Dear parents and friends

Term 4 is in full swing now with a lot of new learning and assessment. Planning for 2017 is under way. I have just about met all of our new preps for 2017 and booklists will be coming out this week.

Swimming

Swimming concluded last Thursday. Thanks to all involved in the successful program and Sandgate State School for accommodating us in their pool. It was good to get the program over in a short time at the start of the term.

Nude Food - Have you joined the Nude Food Movement?

Don’t forget to support Nude Food day – leave your lunchbox rubbish at home every Friday.

Morning in Prep

We have had a morning in prep with the new 2017 preps, and there is one more visit to go coming up in November. Good to see our pre-prep group numbers expanding this term at Prep as well. Many opportunities are in place to ensure a smooth transition to prep. If you have a child at home born between 01/07/2011 and 30/06/2012, please ensure they are enrolled to commence prep next year.

Excursions

Year 4 visited Nudgee Beach Environmental Education Centre as a culminating activity to their History and Geography unit’s yesterday. This was out last trip to an Environmental Education Centre this year. Next year we also plan to continue this program as the feedback has been very positive, incorporating real life experiences with classroom learning. This year we accessed the services, lessons and teachers from Maroon Dam, Bunyaville and Nudgee Beach Environmental Education Centres to add value to the school program.

Student Leadership Program

This term our year 5’s are working towards the 2017 Leadership positions at Nashville. Students who have decided to participate in the program have received a green card to complete which identifies their efforts around 8 Leadership skills such as organisation, being a good role model, communicating clearly, decision making, delegating, listening, evaluates, encourages and supports others. The next step is shortlisting, an interview and speeches will be held on Thursday 1st December in the hall. Good luck to all participating students.
I hope you are keeping up with the speed of Term 4!

**Reporting in Term 4**

Just a reminder to ensure that we have your most up to date email information as Semester Two reports will be emailed to you on Wednesday of Week 10.

**Getting Ready for 2017**

I am delighted to announce that the Matific (Maths online program) trial was considered to be successful by both the teachers who used it in the classroom, allocated tasks for homework and tracked student results using the program. Students were also asked for feedback if they enjoyed the experience.

It is a benefit of the program that all students will be able to access this software both in the classroom and 24/7 for homework tasks that can be selected to match individual student learning.

Although we have enjoyed a free trial of the program in three of our classrooms this term, there will be a small cost per student next year. This will be included in the voluntary contribution for those families wishing to support Nashville’s investment in this new resource!

**Little Things**

As the weather heats up, children begin to tire and the routines of daily life become increasingly jam packed, please be aware that home reading and homework continues to the end of the year. Please encourage your child to be reading for 10 minutes each day and recording their reading in their home reading log. Also, if you could please be encouraging your student to drink lots of water, and remember hat and water bottle each day!

Allison
P & C News ...

Next P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday, 21 November from 7:00pm in the Teacher's Staff Room. All are welcome to attend.

Some Dates to Remember

26 October - RSVP if you can make the DoN's Beach Bonanza (see below)

28 October - Return of order, artwork and payment for the Christmas fundraiser - artwork

28 October - RSVP for the Christmas Warehouse Shopping Tour, together with payment

24 November - Last Tuckshop day for 2016

25 November - Movie Night.

The Fathering Project Event – Beach Bonanza

The “DoNs” (Dads of Nashville) have a Beach Bonanza activity day which will be held at Suttons Beach this Saturday, 29 October.

Flyers have been sent home for this event. For catering purposes please let us know if you can make it by calling 3067 7759 or emailing Pat – patrick@spiritedbc.com

RSVPs are needed by Wednesday, 26 October.

For more information on The Fathering Project, go to http://thefatheringproject.org/ or contact Pat O'Brien on 0427 409 752 or email to patrick@spiritedbc.com

Tuckshop

TERM 4 MENU

Have you tried our pizzas, salad bowls, fruit salad and custard and sushi – all in the Term 4 menu which is available every Monday and Thursday.

And our $5 Friday Meal Deal is proving to be popular. Come and say hi to Kym and give it a try.

Please note – the last day of Tuckshop for 2016 will be Thursday, 24 November.

If you have any questions about the Tuckshop or Smart Choices or you’d like to know more about how you can help out, please don’t hesitate to get in touch with our Tuckshop Convenor Mandy 0403 934 490 or P&C Rep Su 0402 424 747. Enjoy!

