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Ngar'a! Nar'a! Ar'un! Karibaman. Dha'gun karithin.

This greeting says, in Gubbi Gubbi, "Hello, come in, come in to this country".

Principal's Report



Opportunities Abound

James Nash is committed to educating our children to be the best they can be – this means we have a role to play in educating and developing the "whole child" so that we can share in the success of producing active, informed citizens who contribute to making our society a better one. While this

is a long winded global statement; on the ground this means developing our students:

- Academic ability
- Social ability
- Moral compass and
- Sense of community

While the 3 Rs represent important skills, the world of our children is much more complex than ours. Our kids face a work environment with less certainty, more change, more competition and a greater requirement for learning at and beyond work.

The opportunities to develop these skills come not just from the classroom but also the wonderful range of extra-curricular activities that we provide. I think it is important to appreciate

that these programs are provided by our staff who volunteer their time to deliver this. This action is representative of why most of us became teachers – we want to see the best for kids and we recognise that achieving this often requires going above and beyond the call of duty. Some of these activities include:

- The amazing range of sport on offer
 - Rugby
 - Volleyball
 - HPV
 - Touch
- Performing and creative arts
 - ACA
 - Instrumental Music
 - Vocal group
- Public speaking and debating
- Equestrian
- Technology Programs (STEM / STEAM / Makerspace)
- Chess
- Competitions
 - ICAS
 - Maths Team Challenge
 - Engineering Challenge
- School leadership programs
- Community fundraising
 - Shave for a cure
 - Biggest morning tea
 - Relay for Life

I am guaranteed to have missed a whole raft of activities given the scope of things on offer, but I am sure you can appreciate the scale is significant.

Meeting the Expectation

As we head into the business end of the term it is time to invest time and energy into achieving our best. The hard work now will generate a return in weeks to come as assessment becomes due and exams are sat for. Getting to the end and panicking is not the best strategy. Too often we claim the stress and pressure is overwhelming when in fact hard work and diligence is the missing factor. An important message for our students:

Deal with the things you can control! If you work hard and persist when it is challenging then you will benefit from that. To blame factors around us will do little to help us achieve.

If you have any concerns about student progress can I please encourage you to contact school to discuss the matter.

Communicating with us

While we love to hear from parents often the reality is that being able to get us on the phone is a challenge (teachers spend most of their time in class teaching). I would encourage parents to contact us via email if the matter is not urgent. As a general rule:

- Curriculum issues to be directed to the HOD or teacher
- Non Curriculum issues to be directed to the Head of Year
- School organisation issues to the main office.

<https://jamesnashshs.eq.edu.au/Ourschool/Ourstaff/Pages/Ourstaff.aspx>

Jackson Dodd
Acting Principal

OFFICE ACCESS

The school is currently having a PWD ramp constructed at our Main Office entry. From Tuesday 5th June through to the end of June there will be **no access to our Main Office via the front door**, this area has been closed off with steel fencing.

Signage will be placed for visitors to follow for access to the office via rear entry doors.

We wish to apologise for any inconvenience caused whilst construction is being undertaken.

Looking ahead – Upcoming dates and events

7th June	Year 8 Readers Cup
12th June	Year 6 Parent Information evening 5pm – 8pm
21st and 22nd June	Year 7 Geography Trips
22nd June	ACA Intensive & Primary School Performance
23rd June (Saturday)	ACA Theatre Festival 2pm, 4pm & 6pm

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL Teaching and Learning

Semester One Reporting

Students are currently engaged in final assessments across many subjects within the school. It is good practice for students to consult their assessment calendars, the Assessment Alert App and their teachers to note all assessments and create a study plan to meet all deadlines and submission dates. Semester One Reports will be issued to all students on Friday 20th July 2018 (in the first week of Semester 2) this year.

Parent Teacher Interviews Semester 2 2018

There will be a Parent/Teacher afternoon on Tuesday 31st July 2018 from 2.50pm to 6.00pm to facilitate discussions about student progress and future performance goals.

Parent/Teacher interviews are an important component of our education program, where parents have the opportunity to participate in discussion of the individual learning needs of their children. Students should accompany parents during the interviews where possible.

Interviews will be restricted to 10 minutes per student per subject to maximise the availability of staff for consultation. Information on how to book interviews will be included with your students report card.

