From the Principal ...

Dear parents and carers

Last week we had a great turnout for Walk to School Day and also Chappy Pancake Brekky was well supported. Thank you to everyone who came along to help or support the event. Almost $150 was raised for Chaplaincy in our school.

Our Prep Open Day was hugely successful and we had a record attendance. Any siblings of current students who are prep age next year (born between 01/07/11—30/06/12), please ensure we have your details. We will be enrolment managed in the near future, so it will be important that siblings and students in our catchment are registered for Prep next year.

Congratulations to the P&C on a great effort for the Mother’s Day Stall. Katie and Prue and their band of helpers did a fabulous job organizing and wrapping the presents and the stall on the day.

Well done to the Year 3 and 5 students for participating in the NAPLAN testing program last week. I’m sure the students are very relieved to have finished the tests and the practice tests that they were doing in the lead up to prepare.

Today our Year 5 and 6 students headed off to Maroon Dam Environmental Education Centre for a 4 day camp with Mrs Hewitt, Mrs Williamson, Mr Lauchs and Mrs Chapman. Chappy Leanne will be attending on Thursday and Friday and I will be going up this afternoon to join in with tonight’s activities. The camp focuses on teamwork and leadership skills and they learn about camping out, canoeing and cooking as part of the experience.
Principal News cont...

We are looking forward to Under 8’s Day coming up on Friday 27th May, all younger children in our community are welcome to attend and join in with the activities. Parent support baking (no nuts or nut products) for the morning tea stall is always greatly appreciated to help raise money to fund the consumables for the day.

Last night we were featured on the Channel 10 Weather Report. Thank you to the students and parents who assisted with the live broadcast and to Mrs Keates, Mrs Lewis and Mrs Pawsey for preparing the students and activities that were presented. It was great to have our school showcased to the wider community.

The popular Simultaneous Story Time event is coming up soon on Tuesday 24th May at 2pm in the hall. All classes have been working on an aspect of the book to join in at the performance.

Parent Volunteers

We are fortunate to have a large number of parent and grandparent volunteers in our school. All volunteers are required to sign in and out at the office in the visitors register. This is to ensure we have a record of anyone on the school grounds in case of an emergency.

Enjoy your week,

Tracey

HOC News ...

Reporting Semester 1 2016

We are quickly heading to the half way point for the academic year. All of our students have been working very hard and many pleasing gains have been made. This will be presented to you in your student’s report card at the end of this term.

We will be emailing report cards this semester in alignment with our Nashville sustainability policy, to all parents this semester. Please make sure that you have updated your details with the school office if you have yet to set up an email address – or need to provide us with your current email address.
This semester we will be reporting on the following learning areas:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- The Arts (including Music)
- Geography
- History

In 2016 we are implementing both strands of the new Technology curriculum. These are Design Technologies and Digital Technologies. There are many links to other learning areas across the units of work for each year level. This year, to ensure that we are embedding new curriculum to a high standard for our students we will be reporting on both of these strands in the Semester 2 report card.

**NAPLAN**

Congratulations to all of the students, parents and teachers involved in NAPLAN this year! Our students appeared happy and relaxed and all tried their very best during the tests.

I am very proud to say that 100% of eligible students in Years 3 and 5 completed all four of the tests. This is a great result of the engagement in this assessment for our school.

Students receive their individual NAPLAN Report later in the year to bring home to you.

**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.
Under 8’s Day News ...

Plans are now underway for Nashville’s annual Under Eight’s Day celebration. Under Eight’s Day is celebrated annually by the Australian Early Childhood Association and is an opportunity for children aged under eight years to have fun together and celebrate childhood. Nashville will be holding an activity morning on Friday 27 May from 9.00-10.30am with all classes from Prep to Year 3 enjoying a range of fun activities in the P-1 playground. Parents, siblings and local child care centres are also invited. Our Year 5 students will be assisting at the activities as a leadership building activity. The national theme this year is celebrating 60 years of Under Eight’s and at our school we are celebrating that “Nashville Children are Super Learners!” This is a great opportunity for everyone to get out their superhero t-shirts, capes and costumes and have some super fun. Morning tea will be available for purchase. We are seeking donations of home baking to sell. Please no nuts or nut products! Helpers will also be needed at the morning tea stall. All money made goes to the purchase of resources to be used in the early years.

Open Days/Prep Induction Date 2016 News ...
Class News

We have had a busy start to Term 2 learning new vocabulary and language structures in our new units. Students in Year 5 and 5/6 are completing a unit about housing. They were introduced to vocabulary and expressions to describe things inside a room, and are now able to read a letter in Japanese written in the traditional *tategaki* (vertical) format. In the next few weeks we will be studying about houses and visiting etiquettes in Japan.

Year 5 students have been working on a topic about the classroom. They can now understand the names of common classroom items, as well as responding to classroom requests. In the next few weeks we will be discussing about the differences between schools in Japan and in Australia.

