

Active After School Communities will begin in week 3 on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. This term students will be doing athletics on both days. Please call into the office or phone the school with your preferred day.

Participating students receive afternoon tea at 3pm, and begin their activity at 3:15pm. Please ensure you are here by 4:10 to pick your children up as staff are not always able to stay behind once the sessions are over.



Congratulations to all of the students who achieved an 'A' or a 'B' for behaviour in Term 1. The 'A' students were treated to some free technology time and a pizza party, and were joined by the 'B' students to watch a movie. It's great to see so many of our students aiming to meet expectations each and every day— all in the name of greater academic achievement.



Tuckshop News

Our first tuckshop for Term 2 will be Friday 9th May. Please find a new tuckshop menu attached to this week's newsletter.

Thanks very much to all of the wonderful ladies who help out with tuckshop. Your help is truly appreciated.



The Felton Food Festival will be held for the third year running on Sunday 27th April 2014 from 9 am to 4 pm at 64 Bryce Road, Felton. With 2014 being the International Year of Farming Families, the Festival is a great opportunity to celebrate local farming and food production.

Last term the Nobby students did some wonderful artworks for a competition being held for the Felton Food Festival.

Certificates will be awarded for first, second and third in each division and will be presented by Costa Georgiadis, ABC television gardening presenter. These winning entries will be displayed at the Festival and the winning poster will be used to promote the 2015 festival.

Please support this wonderful local event.



Playgroup is being held on Wednesday afternoons beginning with library at 1:00pm.

All Mums, Dads and pre-school aged children (anywhere from 0-5 years) are welcome to attend.

The activities on offer will be developed by school staff, who will also be available to assist throughout the afternoon.

Please bring a plate to share each week for early afternoon tea and a cuppa!



The Nobby Link

confidence in a connected world

Term 2 Week 1
Thursday 24th April
2014

Clifton ANZAC Day Service

I strongly encourage Nobby SS students to march in the ANZAC Day Parade tomorrow. If your child is able to march in the parade, please assemble outside the Clifton Pool at 10:30am wearing Nobby SS uniform, including a hat.

P&C Meeting

Next Tuesday's P&C Meeting will begin with the AGM at 6:00pm, followed by a general meeting. All parents and carers are encouraged to come along and get involved. Please have your Eagle Boys Pizza orders into the office by 12:00pm on the day.

Holiday Reading

Congratulations to all of the students who continued their magnificent home reading progress over the Easter Holidays. We now have students firmly entrenched in the 80 zone! Well done to those students, and to the Mums and Dads at home facilitating this.

Congratulations also to Tom Green and Frankie Barwick who won the end of term Home Reading draw for Term 1. They each received a \$50 Big W voucher as their prize.

World's Greatest Shave Results

The World's Greatest Shave effort by the entire school community was nothing short of stupendous. To date, we have raised \$4404, but this number is still rising. Thanks to everyone who played a part, whether it be by

donating, collecting funds, shaving, waxing, donating time or donating food and drinks.

Such a wonderful effort by a small community. Well done everyone.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle 2014

Our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle will be held on **Sunday 18th May**. Volunteers are needed to make this day run as smoothly as possible.

The Bunnings Sausage Sizzle has proven to be a very successful fundraiser in the past. Please fill out and return the attached form or let the office know if you are able to help out for a couple of hours. The BBQ will be operating in 2 hour shifts, starting at 8.30am.

Funds raised by the P&C throughout the year benefit **all** of the children at Nobby State School. Thanks for your support!!

NAPLAN

This year's NAPLAN tests will be conducted on Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th May for students in years 3 and 5. Parents, please let the school know if you have any concerns about this testing.

Southern Downs Touch Football

Success

A huge congratulations to Jack and Tom Green who have both been selected to represent Southern Downs at the Darling Downs touch trials on Tuesday 6th May. Well done boys!

Calendar

Term 2, 2014

Week 1	Friday 25th April	ANZAC Day
Week 2	Tuesday 29th April	P&C Meeting
Week 2	Friday 2nd May	Pete the Sheep Excursion
Week 3	Tuesday 6th May	First AASC Session
Week 3	Tuesday 6th May	Darling Downs Touch Football
Week 3	Wednesday 7th May	SD Cross Country
Week 3	Wednesday 7th May	Tuckshop Orders Due
Week 3	Friday 9th May	Tuckshop
Week 3	Friday 9th May	Mother's Day Stall
Week 4	Tuesday 13th May - Thursday 15th May	NAPLAN
Week 4	Friday 16th May	Book Club
Week 5	Sunday 18th May	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Attachments:

- Bunning Sausage Sizzle Volunteer Form
- Tuckshop Menu
- Book Club—Orders Due Friday 9th May

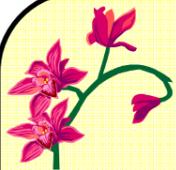


Cross Country

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Interhouse Cross Country event at the end of Term 1. Cunningham was the winning house and Rolf Buchell-Butcher won the 'Best Trainer' award.

