Dear parents and friends

NAIDOC Day at Nashville

Our NAIDOC celebrations are coming up on Thursday 1 September and 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. Fred Leone from Guruman Dancers (you may have seen them at the EKKA performing every night in the main ring) will be here to demonstrate dancing, boomerang throwing and didgeridoo playing. A tour of the Ariba Enuba walking trail and totems located beside the school at the third lagoon will also be part of the day. There will be a $5 cost per student, a separate letter will be coming home soon.

Bramble Bay District Athletics

Well done to our large team that represented us recently at the Bramble Bay District Athletics meet at McPherson park. We have several students heading to the next level – Metropolitan North next week. Congratulations to Monique C, Lee V, Uleexa T and Amber H.

Ritsumeikan Uji from Kyoto visit 22 August – 2 September.

We are welcoming 19 students from Japan on Sunday. The welcome parade will be on Monday morning 22 August at 8.40am. Thank you to the families who are hosting a student at home – this would not be possible for you. The program over the two weeks will include two full day excursions on the Tuesdays, a half day shopping excursion to a local supermarket one morning, lessons with an English teacher (their classroom will be set up in the hall), and immersion into our year 4 to 6 classes. Part of the Ritsumeikan program is that the students will present a talk in English to a LOTE class, make a game to teach Prep students and create a performance for their buddies and host families. The best part of all is the lunch time playing - the language barrier doesn’t exist when there are balls to play with and open spaces to run and play. They will be joining in with our Book Week and NAIDOC celebrations while they are here. Please see LOTE news, in this edition, for Japanese phrases to learn and use next week.

Author visits

We are very excited to host Chris Collins at our school on Wednesday 21 August as part of our Book Week celebrations. We have recently had a writing workshop with Cameron Stelzaer as well, which was very successful in giving students further strategies and ideas for constructing a narrative piece of writing. These two opportunities have been school funded.

Regards,

Tracey
ICAS - Maths

The testing was on this morning. Students will leave their classrooms and the test will be administered in the hall. I 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.

Nashville Reading Program

Just a reminder that all students have access to Sunshine On-Line! Many students are reporting to us that they are enjoying reading and recording themselves and then playing this back with you. I look forward to hearing more similarly favourable comments from students as we continue to check in on reading progress.

ICT News

This Wednesday afternoon I will commence working with students in Years 2 and 3 to provide keyboarding skills using the software BBC Typing Tutor [http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3c6tfr](http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3c6tfr). This will continue each Wednesday afternoon for the rest of the term. Students will be collected by parents at 3.30 or can be taken across to Jabiru.

You may also find this useful at home to support your child develop their skills to type.

If you have a child in these year levels and would like them to join in with our group, please see the ladies in the office for a form as these were sent home last week, but we still have a few spaces left.

Tuesday afternoon – Interschool Moderation at Nashville

Today we are hosting local schools for our Term 3 cluster moderation. This will commence straight after school, so we would ask that any pressing issues that you would like to discuss with your student’s class teacher might best be left either until Wednesday morning, an email or a phone message to the office. We would like all of teachers to be able to go straight to the hall this week and value your support to ensure that we are building rigour and consistency with our colleagues from local primary schools.

This term our moderation focus is Maths. Please be aware that moderation is to the national achievement standards for the year level as published by ACARA.

Allison

LOTE News ...

Nihongo News

Minasan konnichiwa! This year Nashville State School is hosting yet another visit from Ritsumeikan Uji Junior High School (22nd August to 2nd September 2016). Last year we chose the Top 5 Japanese Phrases that could be used with the visitors. Here are the phrases once again:

1. Konnichiwa – hello
2. Yōkoso – welcome
3. Arigatō (gozaimasu) – Thank you (very much)
4. Dōzo – Here you go. /Please go ahead.
5. How to introduce yourself:
   Konnichiwa. (Hello)
   ________________ desu. (I’m ____________. [Put your name on the line])

Dōzo yoroshiku. (Nice to meet you.)

I hope you will find these phrases useful. Ganbatte kudasai. Sayōnara.

Thank you

Joyce Leung
(Japanese Teacher)
Prep B News ...