Subject Selection 2018

Our subject selection parent evening will be held on Tuesday 7th August at 6:00pm to support 2018 Year 9 & 10 selections, and at 7:00pm to support 2018 Year 11 selections.

Subject Selection procedures for Year 11 in 2018 will begin in July this year with SET Planning (Senior Education and Training Plan) studies in English, as well as Administration briefings to Year 10 students. Year 11 subject selections will be completed online (via OneSchool) by the 10th August 2018. SET Plan meetings will be conducted with all current Year 10 Students and Parents on the 20th and 21st August. It would be useful for parents to begin discussions with their children regarding future studies and career paths in order to facilitate the final selection process.

All year 8 and 9 students will receive subject selection forms in early August.

Mark Swan
Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning

Deputy Principal Senior School

Change of Subjects

A number of Senior Students have indicated that they wish to change their choice of subjects. The deadline for this will be the first Friday back after holidays, Friday 20th July. Students need to discuss subject selection with parents and the HOD Senior School or Deputy Principal Senior School and fill in the necessary forms. This needs to be done as soon as possible as new work will commence as soon as the exam block finishes.

End of Semester Exams

Exam period for Years 11 & 12 commences Wednesday 13th June to Tuesday 19th June. Failure to attend a scheduled exam session will result in no credit being awarded for the purposes of assessment (medical certificate required or other documentation acceptable to the Principal). A letter outlining exam block requirements will be distributed to students for parents of all senior students; this includes a permission form for those who are able to study at home during this period. This documentation will also be published on the school website. Only eligible students will be able to do the Study at Home option. Students who are not up to date with VET certificate assessment or course work will be required to attend every day of the exam block in order to catch up on assessment. Students who have not met the 80% attendance requirement will also need to be at school every day to work on meeting attendance requirements.

Students who attend TAFE or Traineeships need to make prior arrangements with these people to attend exams when scheduled. Regular classes and new work will commence on Wednesday 20th June.

QTAC - University and Diploma Courses

Students will receive a copy of the 2019 QTAC Guide to Queensland Tertiary Courses towards the end of this semester in preparation for making applications to Universities and TAFE for 2019. During the Tuesday Learning & Well Being Program time next semester, students will be working through how to apply and sorting out course preferences. Students who are not OP eligible but would like to study a University Course are able to request a QTAC Selection Rank.

QCS Practice Test – Thursday 26th July

All Year 12 OP students will sit a practice QCS Writing Task and Short Response paper on Thursday 26th July. There will be no classes for Year 12 on this day. TAFE and Non OP students will attend TAFE as per usual. Other students are to participate in Work Experience for the day.

TSXPO

The Tertiary Expo is on again on Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd July from 10.00am – 4.00 pm at the Brisbane Exhibition Building. This is a great event with over 100 exhibitors on hand to talk with students and provide information about University, TAFE, employment opportunities, defence forces and other training courses. Admission is free.

Year 12 Motivational Day – Friday 20th July

On Friday 20th July, Year 12s will receive a presentation from YLead, a motivational organisation that provides programs to school students on issues of personal development, motivation and leadership.


Year 12 students will receive a letter after exam block about this day, detailing the program, cost, catering and dress requirements.

Bessie Nilon
Deputy Principal Senior School

Year 11 & 12 Date Claimers


13th to 19th June 2018	Year 11 & 12 Exam Block
19th & 20th June 2018	First booking for Roadcraft – more information provided towards end of Term 1
21st June	Year 12 USC Excursion
20th July	Year 12 Motivational Day
20th July	Change of Subject deadline
21st & 22nd July	Tertiary Expo - Brisbane
26th July	QCS Practice Test
18th & 19th September	Second booking for Roadcraft

Deputy Principal Junior School



JAMES NASH SHS

YEAR 6 TRANSITION UPDATE



INVITATION
INFORMATION EVENING
TUESDAY 12 JUNE
5 – 8pm AT JAMES NASH SHS

Students, Parents and Caregivers are invited to attend an evening to hear and see what James Nash has to offer. An information session followed by a tour of the school by students is offered for all prospective students for 2019. Come along and find out about our Differentiated curriculum and our expanded Scholarship program.

