Dear Parents

**Athletics**
The Nashdale Athletics Carnival will be held at the school oval TOMORROW. All students K-6 will participate in the carnival. Students can wear their sporting house colours on the day (please no coloured hair spray!) Thank you to all parents who volunteered for jobs on the day. Your help is very much appreciated. A morning tea will be provided for all volunteers! We welcome any helpers on the day.

It is always a very social event. We encourage parents, grandparent to dress in house colours and cheer on the children. Bring your joggers for the parent versus staff relay.

The **high jump** event has already been contested. Congratulations to the following placegetters;

- **Junior Boys**
  - 1st Jono R., 2nd Tom S., Equal 3rd Lochie J. & Paddy T.

- **Junior Girls**
  - 1st Georgia C., Equal 2nd Hannah B. & Caprice T.

- **11 Boys**
  - 1st Braiden D., 2nd Jack C.

- **11 girls**
  - 1st Ariana S.

- **Senior boys**
  - 1st Alex S.

- **Senior girls**
  - 1st Anna M., 2nd Bella S.

Congratulations to all placegetters and every competitor who entered for their house. A reminder that the OSSA carnival has qualifying standards. Students must meet these to qualify for the OSSA carnival in certain events.

There will be a march past followed by boys and girls age races (70/100 metres). These will be timed heats and these times will determine place getters. If parents plan to take children home after this event please have your name checked off by Mr Adam Osborn (team manager) as other staff will be doing jobs on the day. Please complete the permission note at the end of the newsletter.

**Green Books**
Thank you to the very positive responses we have had to your children’s green books. They have been very proud to share Mum & Dad’s comments about their work.

**Banking**
The Orange branch of Bendigo bank has received approval to conduct a student banking program at Nashdale School. Information will be sent home early next term. If you wish your child to participate you will need to go into Bendigo bank for the 100 point check to prove you/your child’s identity. This is a requirement of all banks for security purposes. Thanks to Connie Gaeta for volunteering to coordinate this opportunity for our children.

**Swimming**
Well done to our Orange District swimming representatives; **Georgia and Gus C.** who swam so well at the recent Western Area Carnival in Dubbo.

**Easter hat parade**
Drag out the glue, paint and feathers - our annual Easter hat parade will be held on Friday morning 11th April at 9.20am. K-Y6 hats are to be made at home and brought to school on the day. Any kind of crazy hat/headwear (as long as appropriate for primary school) can be worn. Transition hats will be made at school. Our Easter raffle will be drawn during the parade and prizes awarded.

**School Tie Survey**
Please find the following information from the P&C regarding the addition of a school tie to our
uniform. Last year the parent body voted to add a dress tie to our uniform. This tie is optional and does not need to be worn each day. It can be worn on special occasions. Please return your vote for either a plain green or tartan tie. Ties are on display in the school office.

**2014 Voluntary School Contributions**
Thank you so much to all the families of K-6 students, who have paid their contributions to the office. These funds make an enormous difference to resourcing your child’s education and are greatly appreciated.

**Updating FOIE information**
Thank you to the families who have already handed in their Family Occupation Index notes (no mean feat considering I forgot to send home the occupation groups at the same time! Apologies – you should all have them now). It is very important that this information is received by the school as it will affect our funding for next year. Thanks for your help.

**Future directions for Nashdale**
Very shortly we will be seeking feedback from families as to the future size of our school. Many families are hoping to join our Nashdale school community, which makes us proud, but if we keep taking twenty students in Kindergarten each year, then our school will grow to over 140 students within five years. There are many factors to be considered and so far the P&C have discussed the issue and staff have also been consulted for their views. Each family will have an opportunity to give feedback. The principal and P&C executive will use this feedback to help develop guidelines on future enrolment numbers. This is very important as Enrolment Applications for Kindergarten and Transition for 2015 will be sent to interested families for next year. In zone enrolments and siblings of children already enrolled at Nashdale will have preference over other applicants as per our enrolment policy. All other applicants will be considered by a *placement panel* (made up of staff and parent representatives). A letter further detailing this issue will be sent home shortly.

**Parking**
Representatives from the Roads and Maritime Services, Department of Education and Communities and Cabonne Council will be meeting with us before next term to observe the traffic issues we have raised. We hope to work together to make entering and exiting the school safer for our students. We will keep you updated with developments.

This term we have been teaching children skills to deal with conflict resolution and anti bullying. You may have heard children tell you about the High 5 Hand. This strategy gives children a scaffold to use to resolve conflict themselves and know when to report behaviours.
1. **Ignore** – the behaviour
2. **Talk friendly** - ask someone politely to stop doing what you don’t like
3. **Walk away** – move away from the person, play/work somewhere else
4. **Talk firmly** – use a strong/brave voice to tell them to stop
5. **Report** – tell a responsible adult

Some things you must report straight away – if you or some else is being hurt or property/equipment are being damaged. You must report/tell. This is not “dobbing”. It is being a good school citizen.