This term in Prep B we have celebrated our 100th day of school! We had a day of doing 100 related activities, which the children really enjoyed. We made 100 crowns, and books about what we have achieved in 100 days at school. We put the children’s photos into an aging booth to see what they would look like at 100, and we wrote about some of the things we have learned in our first 100 days of school. It was really incredible to reflect on all the things that the children have learned this year. From little cherubs who struggled to write their names or to count to 10, they are now reading, writing, independent little thinkers! We finished the day by presenting each student with a 100 Days Smarter certificate, and the pride on their faces was heart-warming. I can’t wait to see how much more they have all blossomed by the end of the year!

Phaidra Hird
Prep B Teacher

Prep Y News ...

Kia Ora, Konnichi Wa, Supa and Oi from Prep Y. This term the Wise Owls have been enjoying playing in our Airport Dramatic play area. Each week we have been learning about a different country: where it is in the world, how the people live, listening to a children’s story, making a craft item, exploring dance and greetings in another language. So far we have learnt about New Zealand, Japan, Africa and South America. This week we will be taking a break from international travel to celebrate the Olympic Games with Prep B. We have chosen different countries to represent and a number of exciting events to compete in. We are particularly looking forward to performing our Samba dance whilst wearing our Carnivale masks at the opening ceremony of our Games. We are also looking forward to NAIDOC Day where we can celebrate the culture of our indigenous Australians.

We made Maori headbands and pois when we “visited” New Zealand.

We made Maasai necklaces when we “visited” Africa.
P/1 Class News ...

Rio Olympic Games Olympic News

There are other sports in the Olympics but our favourite sport is BMX cycling and basketball. They are the best things in the world.

by Isaiah G and Harry O

‘C Block’ 2016 Mini Olympics

Last Thursday, the P/1 Penguins and 1/2 went out to the oval and held their own Mini Olympic games. Here is a recap from some of the competitors...

Yesterday we had the mini Olympics. The teams were Hot Dogs and Cool Cats. The Cool Cats won the silver medal and the Hot Dogs won the gold medal. It was WONDERFUL!

Ruby

I went to the Mini Olympics. It was amazing. I was in the Hot Dog’s team. We did cycling and relay. We did soccer and ball games.

Stephanie G

The Mini Olympics was really fun because we were throwing balls into a bucket and we were rolling hoola hoops. We sang a Cool Cats Song. ‘Cats, Cats, We are the Cats, Meowww.’

Evie.

The Mini Olympics was awesome! The thing that I liked the most was the running and the second thing I liked the best was when we ran to put the balls in the basket and the obstacle course.

Freeman

I liked to do the gymnastics because I got to go under the tunnel. I liked balancing the balloon on the tennis racquets – we had to go around the dog and run back. All the kids were singing loud. I tried to get the hoop on the cone and that was fun.

Michaela

We bounced the balloon on a net then we rolled the hoola hoop. We had to get the most balls into our basket and we won.

Eva

The Mini Olympics was really, really fun. I liked the games that we played. When they started I liked how we got to sit on the stand. I liked that there were groups of three. The game that I mostly liked was soccer. The second one I really, really liked was the ball games. I got a silver medal.

Sammy D
**Next P&C Meeting**

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday, 12 September from 7:00pm in the Teacher’s Staff Room. All are welcome to attend.

**Playground**

A big THANK YOU to Stirling Hinchcliffe Member for Sandgate, for recently visiting Nashville to discuss strategies to access government support to update our playgrounds. Great to have you working for us and with us. Also sending out a BIG THANK YOU to our hard-working playground sub-committee. Raising the substantial funds needed (Approx $120,00 for one playground) to upgrade and replace our current playgrounds is a massive task and we appreciate every one’s efforts.

**Do you know a Plumber and Electrician?**

Can you or do you know someone who is able to help us?

We are looking for people with a different set of skills. We were lucky enough to receive a Volunteer’s Grant to fund a new (much needed) oven and chilled water fountain and we need a PLUMBER and an ELECTRICIAN to do a few hours of voluntary work for us in the school hall kitchen.

Do you have someone in your family or extended family that could help us? Our Year 4’s would be extremely grateful!

If you think you could help, please contact us via Facebook or call Regina on 0423 536 672.

Thank you.

**Father’s Day Stall**

The P&C’s annual Father’s Day Stall will be held on **Friday, 2 September** in the School Hall. Keep an eye out for the flyer coming home in those schoolbags this week. Or check out the post on Facebook.

**Tuckshop**

Thank you for supporting the trial menu at our Tuckshop. The sushi choice is proving to be really popular. Why not try a chicken and salad wrap this Thursday? I’ve heard that they’re delicious. The team are continuing to work hard on the menu and are listening to all of your feedback.

