Dear Parents

Our amazing students
Our students are truly amazing! If you needed more evidence, look at what some of our children have been doing…..

Horseriding
Darcey Eyb - Orange Show - Under 12 champion local rider, Local Pony Reserve Champion, Champion Rider, Champion Horse and Reserve Champion Horse

Cross Country
Tom Scott and Jack Garlick – OSSA Cross Country Champions – 1st in their age groups!

OSSA Cross Country Reps to compete at Molong next week – Hannah Bennett, Anna Macpherson, Tom Scott, Georgia Cornish, Jono Rasmussen, Joseph Kocanda

CWA Public Speaking
Our representatives for the CWA Public Speaking in Bathurst (28th May) are

Year 3 - William Wright
Year 4 - Georgia Cornish
Year 5 – Caprice Tesoriero
Year 6 - Anna Macpherson

Tennis
Joseph Kocanda – WESTERN REGION tennis team. Joseph competed in Newcastle last week and was awarded a medal for the most number of games won. Well done Joe!

Athletics
Jono Rasmussen was finally awarded his Junior Boys Champion trophies

Netball
Congratulations to the following girls who were selected in the OSSA Netball team – Caprice Tesoriero, Georgia Cornish, Anna Macpherson. The team won 2 from 3 games at the recent Gala Day and played so well! Well done to Mrs Miller for coaching and managing the team also.

Debating
The Nashdale team will take on Bathurst Public in the first round of debates on Friday 30th May. This will follow a debating workshop on the 28th May in Bathurst. Thank you to Ms Cain for leading the charge and preparing our students so well.

Boys Soccer
Well done to the following boys selected in the OSSA team – Joseph Kocanda, Braiden Dixon, Alex Sinclair, John Toberty and Charlie Strudwick
The boys play Calare PS in the first round of the state PSSA knockout on Monday at Calare.

**Girls Soccer**

Congratulations to Anna Macpherson, Ariana Swann and Bella Sattler who were selected in the OSSA Girls soccer team to compete next Thursday. Bad luck to Anna, who has fractured her arm and can no longer compete.

**Apple Art**

Our Apple Art was proudly displayed at last Saturday’s Farmers Market. If you didn’t get a chance to see it, the artworks are still displayed at the Orange Library. We enjoyed our yummy apples from Mr Kocanda at the Cross Country. We had a **giant apple crunch** at 11am. Yum!

**Orange Show**

Thanks to Mrs Dennis and Ms White for putting together the Nashdale Show Display. It was a lovely showcase of our students works and our scarecrow was awarded 1st Place!

**Visitors to the school**

To complement our teaching and learning programs we have had visitors from both the SES and a nurse educator visit students recently. We appreciate community members giving up their time to share experiences and learning with our children.

### 2013 Premiers Reading Challenge

**Friday 22nd August 2014** is the last day for students to record their books online. Some students have already completed their challenges!

If you are having difficulty accessing the internet at home then there are a couple of options. Students can register their own books at school or send the list of books they have read to Mrs Toberty by Friday 16th August and I will record them for you. There are booklists available to borrow from school.

A reminder of the process –

1. Google “Premiers Reading Challenge 2013”
2. Go to the left hand toolbar
3. Logon with students school internet username and password (these have been sent home and your child’s class teacher can also provide you with this information if younger students can’t remember)
4. Go to Student Reading Record
5. Enter books by number on the booklists or by simply typing the name of the book and selecting from drop down toolbar

Booklists are also available on left hand tool bar. I have showed all classes this procedure regularly so your child should be able to help you navigate too! All the books read can go towards both library borrowing and our home reading program.

**NAPLAN**

Students in Years 3 & 5 are currently sitting National Assessments in Language & Writing, Reading and Mathematics.

While the tests are compulsory, please keep in mind that they provide information as to your child’s abilities in those areas on one day, in one test. Your child’s teacher can give you a detailed analysis of your child’s capabilities and needs over time and are happy to meet with you at any time by appointment.

**School Banking**

School banking is up and running! Just over a third of our students have taken up this opportunity. Thanks to Daniela Scuito from Bendigo bank for organising and to Connie Gaeta for depositing the money into Orange. Banking days will be fortnightly on a Tuesday (even school weeks ie Wks 2,4,..etc..). This will commence next Tuesday 20th May. Mrs Gaeta will deposit the banking and return passbooks before the next banking period. Ms Scuito will also be volunteering in our maths sessions on a
fortnightly basis to assist with students number and financial literacy.

**2015 Kindergarten and Transition enrolments**

Applications for 2015 Kindergarten class and Transition program at Nashdale will be sent home shortly.

All Transition students will receive an application for Kindergarten and we also have a number of other children seeking enrolment next year.

If you know of any child hoping to come to Nashdale for either Kindergarten or Transition next year could you please encourage them to ensure they are on our list, as it will only be those registered who will receive an application. A placement panel will determine acceptance into Kindergarten as per our Enrolment Policy (to be distributed with application package).

After places are offered in early Term Three, all other applicants will be placed on a waiting list pending the availability of positions.

Please remember that the Transition program is only for those students who plan to attend school in the following year (as per DEC policy guidelines).

**Year 6 jumpers**

This year we have decided to introduce a jumper for our students in Year 6. The jumpers are second hand but are in very good condition, only worn once or twice (see photos below) The cost of the jumper will be $30 which covers the cost of the jumper ($15) and lettering on the back ($15) The lettering will include the student’s name and a large number 14) This is an optional purchase for Year 6. If any Year 6 student would like to purchase a jumper please return the order along with $30 by next Friday 23rd May (so we can order and wear them during the winter months!)

