From the Principal …

Dear parents and friends

Congratulations to our hard working P&C on a fantastic Einbunpin stall this year and to the many parents, grandparents and staff members that worked hard to ensure a successful event.

Last week students from our school band and choir, joined the mass band and choir created by all the schools in our Bramble Bay area and performed with a professional conductor to a large audience on Thursday evening. Congratulations to all the student who participated and well done to Mr James who organised the event this year, and Mrs Grant for preparing and supervising our choir.

Last week a team of students were involved in our inaugural Robo Cup team when they competed in the Robo Cup Challenge at Brisbane Boys College. Congratulations to the team and Mrs Pawsey for assisting with the programming and teaching the students.

This week our athletics team head over to MacPherson Park Bracken Ridge for the 2 day meet with other Bramble Bay Sporting schools. Mrs Harvey, Mr lauchs and Mrs Williams will be attending with the team and have been working hard with the students training. Good luck, team!!

It has certainly been a busy time for our music, coding and programming and highly able sports students to shine – keep up the great work Nashville!!

Don’t forget we have a holiday on Wednesday 10 August for the EKKA show day.

Our NAIDOC celebrations are coming up on Thursday 1 September, I hope you will all be able to join us for a special parade at 8.40am, before we head off to participate in a day of cultural activities.

Third Party Web Based Services

All students will be receiving in the very near future an important note for parents to read, sign and return to school. It is about Third Party Web Based Services that we use at school.

We are now required under the Privacy Act to ensure that parents are aware of all websites that students are using that collect your child’s information. Some of the sites that we use require a student to enter their name only, sometimes their name and email address and may track their progress (eg levels in typing tutor or study ladder). These sites store this information.

Nashville State School wishes to utilise a variety of third party web based service provider/s listed below to aid students learning. For your student to use the service the teacher will need to register them as a user. Registering with these providers requires student personal information to be disclosed to the provider of the service. In the case of the services outlined below they are private companies that are hosted inside of Australia/and/or/ outside of Australia. Outside of Australia means that data that is entered to register for these sites will be stored on servers that are not based in Australia and therefore are not bound by Queensland’s privacy laws.

To ensure that our parents are all informed about the websites that do store data, permission will need to be obtained for every child, for every website that does this.

Please read the letter when it arrives home and contact the school or your child’s class teacher if you have any questions.

Regards,

Tracey
I hope your child has given you their NAPLAN report (addressed to you) that came home on Friday. These are always something worth acknowledging the effort that your child has made – whatever the result, they all tried their best!

Please note that there is only one copy provided and the school is unable to provide multiple copies.

**ICAS – English**

The testing is on Tuesday morning. Students will leave their classrooms and the test will be administered in the hall. Jeanette Pawsey, our Teacher Librarian will be supervising the tests for students from year 2 – Year 6 at this time. Toilets are located in the hall that students will be able to access during the test.

**ICAS – Maths is on August 16.**

**Nashville Reading Program**

We enjoyed a visit from our Assistant Regional Director on Friday who joined Tracey, Anita and myself to check in how your children are enjoying and progressing in their reading. He was pleasantly surprised at the way children from Prep through to Year 6 could articulate the particular skill in reading that they were individually working on. Great feedback for the teaching team to be able to pass on to you - our wonderful, supportive parents who make the time to support their child improving in reading each day!

Another pleasing thing many students told us was that they are accessing Sunshine On-Line and recording themselves reading, playing this back with you and doing the little questions and activities for the story. So wonderful to hear this is a well used resource!

**Assistance for the School Reading Program – Can you please help?**

Currently we do need some help getting new reading books for class reading programs covered and into classrooms. If you are skilled at covering books and would like to help – or if you would like to work with some other parents at school and learn how to contact books, please contact Jeanette Pawsey our Teacher Librarian 3869 7333. Our students could really benefit from your help to get those books into classrooms ASAP.

**ICT News**

This year at Nashville, we have been keeping a focus on our students’ development of their ICT skills – both within the new Technologies units (Design Technologies and Digital Technologies) and within the curriculum embedded opportunities.

One aspect that we are also working on in all classrooms this year is making sure that we have class time to develop our students’ keyboarding skills. These days, many families have tablets that their children use, but not so much keyboards – which is still a skillset that remains important to develop as we move into embedding ICT literacy into learning.

