From the Principal ...

Welcome back to school. I hope you had an enjoyable time with your children over the break. Report cards were emailed the last Wednesday of term, if you haven’t received your report card, please contact the office as soon as possible.

Enrolment Management Process

Nashville State School has become enrolment managed. This is because Nashville’s reputation as “a good school” now means that more students are applying to enrol in the school than can be accommodated. We are not at our maximum level yet, but it won’t be long with current projections. As a consequence, enrolment at the school is now governed by an Enrolment Management Plan, which sets conditions of enrolment and the boundaries that determine the catchment area for the school. Currently enrolled students and siblings of currently enrolled students are not affected by the plan.

The process to enrol will now include supplying proof of residency (eg a rate notice, utility account) to confirm you live in the school catchment. Applications are date stamped on receipt of a fully completed enrolment pack, which includes all supporting documents. Offers are made to out of catchment enrolments on the basis of date submitted until places are full. Currently 66% of students are from outside our catchment area.

Current siblings who are prep age for next year who have not submitted enrolment forms need to do so as soon as possible, to enable us to determine vacancies for out of catchment enrolments. To find out if you are living in our catchment area, please go to (Edumap http://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/maps/edmap/)

Managing Attendance and Student Safety

Last Thursday we commenced a SMS absence system to ensure all of our students are accounted for every day. This means unexplained absences are followed up on the day. After the class rolls are marked, parents of students who are not at school and who have not informed us of an absence will receive a message via SMS. To respond, you are able to reply the same way or phone the school on the main line or absences line.

Please continue to report absences by phone on the day, absence phone number 07 3869 7366 or in advance if possible, as usual.

As well as ensuring that all students are where they should be, this will reduce our unexplained absences rate to 0% (from 296 absences or 16% of all absences in 2015) when parents respond from the message by SMS or phone. Absences longer than 10 days must have prior approval from the principal by completing the Application for Compulsory Attendance Form at the office. Please ensure that the office is informed of any mobile phone number changes as soon as possible.
Principal News cont...

School Opinion Surveys

The annual School Opinion Survey gives parents, students and staff the opportunity to provide valuable feedback to the school regarding the services we provide. Before the holidays, your oldest child received a blue information sheet with a link, logon and password for you to complete this year’s School Opinion Survey. The survey remains open online until 29 July. I encourage you to take this opportunity to provide your feedback.

Athletics News

Congratulations to Cook, Flinders and Oxley on their great effort on Friday and all students winning an age champion award. Thank you to Mrs Williams for organising and all Yr 3—6 teachers for training in sports rotations every Thursday. All results are in the PE report for the newsletter.

Fathers’ Day Stall Communication

The Fathers’ Day Stall will be run again this year in the school hall on Friday 2 September. All the proceeds from the stall will go towards purchasing the new playground next to the school oval. As well as being good fun for the children, the playground is important for the development of their gross motor skills and upper body strength. There will be a variety of gifts available for students to buy for Dad ranging from $2 to $30. If you would like to help prepare for The Fathers’ Day Stall, help on the day or would like to make a donation, please contact Patrick O’Brien via email or phone – patrick@spiritedbc.com, 0427 409 752.

Well done to our amazing P&C for the outstanding election stall result on the 2 July. I am looking forward to the next fundraising event, Einbunpin.

Regards,

HOC News ...

Reading and Homework

The Premier’s Reading Challenge continues! I am sure you are aware of the fantastic response Nashville has each year – having reached 100% for the past few years. We are keen to encourage all of our students to be great readers – and to participate fully in this activity.

Book Week celebrations will happen at Nashville in Week 8. It is an “Australia” theme (and dress up!) this year. More information to come!

You should be expecting homework to be coming home from next week. Please follow up with child’s teacher if your child does not appear to be bringing homework home each week.

Parent Teacher Interviews

This opportunity to discuss your child’s progress with the class teacher is scheduled for Tuesday of week 3. This is a great time to review any concerns from last semester’s report card. You will also see some of the fantastic work that your child has been doing through the year. I hope you are pleasantly surprised by the scope of learning across the curriculum areas that your child has participated in.

