From the Principal ...

Dear parents and friends

It is hard to believe that this is the last newsletter for term 2 and the school year is half over. It is a good opportunity to reflect on our achievements for the semester and all students need to be proud of their efforts so far this year. I hope everyone is looking forward to the mid-year break.

Upcoming Events

We have a number of classes visiting Bunyaville Environmental Education Centre in the last week of term as a culminating activity to science, history and geography units of work. This will then conclude all Bunyaville excursions for the year.

Our annual student council fundraiser on Thursday 23rd before school – it’s Crazy Hair day, fundraising for the Leukemia Foundation. This event happens before school under Block B. More details later in this newsletter.

Written report cards will be emailed this semester on Wednesday 22nd June. This is the first time we will be trialing emailed reports and we hope that it is a smooth process. Please ensure that if you have changed your email address recently that you have notified the office.

The P&C Movie Night is this Friday night, which is always a popular event for the children. More details in the P&C report this edition of the newsletter.

Our sports day is coming up in the first week of next term. All students are involved in some events, except the champion events which are for 9 year old and above and are for students who have qualified during Thursday afternoon sports rotations. The event runs over 2 days and the majority of the events are on Friday the 15 July. The 800m event is on Thursday 14 July.

Safety around the school

Please ensure that you are not performing “U” turns outside the school, especially during the busy pickup and drop off periods during the day.

Abandoned vehicle on Baskerville Street

I realise that this situation is causing a great deal of frustration with clogging up the parking space and the aesthetics of the vehicle is not a good image outside our school grounds. The police and council have been made aware. We have made all the enquiries possible to have something done about it. Thank you for all of the phone calls and emails, I hope a resolution will occur in the near future.

Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property under the Admin block, mainly with no names. Please encourage your child to keep checking to locate their things. Students need to be wearing royal blue warm clothes during the colder months – a lot of other colours are starting to appear.

Term Dates

The first day of term 3 is Monday 11 June. There is no Pupil Free Day at the start of next term. The next Pupil Free Day is the third Monday of term 4, the 17th of October which follows the Public Holiday on Monday 3rd October.

Have a great holiday and I look forward to seeing you all next term.

 Regards,

Tracey Douglas
I am sure you are eagerly awaiting your child’s report card on Wednesday of Week 11! The semester has flown by and I am sure you will be impressed by the range of learning that your child has covered over the 20 weeks of school – and how their knowledge has developed. If you have any concerns about your child’s progress, please call the school on 3869 7333 to make a time to discuss with your child’s teacher. Parent/Teacher interviews will be held in Week 3 next term and this can also be a time to raise any concerns.

All teaching staff participated in a cluster moderation around English units taught and assessed this semester at Sandgate last week. This was a great opportunity to ensure rigour in our assessment process and I am happy to let you know that the judgements made by our teachers were all agreed to by the panels of teachers for each year level from each of the schools. Great work!

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. I will be doing a dummy test run to all email addresses prior to the report cards being sent out.

**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.

**Lost Property Issues**

There are still many jackets and hats being left at school each day. Please ensure your child brings home their items before the end of term for a wash. You may like to check before or after school as our Teacher Aides kindly have jackets on a rack outside of their room. The lost hat box is accessible via the office if you would like to check for any missing items before the holidays.

**Little Things**

The holidays provide a great opportunity for getting children’s eyes tested! If your child has complained of headaches, sore eyes, disinterest in reading or writing as you may have previously noticed – or if it has been 12 months since their last check-up – now would be a great time to book them in!

Eye tests are free every 12 months using your Medicare card at commercial optometrists. Alternatively, your local health centre may be able to assist you with both eye and hearing tests for your child and provide supportive cost options for Health Card holders.

Just a reminder that if you have any medical, therapist, psychologist type of reports that might provide insight into conditions that affect your child as a learner, emotionally, physically or have strategies for school to better support your child it may be helpful to provide a copy to the office.

Our Student Support Services team meets regularly throughout each term with the aim of providing equity to all students. The team includes Julie, our Guidance Officer, Tracey, Anita (our Support Teacher and Master Teacher) and myself. If you would like to discuss any current issues your child is experiencing you may like to first discuss this with their class teacher. Alternatively, Tracey is always available to discuss situations or needs around your child.

I hope you have a wonderful holiday and look forward to another busy term!

Allison
Year 1 Class News ...

Dear Parents,

1B has been working very hard this term and having fun learning so many new things! The children greatly enjoyed their excursion to Bunyaville a few weeks ago and it has really helped them to consolidate their knowledge of habitats, living things and their needs.

Last week the children made a boat, using their scientific knowledge to collect suitable materials and structure it to hold two marbles. We had fun testing out the boats and discussing what improvements could be made. In Maths this term we have learnt and built upon concepts such as number patterns, number facts, telling the time, measuring length and capacity, following directions and exploring properties of shapes. The children evidently enjoyed their task of hiding a teddy in the classroom and giving directions for a friend to find it. On most occasions the teddy was found.

More recently, 1B have been reading and exploring poems. They especially enjoy reading and listening to nonsense poems which feature rhyming words, repetition and alliteration. The children have been writing their own silly sentences featuring alliteration and have done an excellent job on their first attempt. They have also applied a commendable effort towards their readings and recitals of animal poems. It was clear that all the children practised their poem at home and were very proud of their performance.

Thank you Parents for your continued support and assistance throughout the term. I am looking forward to seeing your child continue their progress into Term 3.

