From the Principal ...

Dear parents and carers,

Since our last newsletter we have celebrated World Teacher’s Day and Day for Daniel. Day for Daniel we raised $308.85 for the Daniel Morecombe Foundation. The teachers were treated to a lunch cooked and served by our Year 4 Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program students and were presented with a very large card on parade. Last Friday the Year 4’s hosted some of our cluster principals for lunch – with Mr Roger Aitkin from Bracken Ridge State High School, Mr Phil Campbell from Sandgate District State High School, Mr Glen Robinson from Bald Hills State School and Ms Emma Vine from Shorncliffe State School attending. They were very impressed with the work of the year 4’s.

Last Friday it was Tuckshop Day. On parade we acknowledge our very appreciated tuckshop convenor, Mandy, and her hard working team.

This week on Tuesday afternoon our teachers will be attending a science moderation after school with Shorncliffe State School and Sandgate State School. This is to ensure that our marking of assessments are comparable with other schools. Each term we moderate a different subject area.

At the moment student assessments are continuing for end of term written report cards. Please ensure attendance remains at a high level. Our same day absences policy is working very well – thank you everyone for letting us know on the day of absences. Some days we have no text messages that need to be sent out. Late arrivals continue to be at a high level at the moment. Learning starts at 8.40am.

This week invitations to our Annual Volunteers Afternoon Tea will be sent home. If you have volunteered and you don’t get yours – please contact the office.

Planning for 2017 is under away. If you are leaving us, please ensure you have informed the office to ensure our class numbers are correct.
**From the Principal News cont ...**

Year 5 students are working hard to demonstrate their leadership potential for 2017 positions. Good luck to all students who have indicated they wish to be considered for a position next year.

We are continuing to receive reports of Chicken Pox – mainly Year 4 and Year 2. Please ensure you are monitoring your children at the moment for symptoms and keep them home for the required timeframe.

Two more newsletter to go this year. Please ensure you are aware of our end of year event schedules as per our dates to remember section of this newsletter.

Have a great week 6.

Regards,

Tracey

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**HOC News ...**

I hope you are all keeping well as we move to the second half of the term. This is a very exciting part of the school year and the children are working very well and diligently in every classroom I visit. The learning journey is far from over for 2016 and teachers are working hard to make sure that each and every child finishes the year as well as possible.

**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. Please make sure your email address information is correct with office staff.

**Conversations**

Please note that this is a very busy time at school over the next few weeks as we move into finalising assessments, moderating and commencing preparations for 2017. Some days class teachers will be attending meetings around these arrangements either before or after school and may not be as available as they are at other times of the year. We also appreciate that this is a time of year where you may want to clarify issues regarding your child’s progress or other specific matters with your child’s teacher.

If you do require time to discuss any issues with your child’s teacher, we would request particularly at this time of the year, if you could please contact the school office and provide some details on whether a phone conversation or a face to face meeting would suit you the best. Teachers will be prompt to respond.

**Little Things**

Thank you so much for your support this year in attending to your child’s completion of homework, home-reading and all of the other things that help embed learning throughout the busy school year. Please help your child, as we enter the last few busy weeks at school to help them stay in routines, to get a good sleep each night so they can stay on top during their day at school.

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**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.

**Tuckshop**

Thanks to all for supporting our tuckshop over the year and adjusting so well to the changes that we’ve been making. It’s a fluid process and there’s been a lot of time and effort taken behind the scenes to make it all happen.

Last Friday, 4 November was Tuckshop Day which was a great opportunity to thank Mandy and all the lovely volunteers who generously give up their time to feed our children delicious and healthy lunches. Well done team! So, next time you order, don’t forget to give the Tuckshop ladies a big hip hip hooray.

Also, a reminder that the **last day** of Tuckshop for 2016 will be **Thursday, 24 November**.

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

If you have any questions about the Tuckshop or Smart Choices or you’d like to know more about how you can help, 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!

**Movie Night**

Come along on **FRIDAY, 25 NOVEMBER** for the P&C’s movie night. Our last event for this year.

