Dear Parents

Playground Blitz!
What an amazing sight greeted students last week when they returned to school. Gone were the tree roots and slippery slopes, replaced by a double terrace to rival the great architectural wonders of the world.

Matt Garlick, Mal McMillan, Neale McNabb and Scott Petersen are to be congratulated for their efforts in providing the base infrastructure to base all future work around our children’s playground. It was a mammoth effort and considering the atrocious conditions - doubly so!

The kids have given the project a big “thumbs up” and have loved jumping from level to level, balance walking along the wood and using all the new seating that it provides.

What a lucky community we are to have such talented and generous people among us!

Special mention
Our new split level playground is worth over $12,000 and the P&C have paid $1800.
Please give a nod to the following businesses and tradespeople who donated materials, equipment and labour towards the project. We appreciate their generosity.

- Whites Stock Transport - $1800 (Timber)
- Matt & Cassie Garlick - $590 (Cement)
- Tim Carroll (Ironbark) - $1600 (Bobcat – 4 days x $400)
- Neale McNabb - $2000 (Tipper truck – 4 days x $500)
- Lochie Bunting (Locinda) – $1200 (Clay fill - 60 tonne)
- Kennard’s Hire - $250 (mini loader)

Labour
- Matt Garlick 38 hours
- Mal McMillan 9 hours
- Neale McNabb 6 hours
- Scott Petersen 5 hours

Nashdale P&C - $1800 (Mulch)

Please acknowledge and support these businesses if you can as way of thanks for their generosity.

Nashdale Soccer
Nashdale PS and a dedicated band of parents travelled to Sydney last week to play Annangrove PS in the PSSA Soccer Knockout.

Again, a tremendous thank you to Mr Andrew Fraser and Mr Greg Kocanda, who coached out team for the final time.

There is an opening here next year!

Unfortunately, after a close battle, we went down 2-1. We knew it would be a tough match as we usually meet...
Annangrove at the finals at the end of the year. Tough draw! They provided a lovely lunch after the game and we wish them well in the competition.

We were thrilled to have supporters travel from throughout Sydney, Port Stephens and even Coffs Harbour! Jono’s grandmother even baked us a chocolate cake to share!

Thank you to all the parents who travelled to the game. Without this support our children could not enjoy such experiences.

Grandfriend’s Day
We can’t wait for our Grandfriend’s Day on Monday. We will be welcoming grandparents, special family friends and even some Mums and Dads! The children will be serving afternoon tea and you can join in activities including French knitting and traditional games. Some students will also be videoing our grandfriend’s memories of when they were at school. The fun begins at 1.45pm. Please RSVP by tomorrow, if you haven’t had a chance as yet. A text is fine.

Education Week
Next week the state will celebrate sixty years of Education Week. At Nashdale you are invited to the following activities

**Grandfriend’s Day** – Monday 28th 1.45pm
**Open Day/Assembly** - Thursday 31st from 1pm
  - 1.30pm – Open classrooms
  - 1.30-2pm – Recess with children (Yr6 cake stall)
  - 2pm – Assembly (performances by the bucket bands and recorder groups)

District Athletics
After much changing of plans due to the terrible weather wreaking havoc with grounds – the Orange District Athletics Carnival will be held next **Friday 1st August at ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL from 8.30am**. Mrs McAnulty from Spring Hill will be the OSSA team manager.

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing OSSA;

- **Georgia** – junior relay, 100m, long jump
- **Anna** – senior relay, long jump
- **Ariana** – 200m, shot put
- **Patrick, Gus** – 8 yrs 100m
- **Jono** – 100, 200, long jump, high jump, relay
- **Tom** – High jump, 800m
- **Joseph** – 800m, long jump

Parent Teacher interviews
Thank you to all parents who will be attending these interviews today and next Thursday. Supervision will be available in the transition room. Parents are welcome to have their children in attendance for all or part of their child’s interview.

Body Shop party
We will be hosting a Body Shop party at school, 7pm Thursday 31st July, as a small fundraiser but also as a social gathering. There is no pressure to buy or attend but we would love to see you there for a couple of hours of fun. Bring a small bowl/ice cream bucket & a hand towel (to enjoy a lovely handsoak and scrub) and a small plate of nibbles or drink to share. All proceeds will go to the P&C. Please RSVP by Tuesday.