The free online typing tutor program that we are using at school is BBC Typing Tutor [http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3c6tfr](http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3c6tfr) that you may find useful at home as well.

We are aware that not all families have a computer/laptop/keyboard at home. I am happy to say that from Weeks 6-10 this term, I will be offering 20 places to students in Years 2 and 3 who do not have access to a keyboard at home so that they might be able to work on developing some additional skills after school on Wednesdays. There will be a note coming home to all students in Years 2 and 3 with more details.

Allison
KITCHEN/GARDEN CLASSROOM NEWS

What an amazing day we had at Einbunpin. Thank you to everyone who popped in to visit us and to those who bought a cup of delicious lemonade or a potted plant. We made $550!!! Which is an amazing effort.

Of course none of this would have been possible without loads of assistance. Big thanks to Mrs Stiler and her husband Dave for the tireless hours they put into potting and caring for our plants, you both do an amazing job! Thanks also to our wonderful parents - Janda (the lemonade queen!), Kristy, Dave and Tracey for helping out on Sunday. Finally to a great bunch of kids who gave up their time to serve and sell lemonade - Evie, Ben, Ella, Morgan, Latisha and Chelsea.

Last week was our first week back in the kitchen. It was great to get back into it and the kids thoroughly enjoyed our Mexican themed feast.

Don’t forget 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

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!
Music News

Bramble Bay Schools Music Festival

Students involved in Instrumental Music and Senior Choir were given the opportunity to participate in the annual music festival last week along with many other students in our district.

Monday was a “sectional” day where students rehearsed pieces with their particular instrument and a specialist tutor at various schools in our area.

Tuesday was the “band rehearsal day” and all students rehearsed together with a guest conductor, Dr Ralph Hultgren, at Bald Hills State School. We are fortunate at Nashville in that Dr Hultgren is the grandfather of one of our instrumental music students. Dr Hultgren especially wrote a piece of music for the festival, named the work “Bramble Bay” and dedicated it to his grand-daughter.

Wednesday was the “string rehearsal day”. Our students were not involved.

Thursday was the “choir rehearsal day”. Choir students from eight different schools came together with a guest conductor, Mr Brett Holland, and rehearsed seven songs that students had been working on during the year at their own schools.

The Festival concluded with a concert on Thursday evening which showcased the achievements of our amazing students. The concert also featured the World Premiere of Dr Hultgren’s new work “Bramble Bay”

Thirty-one Nashville students were involved during the week and were wonderful representatives of our school – congratulations to all!

Thank you to parents and carers who transported students to and from venues and attended the concert on Thursday evening. Your support of this event was much appreciated. If you have any photos of the concert that you would like to share, would you please email them to me at agran32@eq.edu.au

Daffodil Day - Eden Gardens

The Senior Choir has again been invited to perform at the Daffodil Day Cancer Council fundraiser at Eden Gardens, Carseldine. This event will be on Wednesday 17 August at 10am. A note with more information regarding this will be sent home next week.

Concert Band

Our concert band is back up in full swing this term. Most of our year five and six students participated in the Bramble Bay School Music Festival last week and had a great time being involved in the world premiere of a new piece of music.

From the start of this term our first year students have been invited to join the school concert band. Most first year students are attending regularly and are finding the band both fun and challenging. The band is working toward our next performance which will a performance on parade later this term. All students are reminded that band rehearsals start promptly at 7:30am and that they need to be there by about 7:20am to ensure that they are set up and ready to play by 7:30am. Should you have any questions regarding instrumental music please feel free to contact our instrumental music teacher Mr James via email at mjame38@eq.edu.au

School News ...

We are taking bookings for Prep enrolments for 2017. Please contact the office if you have a child starting prep starting next year and you have not made an interview booking. Please also pass this information on to friends and family who have children who are born between 01/07/11 and 30/06/12.