**SRC - Buy a Bale**
The Student Representative Council (the SRC) is holding its Term One fundraiser - ‘Dress like a Farmer’ day next Friday. Please visit: [www.buyabale.com.au](http://www.buyabale.com.au) for more details about the Buy A Bale organisation.

**Who:** Transition to Year 6  
**What:** Dress like a farmer day  
**When:** Friday 28th March  
**Cost:** Gold coin donation
Term One Excursions

*Monday 7th April – Optional onsite activity
Base Zero - a mobile rock climbing company. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8KJt1q2RAo
All positions are filled with a waiting list just in case someone is sick on the day. We will have separate groups. One for the little ones and one for the big kids so that we can make the most of our time.
We will be climbing from 11am-12pm, so feel free to come and watch. Students not climbing will be cheering on their classmates. What hair raising fun!

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED PERMISSION NOTES FOR BELOW EXCURSIONS & return by Friday 28th March

Wednesday 9th April – Great Galaxies visiting science show ($6 per K-6 child). This will be the culmination of our earth sciences units this term (Nashdale Hall).

Friday 11th April – Cross Country at the Lake.($2.50 per Transition-6 child). We will be joining Canobolas Public for Cross Country practise. Transition will be joining us for a play at the playground and some Easter fun!

Vacation Care – Easter holidays
Bookings for Orange City Council’s Vacation Care for April 2014 holidays opens Monday of next week.

The Inaugural Wombat Books Illustration Challenge - NOW OPEN!
Wombat Books is seeking original illustrations from Australian students to publish in a unique picture book by well-known children’s author Aleesah Darlison. The Challenge has been established to provide aspiring young illustrators with the opportunity to be published in a professionally produced children’s book and gain an introduction into the world of illustrating.
The book, titled Zoo Ball, is scheduled for release in early 2015. Up to twenty winning illustrators will be published in the book and will also receive two free copies of the book and a $50 voucher. They will be acknowledged on the Wombat Books website as a rising illustrator and there may be opportunities for them to illustrate work in the future.
One outstanding illustrator will be given the exclusive opportunity to design the cover for the book and will win a cash prize of $200.
For full guidelines and entry forms visit:

ANZAC Day March
Our school will be joining the Anzac Day march

March birthdays
Jack C 9th, Isaac E 27th, Addie and Millie H. 18th, Sonia and Audrey S. 19th, Max F. 27th, Greta B. 29th.

Dates for the Diary

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Local is Lovely book launch
by OUR Sophie Hansen
(featuring some of our Nashdale producers – including Mr Greg Kocanda)
Thursday 27 March 5.30pm
Orange City Library
Bookings essential 6393 8132
Adding an (optional) tie to our uniform

Over the last few years, the Nashdale School Uniform has been updated to reflect a modern school with a strong link to tradition. The uniform was updated to the following:

- green tartan pinafore (girls)
- brown trousers (boys)
- bottle green woollen jumper
- bottle green zip up jacket
- green scarf
- black shoes
- bottle green sports shorts
- green and white short sleeved sports shirt

There is currently a proposal put forward by the P&C with the Principal, to continue this process of change by adding an optional tie. The tie would be optional, with the view that it could be worn on special occasions such as school photos, eisteddfod and ANZAC day.

A survey conducted late last year indicated a general interest in adding this optional tie so we now face the decision of what it should be made of. There are two choices:

1. The tie could be the same plaid material as the pinafore. Kingfisher Uniforms have the fabric in stock and can easily and quickly make the ties up should we go for this option.
2. The tie could be made up in a bottle green to match our woollen jumpers. This option involves ordering fabric samples and then a sample tie to be made in the chosen colour. It is a somewhat more lengthy process.

Samples of both ties will be displayed in the office. If you have the opportunity, please take a look then vote on your preferred option as per below. Please return this form to the office by March 28.

Uniforms are reflective of the school and its community and greatly enhance the image of the school. Students should feel a sense of belonging and pride in their school when wearing their uniform.

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Vote by placing circling the preferred option

Plaid (tartan) tie

Bottle Green Tie

Family name ____________________________

Return to the School Office by March 28. Thank you
EXCURSION – GREAT GALAXIES (K-6)

I give permission for my child/ren …………………… to attend the Great Galaxies show at the Nashdale Hall on Wednesday 9th April 2014. I have enclosed payment of $6 per child.

Signed ……………………………………… Date ……………………………
(Parent/Guardian)

EXCURSION – LAKE CANOBOLAS (Transition-Year 6)

I give permission for my child/ren ………………… to visit Lake Canobolas on 11th April 2014. I have enclosed payment of $2.50 per child for bus travel.

Signed ……………………………………… Date ……………………………
(Parent/Guardian)

OSSA Athletics carnival

I give permission for my child/ren………………….. to participate in the OSSA Athletics carnival at Waratahs Sportground in Orange on Friday 4th April. I understand that they must be in attendance by 8.30am. I understand I need to arrange for my child/ren will be collected from the grounds by 3pm

Signed:……………………………………………….Date:
(Parent/Guardian)