Congratulations also to Tom Green, Darcy Gorkow, Boyd McDonald, Jack Green and Jack Burchell-Butcher who competed at the Central Downs Cross Country at Pilton SS yesterday.

Jack and Tom Green, who both placed 4th in their respective events, will now attend the Southern Downs Cross Country in Allora on 7th May. Congrats to these two boys! We wish them all the best.



Mother's Day Stall

This year's Mother's Day Stall will be held on Friday 9th May from 2:15pm—3:00pm. A selection of gifts will be available ranging in price from \$1.50—\$5.00. Students will be able to purchase 2—3 items each. If you would like your child to purchase gifts at the Mother's Day Stall, please send some money along with them on Friday 9th May.

UNSW Testing-Science, Spelling, English & Maths

As an opportunity for students to further improve their academic achievement, as well as to gain recognition for their academic ability, I would like to offer all parents the opportunity to have students involved in these tests. The tests are created by the University of NSW. Each test will require a small fee to be paid by parents.

Please let the office know by Friday 2nd May if you would like your child to sit the tests. More information can be found here:- <http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about>

Junior Room News

Back to work! This week we have been focussing on ANZAC day information. It is a vital part of our History and Geography studies that our children learn of the significance and meaning of this culturally significant day. Ask your little ones about Simpson and his Donkey; about 'The Ode' and Poppies and what else can they tell you about what we have learned this week.

Pete the Sheep—This is our special cultural trip to the Empire Theatre next Friday, May 2nd. We will be reading the book and discussing this at school in preparation for our trip.

Home Reading and Holiday Reading—Thanks for a wonderful response to the holiday reading. I look forward to you supporting your child to continue their reading progress. Reading daily, for life, is an amazing gift to instil in your child now. Our school reading program heavily supports and rewards students to help encourage them to read often.

Let's go for our new targets of 80, 100, 120 nights reading this term. Don't forget to start the 7 night reading this weekend and every weekend.

Homework—Homework will recommence next week. Look out for new books for year 1 and 2 students. These will be used for Monday and Tuesday nights.

Helping kids to choose wisely

It can be more than a little frustrating for adults when kids don't think through the consequences of their decisions, say, when they 'forget' to do their homework or 'accidentally' hurt their younger sibling playing too roughly.

The younger the child is, the more likely they are to focus on satisfying their immediate wants (i.e. eating lollies just before bed) and the less likely they are to consider the outcome (i.e. the inevitable sugar-high preventing a proper night's sleep).

Rather than telling them what they *should* do, you can step children through the process of making good decisions so they can master this important life skill. Here are some expert strategies.

Little kids

Consequences need to be simple for young children, but early childhood is nonetheless an excellent time to start teaching them about choosing wisely.

- **Give them chances to make simple decisions** "Would you like to wear your red jeans or your spotty skirt today? Which is better for climbing trees?"
- **Encourage problem-solving** "Oh no, we've run out of bread for sandwiches! What else could we have for lunch?"
- **Allow them to make mistakes** "It's nice that you wanted to make a cake for Daddy, but next time you need a grown-up to help you, okay?"
- **Tell stories about good and bad decision-making** "Do you think Goldilocks did the right thing going into the bears' house without being invited?"

Older kids

School-age children are better able to see other viewpoints and anticipate consequences.

- **Step them through the decision-making process** "Okay, this is the issue, now what are our options? Which is the best choice? Why? Alright, let's give it a go and see what happens!"
- **Praise them for taking responsibility** "You know we have a 'no skateboarding in the house' rule, but I'm happy to see you cleaning up the mess you made."
- **Set goals together** "If you get your homework out of the way now, you will have the rest of the afternoon to play."
- **Support them to stay on track** "I know it's hard practising piano while your sister is crying. Why don't I take her for a walk and give you some peace?"

You may also be interested in the [KidsMatter resources on decision-making](#).



ANZAC Service