James Nash staff and students are beginning the school visits in **Week 7**, where the Enrolment packages and Scholarship applications will be disseminated to students intending to come to James Nash next year. We will be discussing the varied class options with students as well as answering any questions about coming to Nash. Our expanded Scholarship program will be discussed and students will be encouraged to apply if eligible. Current Year 7 students will be on hand to answer any questions for most school visits.

Small schools will have the Enrolment Packages sent to them, but we encourage parents to attend on the 12 June to hear about our school.

DATE CLAIMERS
Enrolment forms are due **Friday 29 June**
Scholarships are due **Friday 27 July** by 4pm
Scholarships announced on **13 August**

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO ADVERTISED TIMELINES FOR ENROLMENT

- Enrolment forms, including indication on the front of the Enrolment booklet for consideration for Extension Plus, Extension or Extension STEM will now be required by **Friday 29 June**. For those attending on 12 June, please feel free to submit on this evening.
- Extension Program Interviews will now take place in the **week beginning 20 August**. Date and time will be confirmed with those student selecting these class options.
- It is expected that Out of Catchment students will be notified by the **end of Term 3** about their enrolment status to allow for an extended Transition program to be developed for Term 4.

Cheryl Greinke
Deputy Principal Junior Secondary

Deputy Principal Structured Learning

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with a Disability identifies students who have a disability as defined by the Disability Discrimination Act 1992.

The school will identify students under the broad category of disability from four categories: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional. Collecting data on school students who may fall into one or more of these categories helps teachers,

principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Queensland state schools will be involved in the nationally consistent collection of data.

Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child's details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the Department's website:

<http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/disability-data-collection.html>

<http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>

Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact the school.

Culture

Lunch time support programs :

- Monday, 1st break, Girls group in E42 run by Shelly Burton, Indigenous Support Worker.
- Monday and Wednesday, 2nd break, students are welcome to come to E42 for board games and art activities organised by the Chaplain – Di Brading.
- Wednesday, 2nd break there is a crochet group meeting in E42 with the School Nurse – Karen Browning.

Shelley Gauld

Deputy Principal – Structured learning

Business Manager

Fees Deadline Fast Approaching!! Urgent Attention Required

Every effort has been made to contain the cost of the Student Resource Hire Scheme participation fee whilst ensuring that adequate resources are available for student use. The scheme represents excellent value and provides substantial savings to parents of students in all year levels.

The SRHS at this school operates under the policy and guidelines of Education Queensland. Parents wishing to take advantage of the services provided by the scheme are required to pay the annual contribution and sign a Participation Agreement Form agreeing to the conditions.

If you currently have outstanding Student Resource Hire Scheme fees and/or Subject Fees for 2018 we encourage you to finalise these fees or have arrangements in place by **Friday 27th July**. As of **Monday 30th July** students will have access to Text and Resource Hire Scheme resources and chosen subject/s resources withdrawn if fees are still outstanding or no arrangements have been entered into.

Please contact the main office on 54 806 333 to organise an appointment with the Principal if you wish to discuss your situation. All meetings are strictly in confidence.

Lorna Venn

Acting - Business Manager

Staff News

Dental Van

The School Dental Van has arrived on site, for all enquiries and appointments please call **0412 491905**

Head Lice

Head lice have been detected in the school. Letters are being sent to parents of students in affected classes.

It is extremely important for you to check your child's head for head lice **TODAY**.

If you do find head lice, commence treatment immediately and be sure to complete the process of treatment. This will help prevent head lice from spreading.

Remember to keep checking your family member's heads every 2 days until there are no head lice found for 10 consecutive days.

For further information regarding treating head lice, refer to the Department of Health's Head Lice fact sheet available at

<http://conditions.health.qld.gov.au/HealthCondition/condition/14/165/351/Head-Lice>

Your local pharmacist can provide advice regarding head lice treatment options and head lice combs.

Because head lice need close head-to-head contact to spread from one person to another, to reduce the spread of head lice, teachers will discourage students from activities which may involve head to head contact.

To reduce your child's risk of getting head lice, make sure that long hair is tied up and discourage children from sharing their brushes and combs and having head to head contact with others.

Remember - Anyone can get head lice – they have no preferences for cleanliness, hair colour, hair type, ethnicity or age.

If for any reason you are having difficulties treating the head lice on your child effectively, please contact the school on telephone 5480 6333.