Every year on the 5th May a spectacular scene of hundreds of *koinobori* (carp fish kites) could be seen all over Japan. The display of *koinobori* is a key activity in the celebration of *Kodomo no Hi* (Children’s Day). Children’s Day is a day to celebrate the health and happiness of all children. The carp can swim against the current and in Japanese legends is able to turn into a dragon if it swims up a waterfall. By displaying the carp fish, the parents wish that their children will grow up being determined and resilient. The celebration was introduced to students in 4B and 4Y and the Year 4 students are also completing a unit about food and healthy eating using the Japanese “Spinning Top” model.

Ritsumeikan Uji JHS Visit

This year a group of students and their teacher from Ritsumeikan Uji JHS will be visiting Nashville again from Monday 22nd August to Friday 2nd September. Many students gave the feedback that they really enjoyed interacting with the Ritsumeikan students last year, and interactions with native speakers of a language is beneficial to foreign language learning. We are currently still looking for host families for the students from Ritsumeikan. Please see the office or the advertisement in this newsletter for more information.

Joyce Leung

Japanese Teacher

Senior News ...

Our year 6 students for 2016 wearing their new Senior Shirts.
Kitchen/Garden Classroom News …

What a fabulous few weeks we have had in the kitchen and garden. Last Friday we received yet another huge selection of gorgeous young seedlings from ZOOM Gardens. Their support is greatly appreciated! These young babies are slowly making their way into our garden beds while others are being nurtured in the greenhouse until they grow a little bigger. Hopefully these young seedlings will fair better now that the weather is slowly starting to cool down. Some rain would also be nice, so we need everyone to do their rain dance!

In the kitchen we have had a busy few weeks, learning to make pasta and catering for our Mother’s Day morning tea. We cannot wait for our winter veggies to grow in the garden so we can harvest and cook with them.

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.

DONATIONS PLEASE!

- Large unwanted pots
- Fruit and veg scraps to compost
- Tins- cleaned
- Glass jars- all sizes, clean
- Unwanted food and or garden magazines
- Lemons/limes
- Soda stream

**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!

Eco News …

World Environment Day is just around the corner. This year at Nashville we will be celebrating the day on Friday, June 3. The theme for this year is- ‘Join the race to make the world a better place’. We can all do our part to make the world a better place simply by REDUCING OUR WASTE, REUSING THINGS and RECYCLING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks. And remember STAY KEEN TO BE GREEN!

Oscar and Stacey
Food Revolution Day is an annual global day of action that celebrates good, fresh, real food. It’s a day to shout about the benefits of cooking from scratch and, ultimately to show people that not only is fresh food tastier, changing their food choices can also make them healthier and happier. This year Food Revolution Day is, above all, about sharing the power of cooking!

This year we will focus on the most important meal of the day—breakfast. We will be holding a FOOD REVOLUTION BREKKY KITCHEN at the hall on Friday, May 20. Two breakfast options will be available to order via the order form, see below. All orders must be returned by Wednesday, May 18. Please do not send money with the order, all money is to be paid on the day.

Food Revolution Day is not just for schools, it’s for everyone! For more information about Jamie’s global day of action, and how your family can get involved at home, visit foodrevolutionday.com
**P & C News ...**

**Next P&C Meeting**

The next P&C meeting will be held on **Monday, 20 June** from 7:00pm in the Teacher’s Staff Room. All are welcome to attend.

**Mother's Day Stall - Update**

A MESSAGE FROM KATIE & PRUE (YOUR MOTHER'S DAY CREW)

A MASSIVE thank you to the Nashville Community for making the Mother’s Day celebrations such a huge success this year. The kids took home all sorts of treasures on Friday to their LUCKY MUMS and we hope that everyone enjoys their special treats.

The children were beautifully behaved while they carefully chose their gifts for Mum. We can all be proud of them - which, let's face it, is the best mother's day gift of all.

There are loads of people who need thanking - because this truly was a team effort. But there has to be special mention of Lyn and Kym who donated so many hand-crafted gifts. Because of this generous effort, lots of the money paid for gifts went straight into supporting our school.

Thank you to every single person who bought a raffle ticket. Literally all of that money was pure profit for our children, thanks again to the kind sponsorship of people and a number of other thoughtful Mums who donated things. The 13 winners of the raffle were contacted individually.

Thanks to the folks who helped at the stall. You were all great company and terrific with the children. Most appreciated. A special mention for Katrina (who showed us how to shake it, baby), Lachie and Chloe (grateful that people like you two exist), Su Holland (superstar) and Chappy Leanne (who is worth more than 5c, trust me! Collect those coins, people!)

Together, from the raffle and the stall, we raised $3232 for our kids. Got to be happy with that!

We love your work, Nashville State School!

**Entertainment Books**

Entertainment books are back and are available from the school office or you can buy a digital copy and have it instantly on your phone or iPad. 20% of every membership sold contributes to our school. Help us achieve our goal by sharing this link with your friends and family. Thanks for your support!

