Welcome back
Welcome back to the new school year. I am particularly excited to be back and look forward to renewing contact with the parents I know and also meeting our many new families. I would like to thank Mrs Kylie Toberty for her excellent leadership while I was on leave. A special welcome to all our new parents. This year Nashdale has 94 students in Kindergarten to Year 6 and 24 students in Transition. Interestingly Nashdale had 102 students enrolled in 1969.

Classes for 2015
Transition Mrs Amber Budd
Kindergarten / Year 1 Mrs Elise Dennis
Years 1/2 Mrs Samantha Perfect
Years 2/3 Miss Carly Sutherland
Years 4/5/6 Mrs Lisa Miller

Relieving staff Mrs Angela Brocklesby Sattler, Mr Adam Osborn and Mrs Michelle Wood will be continuing their roles from 2014.

Mrs Angie Dean our Office Manager will be working Monday to Thursday.

A great day for Kindergarten
On Monday seventeen enthusiastic Kinders commenced their primary schooling. With many proud parents, grandparents and family friends watching on as they walked through the guard of honour provided by our Year 1 to Year 6 students. I am sure they will have a wonderful year with Mrs Dennis.

Welcome New Staff
This year I am very pleased to welcome Miss Carly Sutherland and Mrs Deirdre Jensen to our school. Carly will commence her permanent teaching career on Years 2/3. Carly’s very enthusiastic approach and willingness to learn should ensure an excellent teaching career. We welcome back Deirdre who will be assisting Angie in the office on Thursday and Friday.

Farewell Carol
Carol Allcorn commenced her long service leave prior to retirement on Friday after 15 years dedicated service to Nashdale Public School. While the school community acknowledged her outstanding service to our school at last year’s presentation night, an official farewell will be held later in the year.

Parent Interviews – Kindergarten to Year 6
Parent interviews for all students Kindergarten to Year 6 will be held this term, commencing from 23rd February. The beginning of the year is an excellent time for staff to meet with parents to discuss the year ahead and develop individual learning goals. Notes will be sent home shortly to organise times. Parents are most welcome to contact the school at other times to arrange an interview with their child’s teacher or the Principal.

OSSA Swimming Preparation
To assist our students prepare for the OSSA Swimming Carnival I have arranged for experienced swimming coaches Mrs Gayle Gordon and Mrs Cheryl Buckley to assist our swimmers.

Training will occur at the Orange Aquatic Centre.

Tuesday 10th 3.00 - 4.30pm (optional)
Wednesday 11th 3.30 - 4.30pm (optional)
Friday 13th 1.30 - 2.30pm (School Sport)
**Nut free zone**
A reminder that Nashdale Public has a student who is anaphylactic, so it is very important that students **do not bring nuts (including products such as peanut butter and Nutella) to school.** Food with traces of nut products such as some biscuits and muesli bars are fine. Thanks so much for your understanding in this matter.

**Newsletters**
Parents can nominate to receive their newsletters via email. The newsletter can also be downloaded from our website. There is a calendar there too detailing upcoming events at the school.

**SMS messages**
On Sunday nights, parents receive a text as to what is happening at Nashdale in the upcoming week. Families from Kindergarten – Year Six are automatically added to the list. Transition parents may opt in if they wish. Just send a message to 0459838072. Similarly if you wish to opt out just send a message to the same number asking to be taken off the list.

To this end, it is also important to let the school know of any changes in telephone numbers.

**Leader’s Induction assembly**
Our school leadership team will be inducted in a formal assembly at 2.30pm on Friday 27th February. The following students will receive their badges following whole school elections last year. We hope that all students will have a family member who can attend.

**School Captains:**
Caprice Tesoriero and Alex Gaeta.

**School Vice Captains:**
Isabella Wythes, Jack Clark and Braiden Dixon.

**House Captains:**
Tom Scott, John Toberty and Gianrico Wynn.

**House Vice Captains:**
Georgia Cornish, Carter Dale and Angus Kidd.

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**Dates for the Diary**

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**Home Reading**
Students K to Year 6 have the opportunity to be involved in the Nashdale Home Reading Program. Students are encouraged to read or be read to for a minimum of ten minutes each night. The Club 25 home reading sheet explains how the program works. The reading program commenced on Monday 2nd February.

**Small Schools Instrumental Program 2015**

**Orange Regional Conservatorium**
The ORC Information sheet and Enrolment form were handed out to all students this week. Please note, transport arrangements must be organised by the parents.

**Thank you Mal, Matt and Mick**
Over the school holidays Mal McMillan and Matt Garlick completed some much needed work at our school. Mal installed picture rails in the front office while Matt laid the new pavers and poured the cement around the flag pole with assistance from Mick Garlick.

**Clothing Pool**
Wednesday afternoon 3.15 to 3.45pm.
General enquires please contact Sian Jacobs on 0428 763 146.

**Backyard cricket and BBQ**
The always entertaining, annual Nashdale community cricket match and BBQ will commence from 5pm on Friday 20th February at the Nashdale oval and then the Nashdale Hall. This is always a much anticipated community event. See the attached flyer and we are looking forward to seeing you there!

**WH&S requirements**:
- **All** volunteers in schools must have completed a Prohibited Employment Declaration (existing volunteers prior to June 2013) or have a current Working with Children Check number (see attached).
  The Volunteer Clearance level is free of charge. This is to ensure the continued safety of our students and is a mandatory requirement in all DEC schools.
- **All** visitors to the school must come through the front office to sign in
- **All** parents who transport children must provide copies of license and registration (we are happy to photocopy these for you)

The application process for WWCC Clearance is as prescribed by the Children’s Guardian. For the full conditions, please visit the website at [www.kids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au)
**Information update - Student Emergency Contact Details Report**

Could you please review carefully the emergency contacts report including *medical conditions* and make any changes if necessary in red.

- Medical and health conditions not recorded will require a separate form, available at the office.

**Please note** - All Student Details Reports are to be returned even nil changes.

**Permission Notes**

We have a number of permission note attached this fortnight. Please return these notes to the office by Monday 9th February.

- General Permission (Green)
- Permission to Publish (Blue)
- Permission to Apply Sunscreen (Orange)
- Swimming Program (Pink) Students 8 years and up

**P & C Notes**

- Invitation to Backyard cricket and BBQ
- Soccer and Netball Note

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**Community Notice**

*Nashdale CWA* meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 11am at the Nashdale Hall. New members always welcome (bring your own lunch along). For more information phone Helen on 63626344.

Nashdale CWA is holding their annual 'Pancake Day' on Tuesday 17th February at the Nashdale Hall. Delicious pancakes and desserts, lucky door prize and raffles. Guest speaker is the Rev Andrew Cunningham. Arrive at 12 for 12:30 start. Tickets $15 and numbers are limited. Phone Helen on 63626344.

Nashdale Playgroup meets weekly on a Tuesday at 10-12, at the Nashdale Hall. New members always welcome. For info call Erica 6365 3635.

Did you know that the Nashdale Hall is available to hire? Rates are very reasonable from $50. Have your next party here and help to preserve this valuable community asset. All funds raised go straight back into the Hall for maintenance. For bookings call Erica 6365 3635.

The Nashdale Hall committee is responsible for the upkeep and running of the Nashdale Hall. The AGM and quarterly meeting is on the 11th Feb at 7:30pm. New members are most welcome. Enquires call Sian on 0428763146.