The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of good books and the joy and benefits of good reading. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Our school is participating in Scholastic Book Clubs this year. During the school year we will send home a Club Flyer with a different selection of books offered. You’ll find award-winning books, as well as old and new favourites. The books span a wide range of children’s reading levels and interests and they are inexpensive (some books cost as little as $2).

It is easy to order. This Issue’s flyer is attached. Just look over the flyer with your child, select the books you want, mark them on the order form on the back of the flyer, and return the order form with payment by Friday 22nd February.

Owning your own books is something special! We hope that you will encourage your child to order books this year. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our school, however there is never any obligation to order. There is no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.

For more information about the books in this offer, you can visit the Scholastic Book Clubs Web site at www.scholastic.com.au. You will also find great activities and resources for you and your child.

Resource Fee Reminder
If you have not yet paid the resource fee, or spoken to myself about a payment plan, can you please address this ASAP.

Meet & Greet
The meet & greet will be held on Friday 8th March. We have decided to wait until the new play area is completed before holding this event.

We decided as a school community to alter the menu for Meet & Greet this year. We are going to have PIZZA on the menu, delivered by Eagle Boys. Families will need to pre-order so that you and your family don’t miss out.

The P&C will be providing nibbles and ice-creams for dessert.

Ice Blocks
Every Friday the Project Club sell ice blocks for $1.00 each.

Frozen yoghurt tubs will now be available on Fridays as an alternative to an ice block. The frozen yoghurts are available in strawberry and mango flavour and are $1.50 each.

Battle of the Brains
We will not have any teams competing at the Battle of the Brains competition at the Clifton Show this weekend due to being short on numbers.

Did you know??
That the Christmas Raffle was won by none other than Nobby’s Deb Knecht. Thanks to everyone for their support of our school.

Who do you know??
Do you know anyone who is has a special role somewhere, who manages a business or company or has a special skill. Do you know anyone famous for something? If so, we would love to know. You never know how these people may be able to help our small school one day. Don’t worry, we aren’t going to hammer these people once we know who they are. We’d merely like to know that the link exists should an opportunity arise. Please send us a text, an email or drop a note in the office if you can help somehow.

Easter Chocolates!
We will be holding an Easter Chocolate drive. We will soon have boxes of chocolates available in the office for families to take home to sell for Easter. A special incentive prize will also be raffled, with the winner being a special Easter chocolate box seller, prior to the Easter holidays. Keep your ears open for further information on this one!

Bunnings
The P&C are fortunate to have been offered a date for another Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. These are a great fundraiser for the school. We need your help to make it a success. Please keep the 28th April free (or semi free) so that you may be able to lend a hand at the sausage sizzle stall. 2 hours per person is all we require. It really is a great way to spend 2 hours.

Teacher-Parent communication
Please remember that the education of your child is a partnership between home and school. Please talk to your child’s teacher about issues, concerns or just general catch up. This makes for a supportive learning environment for your children.
**Learning Priorities 2013**

This year we have a strong focus on 3 things.

1. **Reading Comprehension**
   - Home reading every night – we’ll help parents push this by offering special incentives
2. **Spelling**
   - Book Trail
3. **Number Facts**
   - Book Week
4. **How are we going to improve reading comprehension?**
   - Special visits and workshops with children’s authors – hoping to have our first author confirmed today.
5. **Read-a-Thon in mid-late April**
6. **BIG BIG BIG Literacy and Numeracy Week in late August including:**
   - Book Fair
   - Book Trail
   - Reader’s Cup

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**P&C News**

**1st P&C meeting for 2013**

There was a good turnout for the 1st P&C meeting of the year and some key decisions were made about fund raising activities. The P&C plan to host a chocolate drive in the lead up to Easter, a Mother’s day event, a pie-drive in winter, another Ten-pin Bowling day, a Christmas raffle and possibly some sort of extravaganza late in the year! There was also an important discussion on annual prizes to be awarded to students for excellence in academia, sports and citizenship.

The next meeting will incorporate the AGM and will be held on **Tuesday 12th March at 6pm**. All parents and carers are encouraged to attend and get involved.

**Bunnings BBQ: save the date**

We are lucky enough to be running another Bunnings BBQ this year, with the date being **Sunday 28th April**. This event is a key fundraiser for the school and relies on a large number of volunteers to do a 2 hour session on the day. Please mark this date in your calendar and keep it free so you can help on the day.

Don’t cut your neighbours grass, cut the schools

It is not by chance that the school grounds look as good as they do! The lawns for instance are mown by parents and carers who volunteer to do so. This enables the school to save at least a couple of thousand $5 per year – which means that money can be spent on other things for students.

Volunteering to be on the mowing roster does not require much effort but does make a massive difference to the school. We are now seeking additional volunteers for 2013 and obviously the more volunteers we have the less is required from each person. For instance if we get 1 volunteer from each of the 27 families that comprise the Nobby school, each person would only have to mow once across the entire year!

Mowing can be conducted at virtually any time of the week and certainly isn’t restricted to just weekends. Volunteers can commit to the general roster or else nominate specific points through the year to suit individual time commitments.

The school is lucky enough to own a large, easy-to-drive, ride-on mower which literally makes mowing a breeze. We encourage all parents and carers to return the attached form.

**Meet and greet**

On the Friday prior to the next P&C meeting the P&C will host a “Meet and Greet” event at the school on the evening of Friday 8th March. Apart from being a great opportunity to catch up with teachers and other parents the meet and greet will include nibbles, pizza and ice-cream. Stay tuned for further details but mark it in your calendar now so that you don’t miss out!

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**Junior Room News**

**Junior Room Triathlon Update**

This year the Year 1 and 2 students will be competing in the Junior Triathlon event. The children will run for 10 minutes, then ride bikes for 10 minutes. Children are asked to bring their own bikes for this event if possible please. After the ride children will then go to the pool and swim for 10 minutes. At the conclusion of the event we will have the Preps event before presentations.

This year our Triathlon event for Prep students will involve a novelty run course and bike riding. As the children have had insufficient time to practice in the pool we will not have the swim section of the event.

Our Prep students circuit will have running, obstacle course skills and other novelty skills as well as bike riding. If your child has their own bike please bring it along, otherwise let us know so we can have sufficient bikes ready for all children. Children will be riding on the tennis court. This event will run after the Year 1 and 2’s complete their mini Triathlon.

If you are able to help with recording, supervision and cheering on the day please come along and help out. We’d love you to come and join us. It’s a fun morning for all.

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**Senior Room News**

**English**

The senior room students are busy learning about narratives. A narrative is a fictional (not true) story that is designed to entertain. Our year 5 and 6 students have their own copy of Fantastic Mr Fox borrowed from the library and are using that text for the bulk of their English learning. Year 5 and 6 students are looking at a variety of short stories.

**History**

The Australian Curriculum has this year introduced History as a subject, and it is fully embedded into our weekly timetable. This semester’s focus is Early Settlement and the First Fleet.