Warehouse Shopping Tour

We need numbers! The bus has been booked and the venues have been decided upon for our Warehouse Shopping Tour to be held on Saturday, 12 November 8am –5pm $40 per person.

We need 30 bookings for the tour to take place so if you – or your friends – are interested in coming along, let us know and we’ll add your name to our list.
P & C News cont...

Christmas Fundraiser - Artwork

It’s on again! Turn your child’s artwork into a gorgeous Christmas gift. There are loads of products to choose from.

Artwork is being completed at school on special paper OR you can get the paper from the office and complete your picture at home.

Orders, including artwork and payment are due into the office this Friday, 28 October at the latest.

Christmas Raffle

And the countdown is on for Christmas. And along with all of the festivities is the annual P&C Christmas Raffle.

We are looking for donations of quality prizes (approximately $50 value) from local businesses, so if you would like to donate or know of anyone who can, please spread the word. Donations can be brought to the office or by contacting any P&C Exec member.

Movie Night

Set aside Friday, 25 November for the P&C’s movie night. Pop it in your calendars to keep the date and we’ll be sending details on the dinner menu and movie title shortly.

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!


Class Prep Y News ...

Prep Y have had a busy start to the term. After lots of reports of fun holidays we have set up a sea area in our dramatic play area.

We have used non-fiction texts to investigate a sea animal as well as to make 3D models. We have used our typing skills to make a label for our models and written stories to match our paintings.

Over the last few weeks we have been receiving mystery letters from someone called ST. Last week we found out that ST is a “Sea Turtle” who needed our help with a plastic bag wrapped around his flipper. Unfortunately his flipper is now too floppy for him to go back to the sea for a little while. While he is resting we are looking after him and are taking turns at having him visit us at home.

We are then writing letters back to the class telling everyone about what we have done. This fits into our English unit for this term on Letter writing. So if you see ST around the school please stop and say hello!
**Class 1/2 News ...**

This term in our Science unit called Save Planet Earth, we are investigating the earth’s resources and how we can conserve them. We are using the Garden of Promise to examine soil and how we can improve it through composting. We use the castings and worm juice from our worm farms to add richness and nutrients to our plants.

We are creating a sensory herb garden which will benefit our entire school community. Water is an essential resource and we will explore how we are reducing wastage throughout the school and in our homes. The most exciting part will be when we delve into the depths of the earth to learn about rocks and crystals and other valuable resources from beneath the ground. Sustainability is an important lesson that we all need to embrace.

Last term, the author Chris Collins visited the school to share some of his books with us. Our class got a special time slot as the Collins Club students shared their own Collins books with him. He was very impressed with their writing and illustrations.

**Year P/1 Class News**

In our P1 Penguins class, we are making musical instruments out of craft and recycled materials. In science, we are learning about light and sound. Sound is something that comes out of your mouth in waves and travels to people’s ears and the ears send it to your brain and your brain works out what it is. Sound is made by vibrations of your vocal cords and other objects make noise by making vibrations that travel through the air. Our instruments are making sounds by hitting something and making it vibrate or strumming something like a string or rubber band and making it vibrate. An echo is made when an object hits other object and it has enough energy to travel back to your ears.  

By Harry M
Job Vacancy...

Vacancy - School Crossing Supervisor

A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at Nashville State School

Remuneration $28.18 per hour

1.5 hours per day on a roster system - up to 5 days per week currently available

Application packs available from the school office.

Applications close: 2 November 2016

School News ...

We are taking bookings for Prep enrolments for 2017. Please contact the office if you have a child starting prep 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. Our next morning in prep is Wednesday 9 November from 9am to 10.30am.

QParent News ...

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Nashville State School will be introducing QParents this Term.

QParents give you access to your child’s student information online to stay connected to your school.

Anywhere, anytime (even on your mobile phone):

- Report cards and assessment
- Timetables
- Attendance records
- Invoice and payment details
- Online payments and much more

All parents/caregivers will receive an invitation email later this week so you can register for QParents.

Many thanks for your cooperation.
If you have not downloaded the free Skoolbag app, please do so as you will receive alerts from the school, newsletters, reminders etc. Thank you
Community News...

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

Family and Child Connect is a free service to help you with the challenges of parenthood. If you are concerned about your situation, this can be the first step towards a better future.