From the Principal ...

Since our last newsletter, the Year 5 and 6 students have made it back from their successful camp experience, Year 4 transformed breakfast with revolutionary options, we have read Too Many Hats simultaneously across Australia, our Under 8’s superhero’s have marveled at the wonders of being Under 8 and our Junior Choir have yet again lived up to their usual choral high standards ….. our Preps, 1’s and 1/2 ‘s have been to Bunyaville Environmental Education Centre exploring the wonders of nature.

The list of staff, parents and students to thank for these amazing efforts is quite extensive – to avoid forgetting someone by mentioning individuals, I will give a general thank you one and all this time.

Ritsumeikan Uji High School – 3 months and they will be here!

How would you like to be involved in an unforgettable cultural experience? We are still looking for families to host a Japanese student (14/15 year old) this year for 2 weeks in August. If you can assist – or have friends, family or neighbours who might be interested, please collect the expression of interest form from the office.

BPoint

The new invoice payment system is working very well and is assisting with decreased lines and waits at the office. If you haven’t tried it, look for the BPoint sign on your next invoice.

Enjoy your week,
Tracey

HOC News
Reporting Semester 1 2016

As previously advised, report cards will be emailed this semester in alignment with our Nashville sustainability policy, to all parents and carers 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 update your current email address.
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 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.

You should receive a letter to register and pay for your child this week. Please use a separate form for each member of the family you would like to register to sit the assessment.

Lost Property Issues

I am addressing the issue of lost property items going missing at school with teachers today at our staff meeting and changes around the location of the lost property box at school. There are a number of hats and jackets in the lost property box. Many of these have been put on display over the past week in the hope that students will check for their missing items.

There are also a number of instances that have been reported to me by parents and students of students “borrowing” items – particularly hats during breaks from the lost property box. Unfortunately I have also had an instance where a student has crossed out another student’s name from their hat and written their own name on it and kept the hat.

Tomorrow at the end of first break, all teachers will be checking that all students who have a hat with them has their own name on it. All teachers will be discussing this issue with their students tomorrow in class. The lost property box containing mostly hats will be relocated to the health room beside the office from tomorrow. All staff members, including ground and cleaning staff have been made aware of this change to the location. Adult supervision is present during breaks in the health room, so there will now be supervision when a child is checking to see if a lost hat is actually theirs.

I am sure that I can rely on your support at home to check your child’s hat they are bringing home each day is the one that you purchased for them. Please ensure that their name is still visible on the hat. The uniform shop is open on Wednesday mornings if you need to purchase a new hat.

Little Things

I have had the pleasure of checking all of the handwriting text books that you send your child with each year. I am happy to tell you than the books are being well used across the school! I will be checking again in the next few weeks to see how that lovely form, shape and direction translates into everyday writing. Other features of book work that I am looking at:

- Handwriting – size, form, shape, use of capitals and punctuation appropriately.
- Use of margins, writing the date where work starts.
- Using each page (no gaps in the book)
- Glueing in sheets neatly – no ragged edges hanging out of books
- Using a ruler to rule off under completed work, underline title and margins

This will be my second time checking work this year – I really want our students to understand that the effort they make each day is valued and important!

If you could please support these values, particularly through supporting your child with their written homework this would be a great way for us to share the journey together for your child’s progress.

Allison
Hello Parents/Caregivers!

I’d just like to say a massive thank you to all families who contributed to our pancake brekky fundraiser! This event raised $140 for our school’s chaplaincy. Thank you for your support for our school’s chaplaincy program!

Leanne
Class News ...

ECO NEWS

World Environment Day is this Friday. 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.

We will be holding a 'BE KEEN AND WEAR GREEN' day on Friday. This is a gold coin donation event and all money raised will be going towards continuing and enhancing our sustainability measures at Nashville. We will also be having a planting morning to beautify some areas around the school. We would welcome any donations of cuttings of small/drought tolerant plants. Please leave these at the office for collection.

Oscar and Stacey

Year 5 News ...

On May 17 Year 5 students, along with 5/6 and Year 6, waved a teary goodbye to family members and set off on a wonderful adventure to Maroon Dam Outdoor Education Centre.

Unloading the bus took a long time as the amount of luggage seemed enough to last us 4 weeks, not just 4 days! We quickly explored our cabins and were excited to find our neighbours were a few very friendly kangaroos! We were then treated to a lovely lunch which was just one of many delicious meals we ate whilst away.