The allocated time for each interview is 15 minutes.

ICAS

This will come around quickly for our students participating in the tests. A reminder that the test dates are Tuesday 2 August for English and Tuesday 16 August for Mathematics. All students who had returned the form and paid by 21 June have been registered for the tests.

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Cyber Safety Awareness

As our students spend more time learning with, about and through technology using a variety of devices, it is important that both parents and educators are aware of cyber safety. In helping our students to operate successfully as digital citizens, it is essential that parents and teachers assist them to be cybersmart by:

- Never giving out personal details or passwords online
- Never opening messages from unknown senders
- Demonstrating an awareness that their digital footprints are easily traced and that once information or images are pasted online, they are there permanently
- Maintaining internet etiquette (Netiquette) – Following our 3 school expectations both in the school grounds and in the digital classroom ensuring everyone is a safe, respectful learner.

At Nashville State School, we implement cyber safety lessons to equip our students with the knowledge and skills to safely use the internet as a learning tool. If you would like to read further information about cyber safety, the following website may be helpful:

Year 2 Class News ...

Last term the year 2 students attended Bunyaville Environmental Education Centre. The students arrived for a fun-filled day program following an invitation to attend a Bush Cadet Course to become responsible campers. The Camp Out is a health and wellbeing program designed to give students a day-camp experience and provide opportunities for students to:

~ improve literacy skills by following procedural text to make bush scones and erect a tent;

~ explore the wonder of a natural environment on the forest walk taken by Centre Teachers;

~ be involved in a bush-care project (weeding, mulching, seasonal planting - follow procedural text) that will help them understand that the forest is an important natural resource that needs to be protected.

During these activities the students developed personal skills, teamwork skills and consideration for others. They also experienced and embed ways they themselves can help protect natural places they visit or are connected to.

A fun day was had by all students and teachers. On behalf of the students who attended, myself and Mr Bloomer we would like to thank the parents who attended and helped us throughout the day.

Paul Kratzmann
Year 2

Visit by Author Cameron Stelzer ...

Last week the author of the Pie Rats series came to visit.
Library News

ROBO CUP Primary Line Challenge

Year 6 students from our Robotics team will be competing in the Robo Cup Primary Rescue Line Challenge on Friday 29th July at Brisbane Boys College.

Robots compete by following a winding line on a series of tiles to a designated rescue area. On the way the robot could encounter obstacles, bridges and short cut opportunities that will challenge the most intrepid programmer. After negotiating the randomly selected path, the robot arrives at a green coloured area which indicates a chemical spill. While the clock is still ticking the robot must find "the victim" before pushing them out of the quicksand to safety.

This is an exciting opportunity for our six students and we are looking forward to them sharing their knowledge with the rest of the Robotics team for our own Nashville Robotics challenge.

Lost Library Books

We are commencing a new system this term for any books that are loaned to students. For any books that are loaned after 11th July (the start of this term) and not returned by the due date (two weeks after loan), a two week follow-on period will be given for the return of the book/s. If the books have not been returned by this time, an invoice will be sent out for the replacement cost. This system will NOT be backdated to cover existing overdue books and is in line with local Council and other school libraries. Please see Library Staff if you have any concerns regarding our new system. We are not looking at penalizing students or their families, but rather addressing the ongoing expensive cost of replacing lost books.

Sport News
Sport News ...