Kind regards,
Stephanie
**Music News**

**Classroom Music**

**Prep, Year 1, 2 and 3:** Continue focussing on in-tune singing, beat, rhythm as well as enjoying musical games, stories and action songs.

**Year 4 and 5:** Continue their recorder program and can read and play simple tunes with the notes B, A, G and low E (Year 4) with the addition of high C and low D for Year 5. Students are also working on their in-tune singing and basic musicianship i.e. rhythmic dictation, note recognition on the treble clef staff, bar lines and time signatures as well as musical terms and signs.

**Year 5/6 and 6:** Have commenced their ukulele program and can play simple songs using the chords C and F. They are working towards a performance for assessment which involves singing and playing a song with those two chords. If students have a ukulele at home they are welcome to bring it on a Thursday for their lesson.

**Choir**

Congratulations to our wonderful Junior Choir for performing an entertaining item at parade recently. We are currently learning three new songs to add to our repertoire. If your child is in Year 2 or 3 and loves singing and performing, please encourage them to join. New members are always welcome.

Our Senior Choir is currently working on the repertoire for the choir component of the Bramble Bay Schools’ Music Festival to be held in Week three of Term three. The students will attend a choir day on **Thursday 28 July** at Bald Hills State School and participate in a concert in the evening at the same venue. Information regarding this event has been distributed to students. Please see me if your child has not received this note. The due date for the permission form and money is **Friday 24 June**.

Annette Grant

(Classroom Music Teacher)

**Student Council News**

The Student Council are very excited to announce the following event for the end of our term.

**CRAZY HAIR DAY 2016 – Thursday 23rd June**

Come along and have your hair styled a crazy style, coloured some crazy colours and even add some crazy bling to your hair to help support The Leukeamia Foundation find a cure for blood cancers. Styling starts at 8am sharp under B block.

**CRAZY HAIR DAY PRICES**

- Colour @ Home- Gold coin donation
- Colour @ School- $3.00
- Colour & Style @ School- $4.00
- Hair extensions- 50c each

Last year Nashville State School raised over $400 for the Leukeamia Foundation.
**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.

**Movie Night**

This **Friday, 17 June** join us at the School Hall for our Term 2 movie night to watch **THE GOOD DINOSAUR**.

Come along in your jamies and uggies, and bring your pillows and blankies.

The P&C will be serving dinner from **5:00pm** and Abby and Su are kindly offering to cater for those parents who can’t make it by that time, but would still like to order food. **Keep an eye out for a note coming home with the menu details and alternative arrangements.**

There’ll also be a raffle held on the night (with prizes donated by Jared Cassidy and Stirling Hinchcliffe) so bring along some change to buy tickets.

Hot chocolate will be on offer, and it’s always nice to enjoy tasty treats to have with your drink, so we’d love any donations of home bake to sell on the night (just bring to the school hall kitchen on Friday afternoon)

The movie will begin at **6:00pm**. It’s always a fun night - see you there!

**Election – Bake Sale**

Our school will be a polling centre at the next Federal Election coming up on **Saturday, 2 July** and we’ll be holding our Bake Sale to feed those hungry voters! A note will be coming home during the last week of Term 2 with recipe ideas and drop off details – we’ll need help with baking donations as well as volunteers on the day. Stay tuned......

**The Chappy tins are in!**

WOW! What a response there’s been so far for our Chappy Leanne. Thank you so much. Your support means that she can support our children throughout the year with her various programs including:

- Brekky Club
- Play is the Way
- Lunch Craft
- Providing an environment which is safe and happy
- Chappy TV

Pop any of those spare 5c pieces rattling around into the tins and we’ll do a count at the end of the year. Collection points at the Office and Tuckshop and all proceeds will go directly to the Chappy Program. High Five for Chappy!

**Einbunpin Festival Update**

THANK YOU so much for all of your support and generous donations. That graph is a great indication of what’s coming in.

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

This week, the kitchens need:

- **White sugar**
- **Brown sugar**
- **Pectin (“Jam Setta”)**

Donations can be dropped off at the office, at the school hall kitchen after assembly on Friday, or if you 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!


OSHC News...

Jabiru Kids has planned a great program of activities for the June July holidays. We’ll make art and music and create weird whirring widgets as well as play great games and do science and cooking activities.

Learn cartooning skills as visitors from Toonworld help us design superheroes, and get hands on at our Science centre excursion.

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

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

Active Travel School News ...

**Bling Your Ride!**

As part of our Nashville Active School Travel program, we are having a Bling Your Ride day on Friday 24 June. Please decorate your bikes and scooters and meet in Peace Park, opposite Northcote St, at 8:10am. We will then all ride, scooter or walk to school and meet on the netball court for the judging of the best rides! Look forward to seeing you all there!
Trade Fair / Markets

Saturday 18th June 2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Please come along to show your support to the Bracken Ridge Community, local Businesses, Community Groups and Clubs who are attending our Trade Fair to showcase their products and services. Some families of Bracken Ridge State School have also booked stalls for this event. This is being held at Bracken Ridge State School Hall on Saturday 18 June from 2.00 – 6.00 p.m.

Afternoon Tea will be available for everyone to enjoy as well as a Coffee Van, Scouts, Swimming Stall, Candles, Jewellery, Gifts, Brick Building, Fitness and Martial Arts to name a few. Many more unique stalls will be available on the day. This is a family event and an activity session will be held outside for children.

A raffle will also be held on the day with some fantastic prizes.

This is shaping up to be a wonderful event. Hope to see you all there!