Welcome back Mrs Budd
It was lovely to welcome back Mrs Budd to the transition program last week from maternity leave. Her beautiful boy Harvey is now 6 months old and fully recovered from his surgery. We are all happy to have her back with team Nashdale!

Performing Arts
You may have been lucky enough to hear some amazing music being made at Nashdale recently. Mrs Wood has been doing an amazing job leading our music program!

Our fabulous Nashdale Band!

The Nashdale band performed at our last assembly and are practising at lunchtime on Tuesdays. Our recorder group have a wonderful repertoire for such a short time together.
and every class has been stirring with their abilities on the bucket drums.
In addition to these opportunities provided by Mrs Wood, students also have;
- weekly choir with Regional Conservatorium instructor, Samantha Batholemuez (Yrs 2-6 will be performing at the Orange Eisteddfod),
- Drama with Ms Cain (Yr1 will also be performing verse speaking at the Eisteddfod),
- Dance with Mrs Miller, and;
- opportunities to learn instruments through the Orange Regional Conservatorium on Wednesdays.

We are so lucky to be able to access such talented people to inspire and develop creativity in our children. Thank you!

**CWA International Day Invitation**

Well done on the hard work children (and parents!) have put into this year's CWA projects. The country of study this year is Botswana. The CWA invites parents, friends and the wider Nashdale community to join with the students in a presentation about Botswana;

**Nashdale Hall 1pm Thursday 14th August.**

We hope to see you there!

**Transition – Yr2 Excursion**

While Years 3-6 are on their Zoo/Burrendong excursion, we have organised an excursion for our younger students. There will be a train ride to Blayney on an old fashioned train and another activity (yet to confirm) on Friday 22nd August. The cost will be approximately $10 per student. More details as our bookings are confirmed for all activities.

**3-6 Excursion**

Thank you to all parents and students who have returned their medical notes for the excursion which is coming up on the 20th-22nd August. A reminder that medical notes need to be returned by the 29th July and the remainder of the payment ($205) is due on Friday the 1st August.

There will be a meeting in the next few weeks letting students know what they need to bring for the excursion.

**Year 6 Cake Stall**

As is tradition at Nashdale, Year 6 fundraise each year to buy the school a present. Year 6 are holding their very first event for the year – a cake stall to be held on Thursday 31st July (Education Week open day) at recess time. Delicious cupcakes, slices and biscuits will be for sale for 50c or $1. We would appreciate if students could bring along coins rather than notes please.

**Jump Rope for Heart**

What an amazing school we are!!! Congratulations to students and parents who raised just over $3000 for Jump Rope for Heart. This money will go straight to the Heart Foundation and the school will also receive 10% of the funds raised, as well as prizes for the students. Well done everyone!

**Dates for the Diary**

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**Orange Eisteddfod**

Nashdale will be performing in two sessions of the Orange Eisteddfod. Year One has entered in the hotly contested Year 1&2 Verse speaking (session time approx. 10am Thursday 7th August) and Yrs 2-6 will be performing in the Small Schools Choir (approx. 10am Friday 15th August). Travel for year 1 will be by private transport and for Years 2-6 we will be travelling from the venue by bus and would like parents to deliver their children to the Function Centre. There will be staff to meet the students in the foyer from 8.50am. There will be no cost for Year 1 and Yrs 2-6 will be approx. $4 for return bus trip. We hope that you may be able to come and cheer us on if you can. Thanks to Ms Cain for guiding year 1 and Mrs Fran Wilton and Ms Samantha Bartholemuez for preparing the choir. Good luck Nashdale!

**Community News - CAVALIERS CRICKET CLUB SIGN-ON DAY**

**When** - Sunday, 31st August 2014 **Times** - 10am – 12 noon

**Where** - Riawena Oval (Pavilion) (Kooronga Avenue in Westlea)
**Who** - Kanga’s (6-8 years), Under 10s, Under 13’s, Under 14s, Under 16’s
**More info** - Chris Martin 0421 953 275 Stuart Middleton 0404 692 340