Dear Parents & Carers,

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOUR 2014 P&C EXECUTIVE
Many thanks and congratulations to the 2014 P&C Executive members who were elected to their positions at the April AGM:

President: Sue Pele
Vice President: Tracy Farmer
Treasurer: Karen Hennig
Secretary: Tracey Seymour

It is a pleasure to work with such a friendly, committed and energetic team and I look forward to what we can achieve together this year. Remember that our P&C Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month, commencing at 6.30pm in the Library and all parents and interested community members are welcome.

NASS 130TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: NEXT MEETING TUE 29 APR
Our school will be celebrating its 130th birthday in August 2015 and all current or past parents, staff and students are invited to be part of the planning committee for the celebrations. The next meeting will be on Tues 29 April, at 6.30pm in our Library and we’d love to have some more input!

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
It is always a dilemma for a school, how to achieve the most effective means of home-school communication. Our weekly newsletter is probably our most valuable tool in achieving this communication. However, as our school community is quite diverse, there are always going to be differing opinions about whether families would prefer to receive the Newsletter in paper or electronic copy. Therefore, I took the matter to a P&C Meeting early in 2013, to ascertain what the majority preferred (as this is the forum for all interested parents to attend and have input and all parents are invited to attend these meetings each month). At that meeting, 70% of the parents in attendance voted to receive the Newsletter in paper copy, which is why we have done so since then. To minimize costs to our school, we work through a company called Austnews, who organizes sponsorship and supplies the colour-printed paper for us to use. We know that this is not the preferred method for some families, but thank you for your understanding in this matter.

SCHOOL VISITORS/VOLUNTEERS
Just a reminder that ALL visitors to the school for any reason, are required to sign in and collect a Volunteer’s badge at the front office on arrival and out on departure (remembering to return your Volunteer’s badge!). This is a Health & Safety requirement and I thank you for your cooperation.

ICAS COMPETITIONS
Please note the following information regarding the 2014 ICAS Competitions. As a school, we would like to encourage as many children as possible, to participate in these national assessments. Registration forms were sent home with last week’s newsletter, and additional forms may be collected from the office. Please note all registrations and payments are due by tomorrow, Thursday 24 April.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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Term 2, Week 1
SCHOOL FEES
Please remember to complete your payments as soon as possible, if not already done. Families may prefer to set up a Payment Plan by contacting the office. Unfortunately, children who haven’t paid their fees (either in full or through a payment plan) will not be permitted to continue participating in these activities (Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program, School Performances, Excursions, Interschool Sport or Swimming) until payment has been received.

ABC READING EGGS: FREE FOR ALL NASS STUDENTS
Our school recently paid for a school licence for Reading Eggs, which entitles all of our students to access Reading Eggs, 24/7 from home and school. An information brochure and individual student login details were sent home with the 2 April newsletter. Please collect a spare brochure from the front office, or contact your child’s teacher for another copy of their login details. This is an excellent resource and we hope all of our families will take full advantage of it, until our licence expires on 28 March, 2015.

BE better behaviour, better learning
Queensland state schools promote learning, creativity and innovation as the platform upon which to build prosperity and quality of life for all Queenslanders. State schools are strongly committed to providing a quality, futures-oriented education that enables all students to achieve their full potential. They prepare students for an active role in democratic life and society. High expectations, equity, inclusiveness and the building of social capital are key features of state schooling in Queensland.

Essential to effective learning is a safe, supportive and disciplined environment that respects the following rights.

- The rights of all students to learn
- The rights of teachers to teach
- The rights of all to be safe.

Our school has detailed particular strategies to promote appropriate behaviour as well as consequences for unacceptable behaviour within its Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students. A copy of this document may be located on our school website in the Support & Resources/Behaviour link.

The Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 provides that - principals must give an enrolment agreement to the student’s parents before enrolling a student. Parents or students will be asked to sign the agreement. This agreement sets out the rights and obligations of students, parents and staff at the school and will require all parties to abide by The Code of School Behaviour and other endorsed conditions stipulated by the school.

STANDARDS
State schools in Queensland are committed to providing quality learning opportunities that enable all students to achieve within safe, supportive and disciplined learning environments. Staff are to maintain high standards of ethical behaviour as established in the Department of Education’s Code of Conduct. All members of school communities are to abide by The Code of School Behaviour in accordance with the following standards.

All members of school communities are expected to:
Conduct themselves in a lawful, ethical, safe and responsible manner that recognizes and respects the rights of others. From time to time, you may have cause to meet with a school staff member to discuss an incident involving your child. We thank you in anticipation, for conducting these discussions in a respectful manner.

Students are expected to:
- participate actively in the school’s education program
- take responsibility for their own behaviour and learning
- demonstrate respect for themselves, other members of the school community and the school environment
- behave in a manner that respects the rights of others, including the right to learn
- cooperate with staff and others in authority.

Parents are expected to:
- show an active interest in their child’s schooling and progress
- cooperate with the school to achieve the best outcomes for their child
- support school staff in maintaining a safe and respectful learning environment for all students
- initiate and maintain constructive communication and relationships with school staff regarding their child’s learning, wellbeing and behavior
- contribute positively to behaviour support plans that concern their child.

Schools are expected to:
- provide safe and supportive learning environments
- provide inclusive and engaging curriculum and teaching
- initiate and maintain constructive communication and relationships with students and parents
- promote the skills of responsible self-management.

Please refer to the NASS Responsible Behaviour Plan on our school website, for further information.
Kind Regards, Kelly

CHOCOLATE DRIVE
Many thanks to everyone who has sold their chocolates and returned their money. The chocolate drive ends tomorrow (Thursday 24 April), so please return all $ and chocolates thanks.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
Are you ready for the Cross Country on Thursday 1 May? Come into the shop now for your House Sports Shirts, or order through Flexischools and have the shirts delivered to your child’s classroom!

TUCKSHOP NEWS
Week one Tuckshop Special
Butter Chicken with rice and Pappadum
To all Prep parents new to tuckshop please register on
Support A Talker Training

1. Are you interested in learning more about Oral Language?
Topics discussed will include:
• How do children learn to talk?
• What is oral language?
• What is normal language development?
• What is the difference between home and school language?
• What is a language delay?
• How does language affect learning?
• Strategies to improve language:
  • Improving language through reading books; and
  • Resources to support oral language development.

2. Can you offer an hour (or more) a week to be a Support A Talker Volunteer?

If you answered yes to any of these questions and you’d like to attend the Support A Talker training and support students in Prep, year 1 and year 2 with their language skills, the next Support A Talker training session will be offered on Monday, 28 April at 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in our school library. Please call and register your interest with Vickie on 5472 9888.