Dinner will be served from 5:30pm and the movie will commence at 6:30pm. Flyers with more details will be coming home shortly.

**Christmas Raffle**

It’s getting close. We only have five weeks left until the end of Term 4, 2016 and along with all 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 by Friday, 18 November, or by contacting any P&C Exec member.

**Carols by the Bay**

Sandgate will be presenting “Carols by the Bay” at the Einbunpin Lagoon on Wednesday, 7 December from 5:00pm to 8:00pm and Nashville SS will be holding a sausage sizzle in conjunction with Brighton SS.

Many of our regular volunteers will be unable to help out on the night, so we are calling for volunteers to man the stall. For any period of time.

It would be great to see some new faces.

If you can help, or would like further information, please contact Lynda Bundock on 0498 652 917.
The Dads of Nashville (DoNs) hosted The Beach Bonanza event at Suttons Beach on Saturday 29 October. Perfect beach weather meant that a great day was had by all 16 DoNs who attended with their children.

Some highlights from the day included the hotly contested Sandcastle Building Competition and the Beach Relay Event. The kids also had a fantastic time swimming together at the beach before enjoying a sausage sizzle for lunch.

A special thanks to organisers Peter Clark, Lindt Goedhart and Joe Daly for a great event.

For information about the DoNs or to be added to the email list for future events, please contact Pat O’Brien on 0427 409 752 or paddy.ob.47@gmail.com.

**Warehouse Shopping Tour**

Unfortunately, we didn’t have enough people able to come on 12 November so we’ve had to postpone our Warehouse Shopping Tour.

But we can reschedule to either:

- Saturday 19 November
- Saturday 26 November
- OR sometime in the first half of next year.

If you could let us know your preferences, we can work on the date and make this fun day happen!

**Parade Performances**

Junior Choir – Week 7 (Friday November 18)

Senior Choir – Week 8 (Friday November 25)

**Carols by the Bay**

The Junior and Senior Choirs have been invited to perform with Sandgate and Brighton State Schools at the Carols by the Bay on Wednesday 7 December commencing at 6pm. This event is being organised by the Brisbane City Council and the venue is the Einbunpin Lagoon. No uniform is required, just Christmas clothes. A note regarding this performance will be distributed in the coming weeks.

**Nashville State School End of Year Concert**

All students at Nashville will have the opportunity to participate in this concert which will take place in our hall at 9am on Thursday 8 December. Classes and Junior/Senior Choirs will perform Christmas items, the Glee Club will present a song/dance number and the Year 6’s will sing their graduation song. All are welcome to witness this showcase of Nashville talent.
This term Year Four visited Nudgee Beach Environmental Centre. We had a fabulous day walking around the Nudgee waterholes learning about how the local aboriginal peoples used this area for food, shelter and ceremony. Back at the centre we learnt how to make spears, fire and humpies. We completed our own piece of aboriginal artwork and look at traditional tools for food preparation. We completed our day with a trip to the beach to test our skills at spearing sting rays (not real ones!).
KITCHEN/GARDEN CLASSROOM NEWS

WOW! It is hard to believe that we are already half way through Term Four!! The year four kitchen/garden crew have been flat out in the last five weeks.

In the garden we have installed our two new raised beds, emptied all compost bins and filled these beds. We have reorganised our composting area for better access and use. Mrs Stiler and her young green thumbs have created a beautiful herb sensory garden for the entrance of our garden and our Harmony Day heart project has also been installed on the posts of this entrance. By the end of the year we alos hope to finally have our Garden of Promise sign up on these posts. So, even though it is getting hot there is still so much happening in the garden!

Things are heating up in the kitchen too! Not only have we been enjoying cooking for ourselves but this term we have a number of catering gigs! So far we have hosted Mr Fleming, Mrs Douglas, Mrs Christen and Mrs Dodd for a delighful Italian style lunch. In week four we catered for the World Teacher’s Day lunch-eon, where the teachers were treated to a Spanish feast. Last week we hosted a number of local principals for lunch and in the coming weeks we will cater for Yr1/2 Parent lunch, Volunteers Afternoon Tea and the Leader’s Lunch. The young chefs are loving the chance to show off their skills and the new experiences of serving others.