Congratulations to all students for participating in our annual Athletics Carnival. The results are as follows:

**Age Champions**

**10 Years Girls**
1st Mika Molloy
2nd Hannah Markby
3rd Anne Francis

**11 Years Girls**
1st Holly Barnes
2nd Uleexa Taylor
3rd Eleanor Harrison

**12 Years Girls**
1st Monique Carolan
2nd Amber Harvey
3rd Kiara Pereira

**10 Years Boys**
1st Lee van der Westhuizen
2nd Isaac McCarthy
3rd Jack Johnston

**11 Years Boys**
1st Asthon Smith
2nd Riley De Rooy
3rd Ambrose Power

**12 Years Boys**
1st Matthew Beck
2nd Deklan Wright
3rd Chace Elliott

**Ball Games**
1st Cook - 44
2nd Oxley - 40
3rd Flinders - 36

**Relays**
1st Oxley - 124
2nd Flinders - 114
3rd Cook - 92

**Overall**
1st Flinders - 1534
2nd Oxley - 1523
3rd Cook - 1135
P & C News ...

Next P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday, 15 August from 7:00pm in the Teacher’s Staff Room. All are welcome to attend.

Election – Bake Sale

Well, the polls are in and it’s official. The NSS Federal Election Bake Sale was a resounding success! Through the efforts of many, and loads of generous donations, we raised $3,450. Which is massive and a great boost for the Playground Fund!

Thanks to all who donated their time, baked goods, supporting and buying from the stall on the day and spreading the word in the community. What a great day!

Tuckshop – The Way Forward

The Smart Choices government program means Nashville needs to review our Tuckshop menu, to ensure that we are offering healthy food and drink choices to our children. This must be in place from Term 1, 2017. The results from the survey completed last term have been compiled and a new menu will be on trial in Terms 3 and 4.

The menu and information page are at the end of this newsletter.

If you have any questions, or are keen to volunteer in our tuckshop or donate some home bake, please get in touch with Mandy, Tuckshop Convenor, M 0403 934 490.

Einbunpin Festival Update

The next big event on the P&C calendar is Sandgate’s Einbunpin Festival – which will be held on Sunday, 31 July. We are in the final stages of preparation and so it’s a case of all hands on deck. Coming up:

- There have been many generous donations for the raffle that will be drawn on Einbunpin day. Tickets will be going home this week.
- All of those jars of jams and preserves need labelling. Abby will be holding a labelling afternoon at her house on Saturday, 23 July from 2:00 to 4:00pm. If you can make it, send her a text or email.
- Are you a baker? We’ll be needing pikelets and scones on Einbunpin day for tasters.

Save a Date – Family Portraits

On Sunday, 9 October there will be the opportunity to have your Family Portraits taken. The cost is $20, and bookings will be in 15 minute slots. For this you get a 10x13 inch family portrait and keyring (including portrait). There is the opportunity to also purchase many more formats at additional cost.

We will open up a booking sheet in the near future, and payment must be made to the office before your time slot will be confirmed. There’s also a chance to win $1500 so stay tuned for more details in the next newsletter. A note will also come home regarding this very soon.
P & C News ...

In a Trade? We need your help please.

We are looking for two qualified tradies to help us with a project in the hall kitchen. We were lucky enough to receive a Volunteer’s Grant to fund a new (much needed) oven and chilled water fountain. So now we need a plumber and an electrician to volunteer their time to install them. If you think you can help, please contact us via Facebook or call Regina 0423 536 672.

Save a Date – Shopping Tour

On Saturday, 12 November we’ll be organising a bus for a Warehouse Shopping Tour. Details to come.

Entertainment Books

Entertainment books are still 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!

TUCKSHOP – SMART CHOICES

The Smart Choices government program means Nashville needs to review our Tuckshop menu, to ensure we are offering healthy food and drink choices to our children.

Smart Choices divides foods into:
- GREEN (most of the menu = ‘have plenty’)
- AMBER (a little of the menu = ‘select carefully’)
- RED (only served at two school events per term = ‘occasionally’)

Our SMART Choices compliant Tuckshop Menu must commence Term 1 2017.

We have compiled the results from the surveyed completed last term and we will use those results to direct our menu item trials in term 3 and term 4. Some results were:

Top 5 Main Meal Options
- Home-made pizza
- Toasted sandwich
- Spaghetti bolognese
- Sushi
- Home-made burger with salad
- Chicken-salad wrap

Top 5 Snacks Options
- Popcorn
- Fruit Salad
- Cheese and Crackers
- Custard
- Frozen yoghurt

Tuckshop Menu: The Tuckshop Menu has been updated. Green & Amber Choices are clearly marked on the updated menu. Items marked with ⚡ will not be on the menu in 2017 but will continue to be available until stocks run out.

