The Nobby Link

Thursday 14th August 2014

Term 3 Week 5

Calendar

- 18th-22nd August: Scholastic Book Fair
- 20th August: Dress Up Day, Book Trail and Shared Lunch
- 21st August: Reader’s Cup

Please refer to the timetable that was sent home earlier this week for further details.

Jondaryan Woolshed Excursion

The Junior Room excursion to Jondaryan Woolshed is on Friday 29th August. Please return the attached permission form by next Friday, 22nd August. Mrs Morwood will send home a detailed note early next week regarding this excursion.

A & B Rewards Day

The term 3 Rewards Day will be held on Wednesday 17th September. The ‘A’ students will be heading into Toowoomba for Ten ... will have a movie morning here at school. Student behaviour results for this term will be finalised at the end of week 8.

Long Service Leave

Tim will be taking leave for the last two weeks of this term. During this time, Mrs Field will remain working 7 days of the fortnight and Mrs Morwood will increase to full time and be Tim’s replacement as principal. We are still to finalise the additional teacher that will be needed.

Website

We are very proud of our website, and keep it updated with calendar dates, news and documents regularly. The website is also directly linked to the QSchools app, and although the app isn’t as complete as the website, it does house a lot of information.

P&C Meeting

Looking forward to next week’s meeting. There is always pizza and plenty of laughs. Come along to help make some decisions, all of which relate directly to your children.

Reader’s Cup

This is the second year we have held this event. We have 7 teams of 3 students competing in the year 3&4 competition, and ... the years 5 & 6 comp. Teams will have 1 hour to answer 40 questions based on their four texts. Good luck to our teams.

Southern Downs Athletics

Good luck to Denzel, Tom, Jack and Scarlet who have been selected in the Central Downs Athletics team to compete in next week’s carnival at Allora.

Student Project Club

The Project Club recently decided to purchase some new banners and signs for the school. Looking forward to seeing what they come up with.

Attachments:
- Jondaryan Woolshed Excursion Permission Form (P-2 ONLY)
Only 2 weeks until we go to the Jondaryan Woolshed for our excursion. We are halfway through the term and doing some mid-term testing: checking reading, sight words, maths concepts and standardised testing. I have talked to children about academic benchmarks, and what we want them to achieve by the end of the term and end of the year. Here is a reminder of the English benchmarks.

Prep: 100 sight words, reading beyond ‘level 5’ books.
Year 1: More than 200 sight words, reading up to ‘level 15’ books.
Year 2: Over 500 sight words, reading minimum ‘level 20’ books.

Most of our children will more than adequately reach the benchmarks and may have set much higher targets. What an achievement already! And what wonderful children you have when they are so involved and enjoying learning to want to challenge themselves and set their own higher personal target. BE PROUD!

Central Downs Athletics Carnival

We had a fantastic day at the CD Athletics Carnival last week. ALL of the Nobby students should be extremely proud of the effort and sportsmanship they displayed. Congratulations to everyone for their participation, which led to Nobby SS being named ‘Champion B School’ for the carnival.

Thanks also to our wonderful cheer squad who were beaming with pride as each and every athlete returned to the Nobby tent after their events. It was a great day to be a part of the Nobby State School community!

P&C Movie Night

Please keep the night of Saturday 6th September free for the P&C movie night at the Tivoli Theatre in Clifton. The movie that will be shown is ‘Dennis the Menace.’ More details will follow closer to the date.

Weekly Progress report

The Senior Room students have now begun emailing home a weekly progress report to parents. These reports a brief snapshot of work being completed in the classroom. We are trying to make it as simple as possible for both staff and students, while being useful information for parents and not just a ‘nice’ thing to do. We do appreciate your feedback, and obviously need to know if you are not receiving these on a weekly basis. You should receive a progress report this week for the third time.

Please use the progress report to discuss progress with your children; what sight words they haven’t learnt and why they are having difficulty, their ongoing behaviour, and how they are attempting to learn their times tables.

You may also note that the progress report links directly to our learning priorities; reading comprehension, spelling and number facts.

Currimundi Camp

The camp is sneaking up. You should now have a ‘what to bring list’, and a copy of the program (these have been in recent newsletters). Remember, the dates are Monday 27th– Wednesday 29th October.

Our school is extremely interested in applying to become an independent public school. I feel our school is strong enough to take on the greater autonomy, but we need your support. Please visit the website (http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/independent-public-schools/resources/ips-prospectus.pdf), and let us know your thoughts, both positive and negative, on becoming an independent public school. The consultation process is a very important part of the application process, so your thoughts are very important.

By removing red tape, Independent Public Schools will have the freedom to determine their staffing profile as well as the departmental policies and procedures that best suit their individual environments. Principals will have direct communication with the Director-General as well as new opportunities for innovation and improved performance.

Greater autonomy enables Independent Public Schools to find exciting new ways to do business. This enhanced innovation drives improved outcomes for Queensland’s students.

Independent Public Schools have additional autonomy for greater flexibility in staffing options.

Independent Public Schools can flexibly direct their budget to best meet their students’ individual needs.

An email will be sent to families regarding applying to become an Independent Public School.