**Ritsumeikan Uji Visitors**

The P&C will be catering the Farewell dinner for the host families and their visiting student on **Thursday, 1 September**. Notes will be going home soon to the host families so that dinner orders can be met.

**Footsteps Disco**

In conjunction with the program held earlier in the year, the Footsteps team are returning on **Friday, 9 September** to hold a disco – “**Neon Nights**”. The kids love it! The P&C will be preparing dinner from our kitchens with choices of butter chicken, nachos and cheerios in a cup. Stay posted for more details.

**Upcoming Events**

- **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!

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.

Chappy News …

Good Morning,

You are invited to a Chaplaincy event on August 30th. This event includes dinner, and guest speaker Her Excellency Lady Cosgrove. All proceeds go to supporting Chaplaincy in our area!

Attached is the invite and below is the link where you can book a seat.


Kind Regards,

Leanne
**Sport News ...**

**District Athletics Carnival**

Well done to all 45 Nashville athletes who competed at the Bramble Bay District Athletics. Your efforts, good sportsmanship and behaviour were exceptional and you represented Nashville well. A big thank you to Mr Lauchs, Mr Kratzmann and Jack Langley who gave up their time to coach you during your lunch breaks as well as the Bracken Ridge State High School students on Wednesday mornings. Thank you also to Mrs Harvey for being your wonderful Team Manager. Also thank you to Mr Bartulis for setting up the shade shelters and equipment for the event. A very special thank you to Mrs Janda Topp who worked in the canteen at the carnival for both days!

We have 4 athletes who have done exceptionally well and qualified to be a part of the Bramble Bay District team to compete at the Met North Carnival in 2 weeks time. These athletes will be continuing their training. Good luck to Monique C, Lee W, Uleexa T. and Amber H.!

Sue Williams
HPE/Class Teacher

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**Community News**

Come along and run with your friends, family and school!

Grab a buddy, hat, sunscreen and drink bottle to join the Fun Run!

At the finish line you will enjoy a special breakfast and post-run celebration.

Call BRSHS on (07) 3866 7271 or check the BRSHS Facebook event page: https://www.facebook.com/events/140866466333598/

**BRACKEN RIDGE STATE HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS:**

**Bridge 2 Ridge Fun Run**

WED 17 AUG 2016
7am-9:30am
Community News...

"Be safe.
Be a Learner.
Be Respectful."

**BRACKEN RIDGE LITTLE ATHLETICS 2016 / 2017 SIGN ON**

**Sign On**
- Friday 18th August 7:30am-8am (facilities not available)
- Saturday 26th August 9am-11am
- At Millers Point Park Run
  (Registration accepted on Friday night during the session)

**Boys & Girls U6 to U17**
- Must be 5 years of age at time of registration
- Free trial session available

**Competition Rights**
- When: 6pm-8:30pm Friday nights
- Where: Mountain Bike Park, Oxford St,
  Bracken Ridge, 4017

**Cost & Registration**
- Cost: $150 per Child
- $200 per Family (Non-refundable)
- Additional fees: $5 per event per family (refundable - direct debits apply)
- Uniforms: $15 (full uniform & footwear is compulsory)
- Online registrations are now open!

**Website**: www.brackenridgelga.asn.au

**For More Information**
- Joan Williams – 0408 600 147 or 0411 152 211
- Deb99 Adams – 0455 710 014 or 0412 835 089

**EPFA & Credit Card Facilities available, payment online or bank transfers accepted.**

**NOTICE TO PARENTS**
- Attendance at all sessions is compulsory

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A FREE one-day event filled with family fun and creative activities

**Music • Dance • Art Workshops • Stalls • International Food**

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**NEUROSCIENCE**

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

At Bracken Ridge State School, we are teaching our students all about what it means to “flip your brain”, be in our “PCB”, climbing the stairs to the “uppers brain”, and “keeping” 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 Ingall, Principal of Merrimack Special School will be presenting at this session which explains our work at BRSS and how this links to parenting.

**Where**: August 17, 2016 from 9:30 to 2:00 pm

**Where**: Bracken Ridge State School

**Session:** An introduction to how Neuroscience 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. Please note, this is a repeat of the session BRSS hosted last term.

For further information and RSVP please call the school office on 3669 7888.

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