Thank you
**Library News ...**

**Book Week: Australia, Story Country**

**Invitation to celebrate with us**

All students are encouraged to **Dress Up on Wednesday 24th August (week 7)**

Come as anything to do with Australia

- We will celebrate in the hall with a class presentation of costumes starting a 9am.
- Class displays of Short Listed books
- There will be lucky tickets given to students that dress up and book prizes to be won
- Staff will be reading books by Australian Authors to classes

**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.

**Robotics News ...**

**Robotics**

The astonishing Nashville robotics team – the Nashbots, have been rattling their brains to make the best possible robot along with its program to compete in a regional competition at BBC (Brisbane Boys College) called the Robocup. They entered in the competition as newbies and were the youngest group there. They worked hard and kept coming up with ideas to make sure their robot “MASTER_KYNO” put in 110% and behaved itself. The first round seemed easy enough for them but when they had the chance to see the scoreboard they knew they were going to have to up their game. The robotics team consisted of six smart, dashingly good-looking children known as Deklan, Eleanor and Ruby as the programmers and Ethan, Aidan and Harry as the builders. Overall, we had a fabulous day and scored over 200 points which had us in contention for a high placed finish. Thank you so much Mrs Pawsey for all of your wonderful assistance and invaluable guidance. By the Nashbots
5B’s Nudgee Beach Excursion by Mika Molloy

On the 22nd of July my year five class went on an excursion to Nudgee Beach Environmental Centre. When we arrive at school our wonderful teacher marked the roll and we hopped on the bus and off we went. At the shade shelter, we met our instructor, Amy and had a talk about the local area. A local resident showed us a blue-ringed octopus that had been found in the area and preserved in a jar. I was surprised to learn that such a small octopus contains enough poison to kill twenty adults!

It wasn’t long before we were walking through the bush with a pencil and clipboard observing plants and animals. Amy showed us a plant called ‘pigface’ that had triangular prism shaped leaves and a pretty pink flower in the middle of the plant. I recorded some notes about this plant and drew a quick sketch of the area. We continued on and stopped at some shady seats and looked into the water. We saw toad fish, grey mangroves that had ‘snorkle’ like roots to help it breathe. The leaves on this plant were rough and had a very salty taste. There were also several birds in the area including a kingfisher and willy wagtail.

Back at the centre after lunch, we changed our shoes and socks and carried various equipment down to the beach. I was very excited. We put a fishing net into the water and everyone helped to pull the net up and we were able to have a closer look at the three different types of fish we caught. The toad fish had skin instead of scales and it was slimy when I touched it.

In groups of five, we collected equipment to pump yabbies. Only one group actually caught a yabby. My group pumped over little holes in the sand and we caught two blood worms and a little crab and then shared out catches with the other groups.

After all the excitement, we returned to the centre, had a delicious lunch and then learned some facts about some cool crabs. These were mud crabs but we weren’t allowed to pat them. One of the teachers also put all the marine creatures we caught at the beach under the microscope and we completed our work sheets. With a good bye to all the teachers at Nudgee Beach Environmental Centre it was back on the bus and we headed for school. I was very tired and pleased to hear the school bell.

Nudgee Beach Excursion by Lewis Murphy

Nudgee Beach is home to lots of interesting creatures and we visited the Environmental Centre to learn about some of these marine animals and plants.

The very large mud crabs were my absolute favourite. There were two and they were different sizes and dark in colour which allowed them to camouflage with their surroundings. We learned that the male was rescued from a seafood store and had enormous claws. One of his claws was missing but he was still opening and closing the other claw when he was picked up and I leaned back as I feared that the crab’s claw might snip and grip my nose. Ouch!

Our group also completed a walk around the Boardwalk and observed many creature living in this habitat. We noticed a toadfish which had a covering of skin instead of scales, meaning they are poisonous and not able to be eaten. On the Boardwalk, we also spotted a kingfisher sitting quietly on a branch. It was mainly black and white with a long beak which is good for hunting fish. It is a relative of the kookaburra. The kingfisher was eventually frightened by the noise of everyone talking and flew off across the water to the mangroves on the other side of the bank. I had an enjoyable day on the class excursion and would like to visit Nudgee Beach again some day.
Year 5/6 & 6 Nudgee beach Excursion

On the day we went to Nudgee beach we did all sorts of fun activities and the best thing we did was yabby hunting, it was so cool to use the yabby pump and see all the yabbies and other creatures from the beach, I also liked it when we walked back and forth from the beach to the school.

The instructors were Amy and Cath, they were really nice and showed us all of the basics, I’ve had lots of fun and when we went on the environmental walk we tasted salt off the mangroves and it tasted well.....salty, it was so much fun and we saw schools of fish and a lot of poisonous toad fish, I liked the activities a lot they were so fun.

