From the Principal ...

Dear parents and carers

We had a very beautiful and moving ANZAC Day ceremony at our school on Friday 22 April. All students need to be congratulated for their wonderful listening manners and contribution to the ceremony – the choir, band, school leaders and class wreath bearers all did a great job. Thanks to all parents and grandparents who were able to attend. The march was very successful with over 100 students participating – this is about a third of our school, the biggest turn out we’ve had. The ANZAC spirit is alive and well at Nashville. Thanks to our special guests Mr & Mrs Webster, Mr Wayne Swan Member for Liley, Mr Stirling Hinchliffe Member for Sandgate and Mr Doug Warden.

Our school cross country team did a great job representing the school last Friday, and some children even got the opportunity to run in the rain and through the mud. We had some very strong results. Well done to Isaac M in Year 4, for being selected in the Bramble Bay team to compete at the Metro North event later this term. The full report is in the PE Section of this newsletter.

We recently were visited by author, researcher, consultant and former principal, Mr John Fleming, now vice principal at Haileybury College in Victoria. Haileybury currently has the highest NAPLAN results for primary schools and second highest for secondary schools in Australia. Although we know NAPLAN is only one of the measures used to track how students are progressing, the high standards of teaching and the explicit teaching model used in this school is our model as well. John’s day of providing coaching and feedback to us with our work with his model so far, was very rewarding for all of our staff.

We have a couple of busy weeks coming up with the Mother’s Day Stall on Friday, NAPLAN for year 3 and 5 on the 10/11 and 12 May, and then the year 5 and 6’s are going on camp the following week. Year 6 had a successful visit to Sandgate District State High School last week and this week will also spend a day at Bracken Ridge State High School.

Prep Open Morning

This Saturday, all preps for 2017 are invited to come along and have a morning in prep. Parents can collect enrolment packages, meet staff and ask any questions that they might have. There will be a P&C and a Jabiru display as well.

Please let your friends, neighbours and family members know about our open day.

Enjoy your week,

Tracey
It was great to see the number of parents at our school ANZAC day ceremony last Friday and then to have the opportunity to say hello to so many parents at the ANZAC day march last weekend. Thank you for bringing your children to commemorate the event as part of the Nashville State School family in our community. I am sure everyone felt very proud at the sight of our youngsters paying tribute to our past and present servicemen.

**NAPLAN**

Students sitting NAPLAN this year will be provided with a factsheet from ACARA, the body that governs NAPLAN to bring home to you this week.

**ICAS**

The University of New South Wales provides the opportunity for students to undertake a similar styled assessment to NAPLAN in Maths and English. Applications close on 21 June. Sitting dates are Tuesday 2 August for English and Tuesday 16 August for Mathematics.

At Nashville, this is an opportunity that parents may feel is suitable for their child to participate in. All children are welcome to participate from Year 2 to Year 6. However, you may like to consider the strength of your child’s results in English and Maths when deciding if this assessment may provide more insight into their abilities in these areas. The website is [https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about](https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about) for more information. Registration for your child will be done via school and incur a cost to you of $8.80 per test as part of the registration process. The test will be administered at school and your child will receive a report on their results and a certificate later in the year.

I will attach a registration form to the newsletter in upcoming weeks for interested parents to complete and return with payment to school for the tests they would like their child to undertake.

**The “Little Things”**

I hope that the lovely weather and long weekends have encouraged time out in the open air enjoying time with your family. Some of the great parks that we have in the area are great spaces to move, climb, swing, ride and scoot along together. Getting out and kicking, throwing or hitting a ball can also be a great way to supplement family time and help your child with some skills in a fun way that might pay off in the classroom!

All of these skills relate not only to co-ordination and the body reacting with a speedy response from the brain, they also train the mind to focus on achieving a result – whether to catch or pass the ball effectively. In addition, the other skills that are useful to class learning relate to the ability to co-ordinate a pencil on the paper in writing, tracking on the page when reading and encouraging your child’s eyes to adjust between short and longer distances quickly. This is helpful for children alternating between the board to the page when they are copying things down in tasks. In class rooms, we frequently see children struggle with these skills.

At school we have a lot of balls available at break time to encourage the children to enjoy games of their own during breaks.

Sometimes, children aren’t as interested in these activities as much as their peers. However it might be an area that they enjoy or feel more comfortable when they play with you. Throwing, bounce and catch, 7s with a tennis ball, kicking a soccer ball or having a goal shooting comp can be great fun in a family and with friendly competition.