During our camp, we participated in many different team building challenges and activities that required problem solving with peers and leadership skills. Some of our favourite tasks were canoeing on the mirror like dam, night spotting, completing several orienteering challenges, swinging from the high ropes and the exhilaration of the zipline, group games, the mini Olympics and the cookout.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the challenges and has a share in some very happy memories from the 2016 Maroon Dam camp.
**5 & 6 Camp News**

Last Week at Maroon Dam

Last week most of the year five and six went to Maroon Outdoor Education Centre, AKA CAMP!! The activities were awesome! There was high ropes, canoes, orienteering, low ropes, whale watch, camp out, spotlighting and my absolute favourite was the Dining Hall!

Firstly let’s talk about high ropes! It was insanely fun! The thought of you being up really high and if you fall you have a harness to catch you, it is surprisingly scary but fun at the same time! Secondly CANOES! IT WAS SO MUCH FUN! I loved it; I was in a canoe with Davo! After a few minutes cruising around Derek, our group 8 leader called us back in so he could give us instructions. We learned about lots of different ways to paddle, the main one I remember was the sweep stroke!

Now for the orienteering it was my favourite activity because it was at night and I was with Imarlie my best friend and we got a seven minute record which was our best time and we loved our activities together! Also, low ropes was fun! We had to climb up a climbing wall and then walk across a thin rope and ropes and climb all over tires!

Overall camp was excellent!

By Kiara Pereira

Year 5/6 went on camp. They took a bus towards the mountains until after three hours they had finally reached MOEC (Maroon Outdoor Education Centre). They started to head towards the “5-star” Dining Hall to stuff themselves with food. After the food frenzy they started to split up into their groups to start their exciting activities.

The first day was exhausting and at 9 pm, everyone was snuggled into their bed. The next morning was filled the hungry growls of children’s stomachs, waiting for breakfast. Once they had a full belly, they set out for awesome activities. After loads of jam-packed fun, they headed towards a good smelling meal at the Dining Hall.

We did high ropes, campout, low ropes, stepping stones, “skipping”, night orienteering, canoeing, mock-Olympics and a whole lot more. We had countless, mouth-watering meals and we learnt teamwork, how to survive and problem solving and leadership skills. The cabins were awesome and the beds were comfy. This year’s camp was a great experience for year 5/6 and the teachers.

The people/staff at MOEC were agreeable and caring and all ways made us happy. They had great compassion and love in their heart and gave up their time for us.

By Deklan
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.

Movie Night
Do you have the date marked in your calendars yet? Rock on up with your jammies, uggies, pillows and blankies on Friday, 17 June to watch “The Good Dinosaur” at our Term 2 Movie Night. The P&C will be serving a tasty dinner from 5:00pm with the movie to begin at 6:00pm.

Grants Update
Last week our President, Lynda B., made a quick lunch break dash to the Brighton Roosters to meet with the Hon Christian Porter, Minister for Social Services, to accept his congratulations on the P&C’s successful grant application for a new school hall oven and drinking fountain. HUGE thanks to Regina G. who works tirelessly applying for grants so that the P&C can assist the school to update facilities like this. Well done Regina. We gave the Minister a cookbook too!

The Chappy tins are in!
We’re pleased to announce that the tins are in. The idea is to pop any of those spare 5c pieces rattling around into the tins and we’ll do a count at the end of the year. Chappy Leanne does a fantastic job supporting our kids throughout the year and this is a little way we can support her work within the school. Collection points at the Office and Tuckshop and all proceeds will go directly to the Chappy Program. High Five for Chappy!

Einbunpin Festival Update
Have you seen our ingredients graph? It’s been brilliant to see those red lines raising. A huge THANK YOU to all for your generous donations.

Our team are busy at their stove tops cooking those delicious jams and preserves so they’ll be ready in time for the festival on 31 July.

This week, the kitchens need:

White sugar
Pectin

Donations can be dropped off at the office, at the school hall kitchen after assembly on Friday, or if would like more details, please contact Abby Harvey (styleline_roofing@yahoo.com.au).

Entertainment Books
Entertainment books 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!

Sandgate District State High School would like to invite families who are yet to enrol their child in Year 7 in 2017, to contact the Enrolment officer on 3869 9888 to arrange an interview time as places are filling fast.