**Grants Update**

We've just heard that our grant application for upgrades in our school hall kitchen has been successful. We'll be purchasing a new (bigger) oven – which will be great for the school’s Stephanie Alexander Program and P&C functions – and also a chilled water dispenser that will be located in the hall. Well done team!

**Einbunpin Festival – call out for Donations**

Our team have been busy and have made around 400 jars of 27 different varieties of preserves already. Wow!

To keep making our jams and preserves that really are making a name for themselves, we need loads of ingredients so donations of sugar, vinegar, pectin, fruit/veg you may be growing are gratefully appreciated.

This week, we're asking for:

**White sugar**

**White 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).

The Einbunpin Festival runs on the last Sunday of July each year – this year being **Sunday, 31 July**.
Movie Night

Open the door, get on the floor, everybody walk the dinosaur. Well, you know how it goes. The date of our next movie night will be **Friday, 17 June**. We'll be watching – you guessed it – **The Good Dinosaur**. As in the past, the P&C will be serving a tasty dinner from 5:00pm with the movie to begin at 6:00pm. Pop it in your calendar now and stay tuned for updates.

Calendar of Events

Have you seen the Term 2 Calendar of Events? It’s a great tool to see at a glance what is in store for our school events. This is a great resource to print and pop on your fridge and an easy way to keep a track of upcoming dates.

Class 3 News...

Term two is proving to be another busy and exciting term with new units to cover in our key learning areas, NAPLAN, simultaneous storytime, testing and report cards. We are eagerly looking forward to participating in our final Under 8’s Day in May after NAPLAN.

This term we are continuing to work with new slides in our English and Mathematics warm ups and are looking forward to our continued involvement with John Fleming.

ANZAC Day has been a focus area in history this term and students have written about the Nashville ANZAC commemorative service.

This term is a very busy one and as part of the curriculum we are investigating a number of new concepts and ideas in our key learning areas.

As part of English, we have spent time analysing different types of texts and focussed on finding the main idea, summarising, comparing and contrasting and inferencing. In our NAPLAN preparation we have completed several past test papers under NAPLAN test conditions.

In Science we are investigating the properties of heating and cooling and learning about Earth’s rotation and the causes of day and night.

We have covered all of our multiplication number facts across the year in mathematics and have been working hard to recall them with both speed and accuracy in our daily mental maths and in more complex problem solving situations. We will also be estimating, rounding and calculating with large numbers and working to further our knowledge and understanding about fractions and shape.

I look forward to another exciting term at Nashville and am thoroughly enjoying sharing in the learning journey of your child.

Enjoy your learning journey

*Sharon Butler and Jayde Scott*
“Be safe.
Be a Learner.
Be Respectful.”

Free Triple P parenting support now available in Queensland

Parents and carers can get free parenting support through the Triple P — Positive Parenting Program. Visit the [Triple P website](#) to register for seminars and group sessions. One-on-one support can be arranged through the [Find a Provider page](#), or parents can call Parentline on 1300 301 300.

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**Parenting with the “Brain” in Mind**

At Bracken Ridge State School, we are teaching our students all about what it means to “flip your lid”, be in your “PFC”, climbing the stairs to the “upstairs brain”, and “toggling” to manage behaviour. **We are delighted to invite parents from other schools in our community to attend our parent workshop, Parenting with the “Brain” in Mind.** Leigh Inglis, Principal of Tennyson Special School will be presenting at this session which explains our work at BRSS and how this links to parenting.

**When:** May 18, 2016 from 5.30 to 7.00 pm

**Where:** Bracken Ridge SS Library.

The session is an introduction to how Neuropsychology can help support our parenting skills and promote learning for life.

During the session, we will explore:

- Basic brain development and learning
- Flight, fight and freeze response
- Emotional self-regulation
- A structure for learning throughout life

All parents (regardless of whether your child attends this school) are welcome to join us. We believe in supporting our community to ensure all children grow to be brave, strong and courageous adults, capable of being resilient and successful lifelong learners.

For further information and RSVP please call the school office.

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**Home of Will.I.Bee our School Mascot**
“Be safe.
Be a Learner.
Be Respectful.”

Community News cont ...

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5ks Walk

The walk for Queensland’s tiniest patients

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Sunday 5 June

Mater Little Miracles

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ANDERSON, CHE-JAZZ
SHOW TEAM & MUCH, MUCH
MORE... ALL DAY RIDES
GIANT SLIDE, JUMPING CASTLE,
BAT TOWER, CLIMBING ROCK WALL,
FREE CHILDREN’S CRAFT,
FREE CIRCUS WORKSHOPS,
HOMEBAKE STALL, FACE
PAINTING, SIDE SHOW
ALLEY GAMES, MAJOR
RAFFLE - BE IN IT TO WIN IT!

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10AM - 3PM
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