language structures in our new units. Year 6 students have been learning vocabulary and structuring sentences in order to talk about a day in their lives. Year 5 students have been busy at work learning how to present a self-introduction. This is the first term Year 4 students participate in the LOTE program, and we have been covering foundational Japanese, such as introducing our names, numbers, greetings, and Japanese festivals in our lessons.

KITCHEN/GARDEN CLASSROOM NEWS

Busy times in both the kitchen and garden. The garden is well on its way to being fully planted. Fingers crossed the rain last week will give it that needed boost. In the kitchen the Yr 4 students are learning new skills and experiencing new flavours. Be sure to check out this fortnight’s installment of The Kitchen/Garden Times by Alex and Amber.

Our Kitchen/Garden Stall operates every Friday outside the hall. We sell potted herbs and other small plants, fresh eggs and any excess produce we may have. Our homemade lemonade stall has been a great hit in the last two weeks. Keep an eye out for exciting new flavours as we experiment with our homemade fruit cordials. If you have a lemon/lime tree with excess fruit we would love to put them to refreshing use! We are also seeking a Soda Stream that people may no longer want and would like to donate or the gas cartridges that the Soda Stream uses.

DONATIONS PLEASE!

Grams of flour, sugar, baking powder, cornflour, dry yeast

If you have any of the above items we would LOVE to put them to good use. Please leave donations at the office or pop into the Year Four classrooms.

Thanks for your on going assistance. Your support is greatly appreciated!
Hi Everyone

We are back to share our kitchen news with you this week.

4Y were in the kitchen last week and we made pizza style bread! How tasty was that!!!! Our pizza dough was REALLY STICKY! My group put in tooooo much yeast. Thank fully it didn’t turn out tooooo big, I loved today! We also made pesto with ”school grown” basil to put on the top on our bread. I could not wait for the bread/pizza to come out.

Today class 4B was in the kitchen cooking tortillas and chopping up vegetables which included tomatoes, cucumber, lettuce and carrot. A few people made hommus and Greek yoghurt and garlic dips. It was really fun when we worked as a team to chop the vegetables up and wash them in the kitchen to put away again. After that we set up the tables spreading them with cold water and delicious food that class 4B prepared. Meanwhile, class 4Y was in the huge garden planting seedlings, watering and doing our healthy chickens.

We all had a great time working together to make tasks fun and faster. Well done to all of the parents and teachers that lent a helping hand. If you would like to help out in the kitchen or the garden we would LOVE to have you join us for some ’dirty’, ’messy’ fun!!

Amber and Alex (KITCHEN/GARDEN TIMES REPORTERS)
School News ...

For Harmony Day, the children are able to come along in free dress, with an orange theme. The student council will be collecting a gold coin donation from students in free dress.

Cross country News ...

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: COOK, OXLEY, FLINDERS

ORDER OF EVENTS: Commencing at 1:00pm
1:00pm Boys 11/12 years 1800m (Born 2005/2004)
1:05pm Year 2 Boys 400m
1:10pm Year 2 Girls 400m
1:15pm Girls 11/12 years 1800m (Born 2005/2004)
1:20pm Year 1 Boys 400m
1:25pm Year 1 Girls 400m
1:30pm Boys 10 years 1800m (Born 2006)
1:35pm Girls 10 years 1800m (Born 2006)
1:35pm Prep Boys 400m
1:40pm Prep Girls 400m

(Class Teachers may take Prep to Year 2 to eat lunch & supervise own classes)

1:45pm Boys 9 years 1800m (Born 2007)
1:50pm Girls 9 years 1800m (Born 2007)
2:05pm Year 3 Boys 1000m *(If born in 2007 may run with 9 years)
2:10pm Year 3 Girls 1000m *(If born in 2007 may run with 9 years)

Approximately 2:30pm – Results & Presentation of Trophy
P & C News...

Annual General Meeting + Second meeting back for the year: March 21, 2016

Please join us for the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**. 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.

