Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to term 2.

Term 1 concluded with an outstanding display of persistence and resilience from our students getting across the line after running our cross country fun run. Well done to all of the students for your participation and many thanks to the parents who came along to encourage and support. Mrs Williams did a great job organising and Mr Bartulis prepared the grounds for the event. Thanks to the P&C as well for organizing a refreshing ice block at the end of the run.

This week we have a couple of important visitors to our school. Mr Jeff Geise, my supervisor will be here on Tuesday, and Mr John Fleming will be here all day on Wednesday. John is from Haileybury College in Victoria which has one of the nation’s highest NAPLAN results, and he is the author of Towards a Moving School, which describes his model for school improvement. John will be watching our teachers teach and conducting coaching and training during his visit around his model for explicit teaching.

We have a number of events that you will need to be aware of coming up soon:-

**ANZAC Day** – Our School service will commence at 2 pm Friday 22 April between Block A and B, and the RSL march on Monday 25th at 8.30am outside the RSL in Keogh Street. Students must be in their full school uniform (not sports) including wide brimmed hats and black shoes with white socks and bring a water bottle. Parents are to collect their children straight after the march at 2nd Avenue Real Estate in Second Avenue.

**NAIDOC Planning Day Meeting** – parents of our indigenous students are invited to attend a meeting at 3pm on Thursday 28th April in the music room.

Year 6 students will be visiting Sandgate District State High School and Bracken Ridge State High School this term as part of their induction to high school experiences. A separate permission note will be going home.

Year 5 and 6 students will be going on camp in May to Maroon Dam Environmental Education Centre.

Selected students will be participating at the District Cross Country at ST Pauls on the 29 April 2016.

We are enrolling for Prep 2017. If you have a child at home born between 01/07/11-30/06/12, please contact us to put your child on our list.

For the next 2 weeks we will have long weekends. Enjoy.

Tracey
HOC News...

From Allison

Welcome back everyone to an action-packed term 2!

NAPLAN

For those of you with children in Years 3 and 5, NAPLAN is 3 weeks away. Thank you to the P&C making me so welcome to speak with parents before the meeting last night. I hope that many of you were able to attend. If you missed out and have questions to ask about NAPLAN assessments, please let our school office know. I am happy to send home the hand out from our session.

The “Little Things”

I wrote last term of paying attention to the “little things” when it comes to our children’s development as learners. I will continue on this topic for a few weeks as there are some points of physical development that supports your child maximising their potential in the classroom. There are many opportunities at home – as well as at school – where we can work together to improve outcomes for all students.

Students need certain strengths to sit at a desk, stay alert and focussed for the expected, age-appropriate periods of time and communicate in written form. However, there are some factors that challenge this potential. Surprisingly, this does not necessarily match how fit your child may be!

Today I would like to discuss the impact of low core strength on a child in the classroom. They may like to move a lot (be off their chair, rock the chair, change position on the chair). They may seem easy to distract from work. In addition, a child may show they are not able to engage in listening/reading/writing/staying on a desk task for very long.

What else you might look for at home:

• can your child sit on a chair or floor without their foot underneath their bottom?
• Can your child stabilise with feet flat on the floor, straight back and 45 degree arm when writing/cutting/doing a desk top activity?

What can you do?????

• Correct your child when you see them sitting with their foot under their bottom. Not only does it restrict blood circulation to the brain – it also undermines the continued strengthening of these important muscles.
• Try a couple of phone books taped together or a small step if your child’s feet don’t reach the floor when they sit on a chair or toilet. It is very important for a child to stabilise for both of these functions to work efficiently!
• A wedge piece of foam may help your child build a good habit of straight back posture in the chair.
• Do you have a fit ball? Sit your child on the fit ball for 10-15 minute periods to watch TV, do computer time, or do some writing or reading. They will be strengthening their core without even realising as they keep stable with their 2 feet flat on the floor!