**Wanted – To Rent**

- House/cottage for one of our Scripture teachers and her cat. Her house has been sold and she needs a new home!
- Garage/shed to store furniture for about one month. Student is moving to town and her lease doesn’t start for a month so she needs somewhere to store her furniture until then.

Please contact the school if you can help out with either of these requests.

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**Dates for the Diary**

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**Active After Schools program Term 2**

This term we are fortunate to have 2 new sports for our Active After schools program. Kim Dale and Leigh Florence will be taking the students in Years 1-6 for Orienteering each Friday afternoon during school time, with a special Orienteering day on the 18th June (more details to come closer to the day) and Adam Osborn will be coaching students in Golf. The golf program will run for the next 6 Wednesdays from 3pm-4pm and is open to Year 3-6 students. There will be a maximum of 12 students able to complete the golf program and will be offered to the first 12 students who return their notes. The school has a limited number of golf sticks (12) Any students wishing to play and who have their own child sized sticks are welcome to bring those along on Wednesdays.

Please fill out the permission note below and return to the office if your child is in Years 3-6 and interested in playing golf each Wednesday.

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I would like my child: ___________________________________________________________ to participate in the Active After Schools program on Wednesdays (starting on the 21st May) from 3pm -4pm.

Signed: ___________________________________________ Date: ____________________

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May’s P&C meeting was recently held, and below are some outlines of what was discussed:

- Playground upgrade has been given the approval to commence. Our aim is to commence the 1st stage as soon as possible. Matt Garlick and Clair Whelan are coordinating this exciting development.
- 6 new iPad’s are approved and will be ordered by the P&C.

P&C MEETINGS ARE HELD ON
THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH IN THE STAFFROOM.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 5th June at 7pm. Every family from Transition through to Year 6 is encouraged to have a representative come along and join in the discussions that are centred around your child’s school. And it’s okay to bring along the kids. We can set them up with a movie!!!

Some of the items we will be discussing next meeting are;

- Fundraising updates for 2014 – some exciting and engaging new ideas/events were presented at the last meeting, your team aims to begin to plan and organise these upcoming events – watch this space!
- Playground updates – come and find out what is happening in the playground to enrich your child’s learning experiences at school.

We look forward to seeing many new faces next month.

Jane Mcmillan – Secretary
Nashdale Public School
New Attendance Procedures

It is a legal requirement and a major responsibility of parents and carers that children attend school every day that it is open for instruction. Parents should NOT keep a child away from school for the following reasons, as they are not considered acceptable:

- Birthdays
- Shopping
- Minding other children
- For routine check-ups or care such as haircuts
- Minor family events
- Regular appointments (ie private swimming or music lessons) which require students to leave school early.

While we acknowledge that not all specialist medical and dental appointments can be made after school, we request that where possible, every attempt is made to arrange these visits after school hours, or during school holidays.

After each absence a note needs to be sent to the school within two days to explain the absence. Information on the note must clearly state the reason for the absence, giving an indication of the type of illness or justifiable reason for absence which prevented the student from being at school, or alternatively parents may like to make a telephone call to the school and explain the reason for the child's absence. Student exemptions can be sought if parents are aware of an event which may cause a period of absence such as:

- Family holiday
- Hospital based treatment
- Family bereavement
- Infectious illness

These exemptions need to be applied for in advance or as soon as possible into/after the series of absences. This can be put into place with a phone call to the school or by picking up an exemption form from the office.

Within seven days following the child's absence, they will be recorded as an unjustified absence. These are monitored remotely by the Home School Liaison Officer. If a child's absence was a sensitive issue or for personal reasons and you do not wish to discuss the absences with our office staff, you may ask to speak to myself or the class teach or you may post your absence letter to the school and mark it ‘Confidential’ and for the ‘Attention of the Principal’.

We continue to seek the cooperation of parents in caring for the educational needs of Nashdale students and this includes regular attendance at school.

Mrs Kylie Toberty
Relieving Principal

Please find examples of absence notes over the page
May I please ask that you take time to read over the following examples carefully, so that you are fully aware of the type of absences that will be justified by the NSW Department of Education

**Examples of absence Notes:**

**CORRECT \[\] School Absence – Leave \[\] **IN CORRECT**

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| Dear .................
   My son, John Smith was away on 13/10/2013, as he had a family funeral/death in the family |
| Parent/Guardian Signature: |
| Parent/Guardian Name: Mrs J Smith |
| Date: 14/10/2013 |
| Dear .................
   John was away last Thursday as he had family commitments. |
| Parent/Guardian Signature: |
| Parent/Guardian Name: Mrs J Smith |
| Date: 14/10/2013 |

**CORRECT \[\] School Absence – Sick \[\] **IN CORRECT**

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| Dear .................
   My son, John Smith was away on 13/10/2013, as he was very sick with tonsillitis. |
| Parent/Guardian Signature: |
| Parent/Guardian Name: Mrs J Smith |
| Date: 14/10/2013 |
| Dear .................
   John was away last Thursday as he was sick. |
| Parent/Guardian Signature: |
| Parent/Guardian Name: Mrs J Smith |
| Date: 14/10/2013 |

**CORRECT \[\] Occasional Leave Pass \[\] **IN CORRECT**

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| Dear .................
   Please allow my son, John Smith to leave school at 2.30pm on 13/10/2013, as he has an orthodontic appointment in Orange. We were unable to do this after school hours. |
| Parent/Guardian Signature: |
| Parent/Guardian Name: Mrs J Smith |
| Date: 14/10/2013 |
| Dear .................
   John needs a leave pass for Thursday, as he has an appointment in Orange. |
| Parent/Guardian Signature: |
| Parent/Guardian Name: Mrs J Smith |
| Date: 14/10/2013 |