Homebakes: Homebakes are also becoming healthier! We have a range of recipes available for anyone willing to make a batch of Homebake for our Tuckshop. Remember, all the homebake is donated by school families, so if you are able contribute just one batch, we would be very grateful.

If you are keen to volunteer in our tuckshop or donate some homebake, please get in touch with Mandy, Tuckshop Convenor, M 0403 934 490.

Remember!

The School Tuckshop is a major P&C Fundraiser, helping to upgrade our Playgrounds!
New tuckshop Menu commencing 18 July 2016. Please see previous page of newsletter with information regarding our new menu.

**Tuckshop**

*All orders will be served to students at First Break.*

*Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase at first and second break.*

**Mains:**
- Wraps - Chicken & Salad *(optional cheese)* - $3.50
  - Ham & Salad *(optional cheese)* - $3.50
- Toasties *(Ham, chicken, tomato, cheese, onion)* - $3.50
- Homemade Soup - Pumpkin *(V)* - $3.00
  - Chicken & Vegetable Soup - $3.00
- Homemade Sushi *(Thursday Only)* - Chicken - $2.50
  - Tuna - $2.50
- Spaghetti Bolognese - $4.00
- Macaroni & Cheese *(V)* - $4.00
- **Beef Lasagne** - $6.00
- **Potato Bake *(GF)* *(V)* - $3.50
- **Homemade Sausage Roll *(Sauce 20c extra)* - $2.00

**Snacks:**
- Fruit—seasonal - $0.50
- Popcorn - $1.00
- Cheese & Crackers - $0.50
- Apple Slinkies - $0.50
- Homebake - $0.50
- **Jolly Cups** - $0.50

**Drinks:**
- Water - $1.00
- Popper 100% Juice *(Orange, Apple, Apple & Blackcurrant, Apple & Raspberry, Tropical)* - $1.50
- Milk - Plain - $1.50
  - Chocolate, Strawberry - $2.00
  - Lactose-Free Chocolate - $2.00
- Hot Chocolate *(Term 2 and 3 only)* - $2.00
- **Glee** - $2.00

**Iceblocks:**
- Choc Milk, Fruit Juice - $1.00
- Ice Cream Cup - $1.50
- **Koolatix, Coconut Water Spits** - $1.00
- **Spits *(Pineapple or Raspberry)* - $1.50

- **Green**
- **Amber**
- **Not available 2017**
- **GF Gluten-free**
- **V Vegetarian**
Community News...

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

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Brighton Roosters Softball Club

SIGN ON August 3, 2016 5.00pm to 8.00pm
at the Brighton Roosters Football Club - 10th Ave, Brighton

FREE COME AND TRY DAY - 22nd JULY at
NAVISHELLE STATE SCHOOL OVAL - 3.00pm - 4.30pm.
Douglas Street, Brighton

We are seeking new players for next season
- BOYS & GIRLS from 5yrs,
AND LADIES and MEN of all skills

COACHES/MANAGERS/umpires ALSO REQUIRED

- Summer Season runs from Oct 2016 to Mar 2017 (Junior and Seniors)
- Winter Season runs from May 2017 to July 2017 (Senior ladies only)
- All games are played at Betty Paxton Fields, Boardman Road Redcliffe
- Season is 1 game each Saturday, Winter is 2 games fortnightly

 Fees and Uniforms costs advised at sign on

- Training is Wednesday nights at Bracken Ridge High School during summer season from August to March.
  - Generally Juniors are from 5:30 - 6.30pm and Seniors 7:00 - 8:30pm. (Times are subject to coach availability)

Please visit our website or call us if you have any queries.

www.brightonsoftball.com.au

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