Last time I mentioned things to do to strengthen your child’s core (back and particularly abdominal muscles) so they are well equipped to sit at a desk and write/cut/draw effectively. Lots of fun activities come to mind! Climbing, monkey bars and skipping are all great things our children can be encouraged to enjoy with health benefits health – and preparing them to be well set up to learn.
School News ...

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

ANZAC CEREMONY and ANZAC DAY MARCH ...

HOST FAMILIES

URGENTLY REQUIRED for JAPANESE STUDENTS
Ritsumekan Uji HJS (from Kyoto) 14-15 y.o.

ARRIVAL DATE: 21st Aug (SUN) 2016
DEPARTURE DATE: 2nd SEP (FRI) 2016
ATTENDING SCHOOL: Nashville SS

HOST FAMILY REQUIREMENTS:
- No other Japanese person staying with the family
- Provide 3 meals per day
- Own bed, but can share a room with a host child
- Over 18's hold a Blue Card or willing to apply through us
- Safe travel to & from school

Families with children in ANY GRADES are welcome to host

*Single Placement, Remuneration ($510) paid
AUSTRALIA JAPAN STUDY PROGRAMME (AISP)
Email: plorieko@gmail.com Ph: 0666 547 549(Celiko)
Website: www.aisp.net.au
P/1 Class News ... 

This term has seen our Wednesday afternoons come alive with shouts of ‘Uno!’ ‘Go to Jail!’ and ‘Crown Me!’ Thanks to our parent and grandparent helpers, Wenzoploy has quickly become a popular afternoon of board game madness for our P1 Penguins.  

*Life is more fun if you play games.* Roald Dahl

Prep B Class News ... 

We have had such a fantastic start to Prep in our class! It has been so great getting to know each of the students, and watching them blossom over the last 12 weeks. I’m so excited to see just how much they all learn by the end of the year.

This term in Prep B, we have started doing Daily 5 (a reading program) which the kids really enjoy. I would definitely encourage you to listen to your child read as often as possible – they will flourish! In English we will be learning more about doing story retells, so talking about stories with your child will really give them a head start. We are also learning a lot more about writing, punctuation, diagraphs, blends, and sight words.

In maths, we will be looking at measurement, 2D and 3D shapes, and sorting different objects. We will also continue to investigate numbers; what they mean, and where we can find them.

In science we are investigating the weather. Although, so far this term it has been pretty dreary!

In geography, we are looking at special places in our community - what makes them special, and how we can take care of them. We will be going on an excursion to Bunyaville in June, which will be really exciting! (I will give you more details closer to the time.)

Also happening this term will be Under 8s Day and a Crazy Hair Day – lots to look forward to! If you have any questions about our exciting term, feel free to pop in!
**Chappy News ...**

Hello Parents!

It’s that time of year where Chaplaincy week is coming up again! This year we shall be celebrating by holding a special pancake breakfast on Friday 13\textsuperscript{th} May from 8:10am-8:30am. Pancakes will be sold for a gold coin donation. Students can choose between Maple Syrup, Honey or Jam for topping on their pancake. All money raised will go to supporting Chaplaincy in our school.

Looking forward to seeing you then!

Leanne

**PE News ...**

Well done to all students who competed at the Bramble Bay District Cross Country. A special congratulations to Isaac McCarthy who placed 4th in the 10 year boys and is now in the Bramble Bay District Team!
**Next P&C Meeting**

The next P&C meeting will be held on **Monday, 16 May** from 7:00pm in the Teacher’s Staff Room. All are welcome to attend.

**Mother’s Day Stall**

On **Friday 6 May**, Nashville will hold its Mother’s Day Stall in the School Hall! All children will have an opportunity to visit the stall during the day. Parents who want to help their kids choose something for Mum are welcome to visit the Hall before school to make a purchase (no ‘lay aways’ sorry).

Presents for Mum will range in price from **$2 to $35**. There will be a gorgeous array of kitchen goodies, treats and sweets, luxury toiletries and much more.

Please support the P&C by allowing your child to choose something lovely for Mum, Grandma and other special people this Mother’s Day.

The BUMPER MOTHER’S DAY RAFFLE will be drawn just before Assembly on Friday 6 May. Tickets are $1 or six for $5. Tickets went home with kids late last week, and the **Office has more if you need them**. Thanks so much to people who have already bought tickets - it’s great to see so much support out there for our kids.