When we eventually saw Mrs Mud Crab she tried to look as big as she could, stretching out her claws and legs to lengths of as far as she could I thought that seeing her up close was FASCINATING! She has a special circular pouch that she holds her eggs in.

When we went to the beach for yabby hunting I was just walking over to the beach to see what we caught when my foot got stuck in a hole, when I finally got my foot out I started walking but forgot something, my shoe! It was stuck in the mud I could barely see it, it was sinking into the sand so Keely and I grabbed it and pulled it out, we got it out and fell over and our bottoms were all sandy.

When it was time to go I sat with Keely on the bus and we played tic tac toe a lot and we talked about things like Pokémon go! We talked to Isabelle behind us and we all talked about our day, my favourite part of the day was the whole foot incident and Keely laughed.

By Eriane Hovey

Nudgee Beach

The sound of students muttering to their friends on this exciting day. We were all ready and packed for we had a big day ahead of us and our first instruction was for us to go down stairs have a drink, go to the toilet and line up. After we were lined up and ready to go, we saw the bus in sight and the best thing was that it was a double decker bus. On the bus I sat next to Jaree at the top and when everybody was buckled up we were on our way to Nudgee Beach.

When we got there we saw two ladies, waiting for us to depart the bus and their names were Amy and Cathie. Both of them told us to grab a clipboard, pencil and a Nudgee Beach booklet so we could write notes about the animals and plants. Cathie took my group first and the first thing we went to look at was called the Pig Face and everyone was making sure that they didn’t lose their pencil because Amy and Cathie alerted us that if we could all give back our pencil then we would get a surprise. When we were at the Pig Face and admiring it, Cathie told us to touch one of the leaves and when we all had a touch we all said that it was smooth. We also went to see the Grey Mangrove that has salty, green, leaves. The Grey Mangrove has to stick out its roots because the ground is compacted with a lot of mud and salt water.

When we all gathered back and headed to the Nudgee Beach Environmental Education Centre where we quickly gobbled our snack and headed straight to the Beach. At the beach we separated into groups and each group had a sieve and went looking for these small white blob things called amphipods. After that we went yabby pumping and all together we found green bristle worms, yabbies, Moon Snails and other small creatures. After yabby pumping we headed back to Nudgee Beach Environmental Education Centre and got cleaned up and another snack then packed up, had a little look at the small creatures and then we went to see a huge Mud Crab which was very big and had a claw for defence and another for picking up stuff and eating. At the end of the day it was time to go home so we grabbed our gear and said bye and thank you to Amy, Cathie and Kerry then we hopped on the bus and headed to school and from there we headed home.

By Uleea Taylor
Firstly, we arrived at school and then ever so longly waited for the bus driver to get to our school to come get us. We then later arrived at Nudgee beach, we grabbed a clipboard folder and pencil and chatted about what was planned for the whole day. We asked all questions and queries, then we were in our groups and off working.

Secondly, we ventured out with group leader Amy. We got explained definitions of various plants and animals and their key features and also their inhabitants and habitat. Consisting of pig face, mangroves, and grey mangroves. After that we looked at the habitat of the grey mangrove it was very damp and muddy. Also very thick and compact due to water and mud the combination made it thick and kept the mangrove under the water they have snorkels which help them breathe under the mud.

Thirdly, we had a small lunch and went to the greenzone a place on the beach where you can yabby pump, fish, and all those things. Our group was the only group that got to do the bait netting. It was very tiring but was well worth that energy to touch the scaly gills of all the different types of the fish.

Lastly, we talked under the building next to the main hall about mud crabs and they modelled the big mud crab and all its structural and behavioural adaptations. Consisting of their camouflage, also when they feel threatened they make their self look as big as possible and push their claws out. They only feed at dusk and dawn due to all their predators.

This has been my recount of Nudgee Beach. Hope you got a brief idea of the curriculum and how Nudgee Beach operates.

By Logan Jandt

On the 21st of July, a sunny day beamed over Nashville as students excitedly lined up aside the double decker bus, ready to journey to Nudgee Beach, a place of salty mangroves and yabbies crawling in mud. On this excursion, Amy and Catherine lead us through multiple activities such as bush walks and yabby pumping, animal journalism or plantation life journaling.