Maths Team Challenge:

On Tuesday 22nd May, approximately 60 James Nash students participated in the Math Team Challenge at Hamilton Hall

(Gympie High State High School). The energy and enthusiasm provided a great atmosphere as students struggled but persisted through some challenging questions.

The day consisted of three rounds: Individual mental computation, a team challenge and a relay event. James Nash had their most successful year taking all three divisions. By the end of the day the points tally had James Nash taking out all three places (1st, 2nd and 3rd) in the Junior Division. Nash also won the Intermediate and Senior divisions, with our Senior team getting a perfect 100/100 in the team challenge.

A public thank you to not only the participants on the day, but also Mrs Ramke and Ms Curtain for all their work in the background preparing the event. A final thank you to the volunteers who came to supervise the event.

A special mention to Mrs Myles, who returns every year post-retirement to help supervise and present the senior trophy. The trophy is named after Mrs Myles because of the many years of dedication in helping run the event.

Anthony Reid
Head of Department - Mathematics

Queensland Volleyball Intermediate Schools Cup State Titles

James Nash competed successfully at the Queensland Volleyball Intermediate Schools Cup State Titles from Friday 25th May to Sunday 27th May.

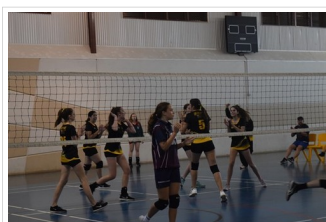
Up to 40 James Nash students have been training this year in an emerging Volleyball program that is showing great promise.

Last weekend nine students - Shaylee Dennis, Taylah Forbes, Luna Simon, Ava Barry, Anne Salmon, Olivia (Libby) Seed, Sam Harry, Maria Turner and Cleo Simon and also two teachers Ms Faulkner and Miss Ayers travelled to Toowoomba for the first event of the year. The girls won all their matches on day one and by the end of day two (in a first for James Nash), they were sitting comfortably on the top of their qualifying pool. This set up a quarter final against St Benedicts, who are the current North Brisbane independent schools champions. The contest was tight with Nash going down by 2 points in the deciding set. St Benedicts went on the win the silver.

The Nash girls who were playing in their very first tournament represented our school with pride and demonstrated the qualities of champions.

Thank you to the parents and supporters that travelled down with the team. We now are looking forward to digging deep and training hard for the next tournament coming up next term. Training continues Monday first break and Thursday afternoons.

Susie Faulkner
Volleyball Co-ordinator



ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION TO STUDENTS

For schools to administer medication, we have certain requirements that need to be adhered to.

If your child requires staff to administer medication to your child at school, please contact the First Aid Officer, Glenn Huntington on 54 806 341 to discuss your child's requirements.

Please note, school staff will only administer medication that:

- Has been prescribed by a qualified health practitioner (e.g. doctor, dentist)
- Is in its original container
- Has an attached pharmacy label

You will be asked to complete and sign Section 1 of the Administration of medication at school record sheet.

N.B. If your child requires more than one medication, you will need to complete a form for each medication.

<http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au/education/management/Pages/Administration-of-Medications-in-Schools.aspx>

Glenn Huntington
First Aid Officer

James Nash Leaders at World Vision Conference 2018

On 23rd May, nine senior leaders from James Nash SHS travelled with international teacher, Ben Bleechmore and two assisting parents, to the Sleeman Complex in Brisbane to join like-minded students from across the state in a thought-provoking World Vision Conference.

The conference challenged these 'leaders of today' to voice issues currently facing the youth of Australia as well as those globally. It was a very eye opening and inspiring experience as the students were faced with confronting personal perspectives, including domestic violence, waste management, youth depression and the plight of refugees. Many conflicting but creative ideas were presented with the highlight being three key note speakers sharing their harrowing background stories as former refugees but also embracing their commitment to giving hope globally through World Vision. The main message that students took back to James Nash is that every one of us has the capacity to make a difference in our own lives as well as the lives of others.

The World Vision Backpack Challenge for 40 Hour Famine is taking place from 17th – 19th August with seniors already speaking at year level assemblies to inspire their fellow students to help make a change for the better - within the school, the community and the world.