Just one more thing (from my friendly optician!) – if your child has their head on their arm to read with their head tilted – please ask them to sit up and look at the book with both eyes the same distance from the page.....continuing to read in this position can cause problems for eyes working together (convergence), tracking along a line, and reading from the board to the page in class.

Guidance Officer News ...

Hi, I’m Julie Bagley, your Guidance Officer at Nashville State School on Mondays. Many parents express concerns to me about issues with their children and child raising. Commonly I hear an increase in concerns about anxiety and other behaviour issues that parents struggle with. One avenue of direct support that parents can access in the Qld and NT Government is Parentline. This provides parents with a trained psychologist about childhood and adolescent issues. Please contact Parentline on 1300 30 1300.
"Be safe. 
Be a Learner. 
Be Respectful.”

School News ...

Nashville State School
Anzac Service

The staff and school community of
Nashville State School
Extend an invitation to you to attend the
Anzac Day Ceremony
At 2pm on
Friday 22 April

HOST FAMILIES
URGENTLY REQUIRED for
JAPANESE STUDENTS
Ritsumekan Uji JHS (from Kyoto) 14-15 y.o.

ARRIVAL DATE: 21st Aug (SUN) 2016
DEPARURE DATE: 2nd SEP (FRI) 2016
ATTENDING SCHOOL: Nashville SS

HOST FAMILY REQUIREMENTS:
• No other Japanese person staying with the family
• Provide 3 meals per day
• Own bed, but can share a room with a host child
• Over 18’s hold a Blue Card or willing to apply through us
• Safe travel to & from school

Families with children in ANY GRADES are welcome to host

*Single Placement, Remuneration ($510) paid
AUSTRALIA JAPAN STUDY PROGRAMME (AJSP)
Email: ajspkeiko@gmail.com Ph: 0466 547 549 (Keiko)
Website: www.ajsp.net.au

Nashville State School
Brighton

Open Days / Prep Induction Dates 2016
Prep Open Morning Saturday 7 May 10:00am - 11:30am
Under 8’s Day Friday 27 May 8.00am - 10.30am
Morning in Prep Thursday 29 July 8.00am - 10.30am
Parent Information Evening Thursday 18 August 6.00pm - 7.30pm
Prep Interviews 5 - 18 September 8.00am - 16.30pm
Morning in Prep Friday 14 October 8.30am - 10.30am
Morning in Prep Wednesday 9 November 8.00am - 10.30am

Ph: 3869 7333
Douglas Street BRIGHTON 4017
www.nashvilles.eq.edu.au

Free Microsoft Office 2016 for students and school staff

All Queensland state school staff and students can now download multiple free copies of the latest Microsoft Office to their personal home computers and mobile devices.

Students and staff will need to use their school email address to sign in. Students who don’t have a school login, school email account and password should contact their school’s Managed Internet Service (MIS) administrator or class teacher. The administrator will help students activate their school login.

Microsoft Office 2016 is available for personal devices only, not devices owned by the department or part of a school network. Errors and conflicts will occur if Office 2016 is downloaded on departmental devices, as these devices already have a licensed copy of Microsoft Office.

Your Office subscription lasts for as long as you’re a Queensland state school student or school-based staff member.

Download process

For PC and Mac, visit portal.office.com, login using your school email address, click through to install and follow the onscreen process.

For tablets and smartphones, download from your app store and sign in with your school email address.

If you have trouble, please refer to the instructions on how to download and install Microsoft Office 2016 to your personal home computers:

• How to download and install Microsoft Office 2016 to a Windows computer
• How to download and install Microsoft Office 2016 to a Mac computer
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Cross Country News ...
PE News ...