A VERY big thank you to all our wonderful helpers who help out in the kitchen and the garden. Your support and assistance is greatly appreciated!! We could not do what we do each and every week without you.

CAN YOU HELP???

We desperatley need-
- Lemons (so we can bring you our delicious lemonade)
- Clean glass jars, any size, do not have to have lids
- Large pots
Year 4 News cont ...  

RECYCLING NEWS- REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

At Nashville we are always trying to look for ways to be more sustainable as a school. We spent last term looking at the processes we already have in the school and looked to improving them and introducing new initiatives.

In our classrooms we have paper recycling bins which our Yr 2 students empty into our large paper wheelie bin, each classroom also has a fruit scrap bin which is emptied into our compost bins daily by our Yr 3 students, Mrs Stiler and Yr1/2 are responsible for maintaining our worm farms, in the eating areas we have food scrap bins the contents are fed daily to our chooks by our Yr5 and 6 students. In the kitchen we collect all food scraps, we clean and reuse glass jars and recycle our tins, plastic etc into the recycle wheelie bin. As you can see it really is a whole school approach!

This term the Eco Council have introduced on a Friday ‘Nude Food Day’. This is where we are asking students to bring along a lunch that has less packaging. The response has been great! Wouldn’t it be great to see this happening every day? Just imagine how much less waste we would have here at school.

Below is just another way we can recycle even more!

Scrunch and Recycle

The best place for your soft plastics - not your kerbside bin.

Soft plastics, the kind that can be scrunched into a ball, are among the biggest problems in the kerbside recycling system. In fact 8 out of 10 councils consider them the number one problem as they get caught in the recycling machinery.

The good news is these plastics can be recycled at many supermarkets. The bad news, as revealed in research done for Recycling Week, is that only 22% of people know about the program!

This free program is made possible through RedCycle, which has worked with Coles and Woolworths/Safeway Supermarkets to set up collection bins in stores across most of metro-Australia. The cost of collecting and processing the material is covered by many of Australia’s best-known manufacturers (including the Planet Ark Endorsed Naturale Toilet Tissue.)

The plastic is made into furniture for schools and kindergartens among other things.

What You Can Recycle

A good way to remember to recycle these plastics is to put them straight into your reusable shopping bag. You can recycle

- Plastic shopping bags
- Bread, rice and pasta bags
- Biscuit packs (not trays)
- Frozen food bags
- Confectionery (lollie) packets
- Newspaper wrap
- Bubble wrap
- Dry cleaning bags
- Old green (and other re-usable) bags
Year 2 students in term 4 have been busy learners.

**English:** Students have been exploring plot and characterisation in stories. Students have explored a variety of stories, including Dreaming stories, picture books, traditional tales and digital texts, to explore how stories use plot and characterisation to entertain and engage an audience. Students this week will be creating a written imaginative event to be added to a familiar narrative, with appropriate images that match the text, and also present their written event to their peers.

**Math:** Students have applied a variety of mathematical concepts in real-life, life-like and purely mathematical situations.

Students have developed understandings of:

- Data representation and interpretation — gathered data relevant to a question, organised and represent data, interpreted data displays
- Chance — explored the language of chance, made predictions based on data displays
- Shape — drew and described two-dimensional shapes, described the features of three dimensional objects
- Number and place value — recalled addition number facts, identified related addition and subtraction facts, added and subtracted with two-digit and three-digit numbers, used place value to solve addition and subtraction problems
- Used units of measurement — directly compared mass of objects, used informal units to measure mass, length, area and capacity of objects and shapes, compared and ordered objects and shapes based on a single attribute.

**Science:** Save planet Earth

Students have investigated Earth’s resources. They described how Earth’s resources are used and the importance of conserving resources for the future of all living things.

**Geography:** How are people and places connected?

Students have investigated the inquiry question/s identified from the Australian Curriculum: Geography.

How are people connected to their place and other places?
What factors affect my connection to places?

Keep up the good work 2B...............................Mr Kratzmann