The Arts

James Nash State High Students Win at Heritage Arts Competition

James Nash students received prize money and certificates at the recent Heritage Art Competition award ceremony on Wednesday May 23rd. The students' artwork, along with the other entries are now on exhibition at the Gympie Regional Art Gallery until June 16th.

The theme for this year was "My Culture, My Story". The winning pieces focused on this theme and produced a range of stunning art works in different styles and mediums.

Special thanks to Visual Arts Teachers Kellie Brace, Janine Delgos and Kate Vietheer for encouraging and supporting these students.

Many of these winning students are active members of the Academy of Creative Arts Visual Art Studio, an after school extension program that gives student time to develop special entries in a range of competitions.

Congratulations to the following students:

First Prize: Kaison Sheppard

Second Prize: Sam Olley

Third Prize: Mickayla Fallis

Highly Commended: Hareth Covert

Highly Commended: Tae Rosin

Highly Commended: Amelia Stevens

Highly Commended: Casey Alexander

Fanfare Success for James Nash State High School Instrumental Music Students.

The James Nash String Ensemble, Concert Band and Stage Band excelled at the Fanfare Instrumental Music Festival on Thursday 24th May. This festival of celebrating state school music programs is currently being conducted across Queensland. All James Nash groups received very positive feedback from the adjudicators along with tips for future performances. The Concert Band and Stage Band received a silver standard. The String Ensemble received a bronze standard.

The festival was held in the James Nash State High School Performance Arts Block and included performances from Gympie State High School. Many parents and supporters were treated to an afternoon of beautiful music.

Thank you to the instrumental music teaching team Alex Pattri, Brad Smith and Rhondda Morrow for their professionalism and continued work with our students.

Academy of Creative Arts Vocal Group

The James Nash ACA Vocal group have been invited to perform at the State Education Regional Showcase Awards in Maryborough on June 22nd. This is a great honour and testament to the high quality of singing from this dedicated group. We know James Nash will impress all of the school leaders gathered for this celebration of excellence.

Congratulations also to the James Nash ACA Vocal Group for performing at the recent Gympie Show. This talented group were invited to sing the National Anthem once again in 2018 at the Grand Parade. The group also performed in the Pavilion Stage.

Thank you to these students and Naomi Thurlow for their continued focus on excellence.

SPORT NEWS

The Wide Bay Cross Country trials were held in Hervey Bay on Tuesday 29th May 2018, with 23 James Nash students being selected to attend. Congratulations to all students from Gympie District who attended.

Athletics

This week and next will see students nominating for all Track and Field events for the annual James Nash Athletics day, which is to be held on the last day of this term, Friday 29th of June, 2018. Over the next two weeks, each year level will bring home a letter explaining the organisation of the Athletics Carnival this year. Participation and team spirit is our goal and we look forward to students nominating in as many events as they can. Students who have been absent during the nomination process this week must come to see Mrs Knight in the MPS staffroom.

Yr11 Tuesday Sport

Please note the last day of the Year 11 Tuesday sport program will be in week 9, 12th June 2018.

Yr9 Tuesday Sport selection

Letters have been sent home to all Year 9 students regarding the Tuesday sport program offered at James Nash SHS. Please read over this and have a conversation with your child regarding their sport selection.

The sports available will be Tenpin Bowling, Gym – Snap fitness, Touch Football, Volleyball, Lawn Bowls, and Soccer. Your child will have the opportunity to make their sport selection during a year level parade to be held in week nine of this term. For those students who select any of the off-campus sports, a letter will be sent home for signing. Please be aware, that there is a cost associated with Tenpin Bowling, Lawn Bowls and Snap Fitness, as they are not on school grounds and permission forms are due back by Monday 18th June 2018.

I look forward to hearing about the sporting achievements of all students over the next few weeks at Wide Bay and State Trials.

Treen Knight
Head of Sport

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Anyone wishing to unsubscribe to the James Nash Newsletter can do so by clicking on the 'Unsubscribe' link at the bottom of the email from jamesnashshs@schoolzine.com.au . If you still receive the Newsletter after you have clicked on the 'Unsubscribe' link, please call Jacki Means on 5480 6333 and ask to be taken off the Newsletter contact list.

Facebook

Please like us / follow us on our Facebook page "James Nash State High School Information". We will post information routinely to assist parents with the information they need and to help us celebrate the great successes of James Nash SHS.