Nashville Cross Country Results

Well done to all athletes who participated in our annual Cross Country. The overall results are as follows:

1st Flinders 254 points
2nd Oxley 188 points
3rd Cook 157 points

Thank you to all students, staff and parents who supported the event. Please continue to bring your sponsor money in to the school office. The following runners have been invited to compete at the Bramble Bay District Cross Country on Friday 29 April at St. Pauls’ School, Bald Hills; Matthew B, Logan J, Chace E, Deklan W, Monique C, Amber H, Hailey S, Kiara P, Ashton S, Riley DR, Ambrose P, Ethan T, Eleanor H, Holly B, Uleexa T, Kiahn T, Isaac Mc, Jack J, Lee VDW, Jackson C, Allysaa W, Mika M, Hannah M, Makaylah W, Rommy Mac, Dean W, Harvey H, Billy D, Evie T, Mackenzie C, Cayla W, Charlotte C.

Good luck to all of these athletes.

Metropolitan North Rugby League

All the best to Ashton S. who will be participating as a member of the Bramble Bay District Rugby League Team at the Metropolitan North Rugby League trials. The trials will be held on 3, 4, 5 May.

Community News ...

KIDS LOVE DRAMA
PARENTS LOVE THE RESULTS!

Our unique drama system develops confidence and communication skills in children and teenagers.

Dynamic and structured, our programme covers speech, movement, creative drama and language development with all students participating in an end-of-year production.

Our acclaimed drama programme is implemented by dynamic teachers who work enthusiastically to bring out the very best in your child.

Affordable Fees! No Hidden Costs!

Lower Primary (5–8), Upper Primary (9–12) and Youth Theatre (12–18).

Helen O’Grady Drama Academy
Albany Creek State School Studio

Please phone the Principal Margaret Treuel B.A., Dip. Ed.

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Class 2 News

This term the students are doing the following:

Science - Toy factory

In this unit students will understand how a push or pull affects how an object moves or changes shape. They use informal measurements to make and compare observations about movement and sort information about the way toys move.

English - Responding persuasively to narratives

In this unit, students read, view and listen to a variety of literary texts to explore how stereotypes are used to persuade audiences. Students compare how the visual representations of a character are depicted differently in two publications of the same story and write a persuasive response giving reasons for a particular preference.

Math - In this unit students apply a variety of mathematical concepts in real-life, lifelike and purely mathematical situations.

- Shape - recognise and name familiar 2D shapes, describe the features of 2D shapes, draw 2D shapes and describe the features of familiar 3D objects.
- Number and place value - represent two-digit numbers, partition two-digit numbers into place value parts, represent addition situations.
- Patterns and algebra - identify the 3s counting sequence, describe number patterns, identify missing elements in counting patterns, and solve simple number pattern problems.
- Fractions and decimals - represent halves and quarters of shapes, represent halves and quarters of collections, represent eighths of shapes and collections, describe the connection between halves, quarters and eighths, and solve simple number problems involving halves, quarters and eighths.
- Using units of measurement - use a calendar, identify the number of days in each month, relate months to seasons, tell time to the quarter hour.

Geography - What is the story of my place?

- What is a place?

The content provides opportunities to develop the following concepts for geographical understandings: place, space, environment, interconnections and scale.

I would like to take this time to thank all the people who have helped or offered to help myself and the students, without your help the school community would not function like it does. And thanks also to the staff at Nashville for all your help, I do appreciate it.

THANKS from Mr Kratzmann
Next P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on **Monday, 16 May** from 7:00pm in the Teacher’s Staff Room. All are welcome to attend.

Annual General Meeting – 21 March, 2016 – Executive Committee

The AGM was held on Monday, 21 March and the following members were elected onto the committee for 2016:

- **President** - Lynda Bundock
- **Vice President** - Susan Holland
- **Treasurer** - Abby Harvey
- **Secretary** - Jane Grant
- **Grants Coordinator** - Regina Gleeson
- **Communications** - Janine Brush

We also thank the following members for their continued and very important work:

- **Uniform Shop** - Chenani Ewart-Morgan
- **Tuckshop Convenor** - Mandy Williams

A number of sub-committees were also created. Thank you to the following for stepping up:

- **Mothers’ Day Stall Coordinator (s)** - Katie Firster, Prue Bowes
- **Fundraising Committee** - Su Holland, Abby Harvey, Lynda Bundock
- **Grants Committee** - Regina Gleeson (advisor), Katie Firster, Allison Christian
- **Tuckshop/Smart Choices** - Su Holland, Mandy Williams, Claire Kidu.

