End of Term Message

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of your child’s education this term. Please enjoy the additional time you have to spend with your children over the holidays. Be thankful for this time and the opportunity to have a break from the day-to-day school routine. Term 4 commences on Tuesday 8th October.

P&C Meeting

The September P&C Meeting will be held next Tuesday, 17th September, from 6:00pm-7:00pm. As always, we will do an order to Eagle Boys for dinner that night. Please have orders to the office by 12:00pm that day.

Jump Rope for Heart

You are invited to join us for the ‘Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off’ next Wednesday 18th September. This event will run from 9:00am to 10:30am, followed by morning tea. Please return your sponsorship forms ASAP. There are some excellent prizes on offer. This biennial event is a good time to focus on healthy eating and lifestyle choices that promote good health.

A & B Rewards Day

The A and B behaviour reward recipients will have their end of term reward after the Jump Off.

Father’s Day Night

Another wonderful night of games and socialising was had by all of the families who attended this year’s Father’s Day Night. A huge thanks to Miss Jacqui, Mrs Hills and Chappy Matt for their help on the night.

Term 3 Interim Report Cards

As with the end of term 1, parents will receive an interim report card indicating term 3 progress. This will be sent home after the September holidays. This report card will report on effort, attendance and behaviour achieved during term 3.

Volunteers

Thank you to all of the people who volunteer their time to help our students and our school - P&C members, tuckshop helpers, classroom reading, grounds care etc.

Enrolments for 2014 are now being taken. Please contact the school office if you would like to enrol your child.

Christmas Hamper

We will be raffling a Christmas Hamper, with the help of our supporters, Rudds Pub, between now and Christmas. If you are able to donate items, please drop them into the office. Types of items include non-perishable foods, Christmas messy things (biscuits, decorations etc.), toys, alcohol, appliances, etc.

Tickets will be available from next Wednesday (18th September). If you are able to sell some books of tickets, please drop into the office.

Camp Week Wrap Up

From all accounts a very successful camp week was had by all. It is wonderful to hear such positive feedback from the students, staff and volunteers. It was pleasing, as Principal, to have the Queensland Maritime Museum staff comment on the enthusiasm, interest and behaviour of our Senior Room students.

A great deal of time and effort goes into organising the camp week activities and I would like to thank everyone involved in this process. I would also like to thank all of the Nobby State School families for allowing their children the opportunity to experience camp week! We appreciate your support by allowing your children to attend and are certain your children do too!

Student attendance and absences

Our school has embraced the strong view on attendance that our State Education Policy expects. This year, we have been monitoring this closely, and have been asking parents to explain absences via text message, phone call or note. This is sometimes prompted by a reminder text from the school. We track student attendance closely and explaining absences to the school appropriately is a parental/caregiver responsibility.

As from next term, we will no longer be reminding you to explain absences. We ask that you explain absences preferably before they occur, but if required, on the day of the absence. Failure to do this will mean that your child’s absence will be marked as ‘unexplained’ and noted on the student’s end of semester report card.

“Every Day Counts!”

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Christmas Raffle– goods required for the hamper

We want our Christmas raffle to be a successful fundraiser for our students – Please consider donating items for the hamper. Items can be left in the office!! THANKS
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First we did the Ag Ed visit. The 6 stalls we visited all had fabulous learning opportunities. The last one, the blacksmith, even had local connections. A huge thank-you to all the parents who helped with transport and stayed on to help with supervision. It certainly made the day more enjoyable for everyone.

Our Wednesday craft day reflected our Ag Ed visit and the end product will be used in our Country Week display in Clifton next term. A special thanks to our class helpers that day.

Thursday was massive but so memorable for all the right reasons. The children (with adult help) prepared much of the evening meal and helped by cutting up veggies. This was a great opportunity to promote healthy eating and follow-up on their kitchen science unit. Then we had a very well attended family dinner, followed by lots of fun with our games night. A special and massive THANK YOU to Mrs Barton for her long day of fun; and to all the parents who made the running of our special event smooth and successful. The Year 1 and 2 sleepover was also successful! Thank you to Miss Jacqui, Tim Noller and Derek McCulkin for their help.

Junior Room students will have the chance to do holiday reading again. Look out for the books and the recording sheet during the last week.

Junior Room News

Clifton Country Week
This year we are decorating the posts of the Careflight awning. Any ideas you can offer will be considered. The displays will be throughout Clifton from October 17-28th.

Do you have old farm hats or boots that you no longer need? We’d like a good half dozen or so for our display. We are going to put plants into the boots and the hats will hang for over a week in the elements, so need to be not wanted. Anyone have some really nice straw/hay and some baling twine we could use also? Chasing plastic that we can cut to make flowers out of - e.g. ice cream container lids etc.

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Ruby Seller’s winning photo from the National Tree Day Photography Competition. Well Done Ruby!”

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Senior Room News

The Senior Room Camp was a huge success—four action-packed days full of adventure! Students displayed exceptional behaviour as they experienced the wonders of the Queensland Museum and the Science Centre. A day at Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary reinforced many elements of our science program as the students observed our native wildlife at close quarters and enjoyed petting a koala, a snake and a turtle, and watching the wild bird display. At the Brisbane Writer’s Festival, we were entertained and inspired by two authors—Michael Gerard Bauer and Dave Lowe. We have just begun reading Eric Vale Epic Fail by Michael Gerard Bauer in class. The Maritime Museum provided a valuable insight into Australian naval history and the students enjoyed exploring the HMAS Diamantina. Dreamworld was a day of excitement and conquering fears as students raced to fit in as many rides as possible before home-time! Walking was our main mode of transport and everyone gamely kept up with Mrs Ten’s pace! However, we also boarded the City Cat, caught a train, flying peak hour, and rode a Brisbane City Bus successfully (some of these were ‘first-time’ events for some students). Each night provided a new adventure as we dined out in Brisbane. Grill’d, Sizzlers and Hog’s Breath were all delicious eateries where the students displayed wonderful manners and filled their bellies. Staff members were exceptionally proud of everyone’s behaviour and look forward to planning next year’s camp!