To start off our day, we received a clipboard with a booklet containing animal journalism requirements. We then ventured off to the bush. As we examined interesting plantation life such as pigface, a dusty, sandy track winded below our feet. Birds began to sing creating sudden silences. All came to a stop as we reached a wooden boardwalk. The atmosphere began to change to a more salty, damp temperature. Throughout the new path grey and salty mangroves reached beside us. Everyone crazed as salt was spotted on leaves. Catherine directed us around a corner to reveal the centre, a large building on the left and a smaller with a large deck on the right.

Chatter filled the deck as morning tea was consumed. Morning tea finished and children arose and ventured to the beach were they arrived. The group formed a semi-circle and everyone was split into groups of seven. Each group received a bucket, filled with two shovels, a shifter, a ruler and a paint tray. The groups had to make a 30cm by 30cm square in the mud and a quarter was dug out with a shovel. The sand was moved into the shifter and brought to the water, as the waves swished in the buckets, ampi pods appeared in the dissolving sand. The shifter was removed from the water and ampi pods crawled onto paint brushes. The ampi pods were moved into the paint tray and the process was repeated. After this each group received a yabby pump. The pump went into the ground and sucked up a potential yabby with allot of mud. The stuff from the pump was moved into the shifter and the same process began. This time the yabby was moved into a small bucket. After this we ventured back to the centre. When we arrived back at the centre, we used a microscope to look at the different creatures we caught. After that we were educated by Keri about mud crabs. I found Nudgee Beach really interesting and we are thankful to the instructors. We then said our goodbyes to Nudgee Beach and the instructors as we hopped on the bus.

By Eleanor Harrison
Einbunpin Festival

The lead up to the Einbunpin Festival, our major fundraising event of the year requires a lot of work and planning and it couldn’t be possible without the help of you all. This is a HUGE thank you to everyone! For donations of ingredients, time spent in the kitchen, sticking those labels, selling those raffle tickets, baking testes, creating bunting and stall decorations, setting up and pulling down the stand, volunteering to man the stand, amongst so much else.

This is a massive group effort and one where our school community comes to the fore. Well done everyone. It’s coming together like this that we can achieve our common goal of helping to provide for our children at school – with the main focus being to upgrade those playgrounds!

We are also so very grateful to the local businesses for their prize donations for our raffle. How brilliant were those prizes?

Our jams and preserves have certainly made a name for themselves and who could resist a cup of delicious lemonade, or those healthy potted plants from the Nashville Kitchen Garden who joined us in the Nashville SS stand.

If you managed to go, I think you’ll agree that it was a glorious day, our stall looked fantastic and it was so good to see so many in our community out and about. All in all, a huge success.

We’re still running the final tally of takings and these will be reported at the next P&C meeting. A massive 869 jars were sold – Woohoo! Once again – THANK YOU – we value and appreciate all of your support.

New net for our tennis court

Thanks to the absolute generosity of a local tennis coach, Kyle Dennis, our school tennis court now has a new net. It’s so good to see the court in use. Kyle offers lessons on Monday mornings before school. If you’d like more information on times and sessions, you can contact Kyle on 0452 452 004.

Do you know a Plumber and Electrician?

We are looking for two qualified tradies to donate their time in helping 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.

Dates to Remember

Monday, 15 August - P&C Meeting
Friday, 2 September - Father’s Day Stall
Friday, 9 September - Footsteps Disco
Sunday, 9 October - Family Portraits
Saturday, 12 November - Warehouse Shopping Tour

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!

Community News...

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

**BRACKEN RIDGE LITTLE ATHLETICS**

2016 / 2017 SIGN ON

**Sign On**
Friday 19th August 5:30pm - 8pm (Sausage Sizzle Available)
Saturday 20th August 9am - 11am
At: McPherson Park Clubhouse
(Registrations also accepted any Friday night during the season)

**Boys & Girls U6 to U17**
Must be 5 years of age at time of registration
(Birth Certificate required for all new athletes)

**Competition Nights**
When: 6pm - 8:30pm Friday nights
Where: McPherson Park, Denham St.
Bracken Ridge, 4017

**Cost & Registration**
Cost: $150 First Child
$100 For Every Child Thereafter
Maintenance Levy: $20 per Family (Non-Refundable)
Roster Levy: $60 per Family (Refundable - Strict T&C’s Apply)
Uniform: From $35 (full uniform & footwear is compulsory)

Online registrations are now open!
Website: www.brackenridge.la.asn.au

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