Thank you to all of you who volunteer your time to the school P&C, not only to the position holders, but also those who regularly come and take part in our meetings and those who work quietly behind the scenes and are always there to help. The efforts of EVERY single one of us combine into a supportive school community to benefit some very important assets – our children.

Calendar of Events

We’re currently working on a term by term calendar of events. This is a great resource to print and pop on your fridge and an easy way to keep a track of upcoming dates. It will be published and distributed very soon so keep an eye out.

Mother’s Day Stall

The annual P&C Mother’s Day Stall will be held on **Friday, 6 May**. This is an important date in our fundraising calendar, and the kids (and parents) love being able to buy a range of lovely gifts before the day, and help support the school.

There’ll be regular updates of what’s on offer and how you can help.

Einbunpin Festival

The Einbunpin Festival runs on the last Sunday of July each year – this year being **Sunday, 31 July**. Pop the date in your calendar now. If you haven’t been before, it’s really a fantastic day out in our community.

Our school is becoming quite well known for its fabulous jams and preserves and now is the time to start cooking!

To help with this process we’ll soon be asking for donations of sugar, vinegar, pectin, fruit/veg you may be growing.

If you can help out, and would like more details, please contact Abby Harvey (styleline_roofing@yahoo.com.au).
**P & C News cont...**

**Butterfly Room**
To support all of the good work the Butterfly Room provides for our children with special needs or just need some time out, the P&C have donated $400 to enable Mr Florence to purchase more resources (including toys/Lego). This will be reviewed on an annual basis.

**Federal Election Stall**
Just a bit of a heads up that we expect the Federal election to be called later this year and of course when it happens, we’ll be an election stall and sausage sizzle. We’ll need the following:

- Cooks for the Sausage Sizzle
- Home bake donations – your yummiest stuff to sell
- People to help man the stall and serve Sausages – we need at least 5 people

Su Holland has kindly volunteered to coordinate this event, so please get in touch with her to let her know that you’ll be able to assist in any way when the time comes.

**Home bake champions required for Tuckshop**
Did you know that our Tuckshop can sell anything up 100 pieces of home bake a day? That’s 200 pieces of something YUMMY for our kids every week. Where does that come from? Our AMAZING Home bake volunteers – about 3 people are currently contributing, and we need to spread the load. PLEASE see Mandy in Tuckshop if you can help – even occasionally! She’ll give you some ideas and recipes for favourites. THANK YOU in advance!
Brisbane City Council Libraries Gold Star Reading Club

The Gold Star Reading Club will kick off in Council libraries across the city on Tuesday 3 May 2016.

There are five great reasons for children to get involved in the 2016 Gold Star Reading Club.

1. Membership to the Gold Star Reading Club is FREE!
2. The Gold Star Reading Club can help children improve their reading and literacy skills.
3. Children will be rewarded for reading with exciting monthly incentives – a bookmark, a bubble pen and a library bag.
4. The opportunity for all participants to enter the monthly draw to win a $25 book voucher.
It’s FUN! Children will have fun sharing their reading experiences with family and friends.

This is a great opportunity for parents to share in their children’s reading achievements.

To register your child for the Gold Star Reading Club, simply visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries or your local library to complete a registration form.

For more information about the Gold Star Reading Club, visit your local library or call Council on 3403 8888.

Help with homework, assignments and reading is available for primary and high school students from all grades including Prep, throughout the school term. This is a free service and everyone is welcome. Homework Help is available Wednesday afternoons 3.30pm-5pm.
Sandgate Village Presents Twilight Cinema, Entertainment and Markets
Einbunpin Lagoon Brighton Rd Sandgate. This Saturday 16th April.
Commencing from 2pm.
Minions Movie Starts 5.45pm!

Enquires www.sandgatevillage.org
or Helen Masters 0412 036 197