The following roles will be open for voting and new Volunteers:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer – experience with MYOB or XERO accounting packages is helpful
- Secretary
- Fundraising Coordinator (new)
- Mothers’ Day and Fathers’ Day Stall Coordinator (s)
- Grants Coordinator – we will be assisting through membership of [www.fundingcentre.com.au](http://www.fundingcentre.com.au)

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**Home bake champions required for Tuckshop:**

**ALL** of our children love our Tuckshop! And I would guess that **ALL** of our children love Home bake.

If just **TWO FAMILIES PER CLASS** baked for Tuckshop’s weekly Home bake, they’d only have to bake **TWICE** in the whole year and Tuckshop would be covered for the **WHOLE YEAR!!!!!**
NEW Smart Choices Guidelines for Tuckshops

The Department of Education has released updated guidelines for the foods that can be sold in Tuckshops. These changes must be implemented **by the beginning of Term 1 2017**. The changes were to be implemented sooner than this, but the deadline has just been extended.

We have started work on our new Tuckshop offer to parents and students of Nashville, to ‘Green Up’ our menu.

There is an **EXCELLENT** training program online (see link below) which covers all the information, and is also a wonderful resource for parents who wish to offer their children healthier choices every day. Stay tuned for more news as we work through our Smart Choices Project for Nashville’s Tuckshop.

[https://learningplace.eq.edu.au/cx/resources/file/5a476484-29ec-45a8-a7cf-dde8d6fe7d8f/1/content.zip/index.html](https://learningplace.eq.edu.au/cx/resources/file/5a476484-29ec-45a8-a7cf-dde8d6fe7d8f/1/content.zip/index.html)

**Footsteps Disco – Friday March 11 – HOLLYWOOD HITS theme.**

What a great night! Sales totalled $2550, so hopefully there will be some good profit in that for our ongoing technology project, and also for our new Tuckshop refrigerator.

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped on the night, and to Natalie O’Brien from Crystal Catalyst, who very kindly donated a voucher for our raffle prize – thanks Natalie! Didn’t our Nashville teachers look amazing too!

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

The Nashville State School P & C are holding a sausage sizzle and cake stall on Saturday in order to fundraise for technology in the school. We held an election stall like this last election and made over $1300 for the school, so it is well worth it.

All classes have been asked to donate some yummy baked goods for the stall. You should have received a note home with the items for your class to bake. These included: biscuits, chocolate-related biscuits/cakes/slices, cupcakes, fruitcakes, muffins, slices, sweets, whole cakes. Recipes were also included.

If you did not receive your note, then please refer to the P&C’s Facebook page, where you can download all information from the **FILES** tab.

Please bring your cakes to school on **Friday 18th March** and drop them in to the hall kitchen. Otherwise you can bring them directly to the cake stall on Saturday. They need to be on a plate, sealed with glad wrap or a plastic bag, and be labelled with what is inside and a full list of ingredients.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE ALSO NEEDED:** Please complete the note sent home if you are able to help and return it to the office, or telephone Kirrilly on 0423 117 432. Times include 7am-9am (includes set up of heavy equipment – dads please), 9am-11am, 11am to 1pm, 1pm to 3pm (includes packing up of heavy equipment).
Community News...

“Be safe.
Be a Learner.
Be Respectful.”

Naturally great fun at Jabiru for the Easter holidays

Jabiru Kids has planned a great program of activities for the Easter holidays. We’ll explore the natural world, making all sorts of things from natural materials from percussion instruments to rubber stamps.

Bring your scooter or skateboard for our Wheely Fun Day and enjoy the colourful fun of the Jabiru Colour Run.

Jabiru Kids Nashville opens from 6am to 6pm over the holidays. We even serve breakfast!

The full program is available from Jabiru Nashville or online at [www.jabiru.org.au](http://www.jabiru.org.au)

Jabiru vacation care is cheaper than you think, especially for people entitled to Child Care Benefit: call Jabiru’s admin team for a quote on 3269 0044.