Thanks also for all the beautiful gifts that keep on coming in support of the Mother’s Day effort this year. Body Mind Balance has donated two very special kinesiology packages, Kym at Jabiru has made lovely necklaces with the kids out of lollies donated by families, and Lyn Cunningham has put together a range of treasures for the stall next Friday. Thanks also to Dana, Lynda, the folks at Jabiru, and all the other people who have joined in in some way. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Thanks so much for helping give our kids NOTHING BUT THE BEST at Nashville!

Katie & Prue (your Mother’s Day crew)

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**Einbunpin Festival – call out for Donations**

The Einbunpin Festival runs on the last Sunday of July each year – this year being **Sunday, 31 July**. Pop the date in your calendar now. If you haven’t been before, it’s really a fantastic day out in our community.

Our school is becoming quite well known for its fabulous jams and preserves and now is the time to start cooking!

We need loads of ingredients to make them so over time we’ll be needing donations of sugar, vinegar, pectin, fruit/veg you may be growing.

This week, we’re asking for:

- **Brown sugar**
- **Red Wine Vinegar**.

Please drop off your donations to the office, or if would like more details, please contact Abby Harvey ([styleline_roofing@yahoo.com.au](mailto:styleline_roofing@yahoo.com.au)).
**High Five for Chappy**

Our Chappy Leanne really does a fabulous job in and around our school, delivering programs to make our children happy and involved during their school day.

As part of the upcoming Chaplaincy Week commencing Monday, 16 May we will be starting a “High Five for Chappy” campaign. This fundraising will help Chappy as her placement is only partly funded by the Government.

Just bring in any of those 5 cent pieces that you may have and pop them into one of our collection points at the Tuckshop or Office. We’ll do a count at the end of the year (or when the tins are full) and let you know the result.

Yeah for Chappy Leanne!

**Date Claimer – Movie Night**

Friday, 17 June has been scheduled for our next movie night. Please pop this date in your calendars and stay tuned for what’s showing and of course, what fabulous delights will be coming from our kitchen.

**Kitchen Garden Classroom News …**

**KITCHEN/GARDEN CLASSROOM NEWS**

Welcome back to term 2. We have a huge term install in the garden and kitchen along with planning for many events. The term has started in the kitchen with both groups learning the skills of pasta making and rolling. Be sure to check out our Facebook page- Nashville Kitchen Garden for all the news and photos.

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. This Friday we have gorgeous potted Gerberas specially for mum. They are a real bargain at only $5.00. Get in quick and spoil mum this Sunday!

Our homemade lemonade stall continues to be a great hit. If you have a lemon/lime tree with excess fruit we would love to put them to refreshing use! We are still 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!**

- Large unwanted pots
- Fruit and veg scraps to compost
- Tins- cleaned
- Glass jars- all sizes, clean
- Unwanted food and or garden magazines
- **GROCERY CALL OUT**- tin tomatoes, tinned beans- kidney, chickpea, lentils, cannellini

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!
The Kitchen/Garden Times

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)

Check out all the fun on our Facebook page - Nashville Kitchen Garden
Eco Council News ...

ECO NEWS - Clean Up Schools Day

Hi Everyone

Congratulations everyone on your efforts on Clean Up Schools Day! You certainly all did a fabulous job. The school looked great!

We can all do our part to help the school stay clean by putting our plastic and paper rubbish in the bins provided.

Stacey and Oskar (ECO CAPTAINS 2016)

Prep Y News ...

The Prep Y Wise Owls have returned from holidays refreshed and ready to learn. In English we have started Reading Swarm where we read in small groups with an adult who helps us to decode and comprehend what we are reading. We have started daily home readers as well to practice our reading skills. In writing we are learning to represent our thinking through writing. This week we have focused on putting spaces between our words. Some of our class members are tackling sight words with great excitement while some are consolidating our letter and sound knowledge. In Maths we have been busy measuring parts of our bodies and comparing which parts are taller or smaller. We have also been learning about 2 dimensional shapes, their features and how to recognize them in our surroundings. In Geography we have been learning about places and how to represent them through maps. In our dramatic play we have a camping area and this week we will be making a map of our campsite. In Science we have been learning about weather and drawing what different weather types look like. I am really looking forward to showing off the Wise Owl’s fabulous work and amazing creativity to our visitors at the Prep Open Morning this Saturday.

Here is a photo of our beautiful Easter Bonnets that we made before the holidays.