



The Nobby Link

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Term 2 Week 5
Thursday 16th May 2013

From the Principal's Desk

NAPLAN is over

Congratulations to all of our year 3 and 5 students who completed their final Naplan test today. They all did their very best throughout the three days and I am expecting to see some very pleasing results. Well done to those students.

Showcase Award Winners

The Clifton Cluster won a Showcase Award for excellence in junior secondary education last week. This is in recognition of the work we collectively did to ensure a smooth transition when moving year 7 to high school. The submission will now be entered into the Queensland wide Showcase Awards.

This demonstrates that the way this process was handled by all Clifton schools was extremely well done, and recognised as such, by those people at the very top of our Darling Downs South West Region.

This is something that our parent community should be very proud of— a strong cluster and high school partnership, meaning smooth and seamless education for all students from prep-year 12.

Mother's Day Luncheon

Sunday's Mother's Day Luncheon was a great day out. It was impressive to see every little aspect of the day running like clockwork. The kids area, the raffles, the meals etc. Everyone knew their role and performed it exceptionally well. Congrats to the entire organising group- you did a thorough and fantastic job **and I really do appreciate it!!**

Ultimately, our students and families will benefit from the work that you are all putting in. Well done!

Parent Teacher Interviews

These interviews will be held in the last week of term. Keep an eye out for the parent teacher interview calendar out soon.

Clifton SHS school visit

Joy Craig and her Junior Secondary team will visit our school on Monday 20th May at 2:30 pm, to talk with year 6 students. They will be discussing the high school and the transition program in place to ensure a smooth changeover when moving from primary school to high school. All students in year 6 have the opportunity to be involved, whether attending Clifton SHS or not. Parents of students are also welcome to attend. This session will take place in the Resource Centre.

Allora Gala Days

The Allora Gala days will be held on Fridays 24th and 31st May at Allora SS. Students aged 9, 10, 11 and 12 will be competing in soccer, netball and rugby league. These are great days of sport and sportsmanship with the Nobby kids joining other schools to make up teams.

Parent transport is required for these days.

Day one is next Friday. Please ensure your child has the correct gear:-

All attending students should wear their school uniform. Jerseys/bibs will be provided on the day. In addition, rugby league players will need footwear and soccer players will need shin pads and long socks to cover the shin pads (NO BOOTS with tags for soccer players).

All students need lunch and morning tea (or money to purchase both), sunscreen, school bucket hats and more than likely a jumper/jacket and other warm clothes.

The Junior Room and the Senior Room students not involved in the Gala Day will have a normal day here at school. Mrs Morwood will be in the Junior Room, with Mrs Field be attending the Gala Day.

Skoolbag App

Do you have the school app on your smart phone? Keep everything you need in your pocket; including the school calendar, contact details, parent handbook, news items and P&C details. We also have the ability to send out bulk notifications in urgent situations. The app is free, and available in the App store on iTunes.

Parent Reading PD

Thanks to those mums, dads and carers who came along to yesterday's parent learning session with Margaret Comerford. Hopefully you learnt a little bit about reading with children either at home, or here at school.

Parent Fun night and disco

Clear the night of Friday 14th June on your calendars! We will be holding a disco for the students, while the adults can chat, eat and mingle in the resource centre. More info coming!

Calendar		
Term 2, 2013		
Week 6	Monday 20th May	Clifton SHS Visit (Yr6)
Week 6	Wednesday 22nd May	Tuckshop Orders Due
Week 6	Wednesday 22nd May	Clifton Museum
Week 6	Friday 24th May	Tuckshop
Week 6	Friday 24th May	Allora Gala Day 1
Week 7	Friday 31st May	Allora Gala Day 2
Week 9	Monday 10th June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Week 9	Tuesday 11th June	Pie Drive Orders Due
Week 9	Tuesday 11th June	P&C Meeting

Attachments:

- Gala Day Permission Form (Senior Room students aged 9, 10, 11 and 12)

Clifton Chaplaincy Art Auction

The local chaplaincy committee will be hosting an Art Auction on Friday 24th May at the Anglican Church Hall in Clifton. Works from artists; David Woodford, Kimberley Charlotte George and Cecile Arndt will be available.

Star Cookies

Serving size: 16

Ingredients

- 200g butter, softened
- ½ cup castor sugar
- 1 egg yolk
- ¼ cup Nestle Baking Cocoa
- 1 ¾ cups plain flour

Icing

- ¾ cup Nestle white Melts
- 2 tbsp. cream

Method

- Preheat oven to 180C
- Line baking trays with baking paper
- Beat butter and sugar together until light and creamy.
- Add egg yolk.
- Sift baking cocoa and flour and stir into mixture.
- Knead mixture lightly, shape into a ball then wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate 20 minutes.
- Roll out between sheets of baking paper and cut out stars with a star cutter.
- Place on oven trays and bake 12 minutes until light golden.
- Cool before joining 2 stars with icing.

Icing:

Melt chocolate, stir in cream (will curdle slightly). Use to join cookies together.



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Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

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1. Sleep 2. Cyber Safety 3. Alcohol
4. Mental Health 5. 8 Secrets of Happiness

WARWICK

27 May 2013

School of Total Education | 2 Freestone Rd
Warwick

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Buses will be transporting from Ingelwood and Stanthorpe

TOOWOOMBA

28 May 2013

Empire Church| Neil Street
Toowoomba

7:00pm – 8:30pm

REGISTER TODAY!

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P&C News

Mother's Day Luncheon—Thank you to everyone for their help and support of our Mother's Day Luncheon last Sunday. It was a great day and we have received lots of positive feedback from people who attended the day. We raised around \$1300.00 from this event!

Homestyle Bake Pie Drive—Orders are due on Tuesday, 11th June and pies will be available for collection on Wednesday, 19th June (time to be confirmed).

Date Claimer—The P&C will be holding a Bowling Fun Day on Sunday 21st July. Try to keep this day free if you are able to.

Please support the P&C fundraising efforts. All money raised by the P&C is used to benefit our students.



Cross Country Success

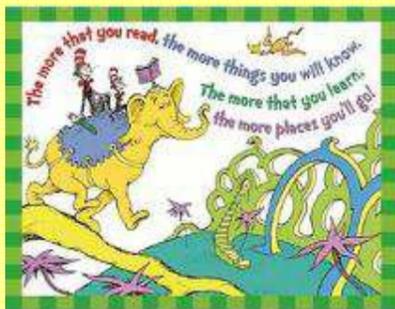
Congratulations to Jack Green who finished 5th at last week's Southern Downs Cross Country event. His success has earned him a place on the Southern Downs team to compete at the Darling Downs trials on Tuesday 28th May. Well done Jack!

Tuckshop

Tuckshop is next Friday 24th May. Please ensure tuckshop orders are in by Wednesday 22nd May.

We no longer have stock of Hokkien Noodles. Please remove this item from your Tuckshop Menu.

Remember that next Friday is the first Gala Day for those Senior Room students that are involved in it.



Library News

The library will now be open every Wednesday from 1:30pm-3:00pm for siblings and family members to browse and borrow. We hope that this is a service that you will use and enjoy.



Bruce and Denise Morcombe Visit

We were lucky to attend a safety talk delivered by Bruce and Denise Morcombe last Wednesday. They truly are an inspirational couple. To take such a tragic event in their lives and turn it into a positive teaching experience is remarkable. Our students were riveted by the talk; as the messages were real and delivered by people who have experienced the loss of a child first hand.

We were also able to personally hand Bruce and Denise the money that we raised from our gold coin 'Day for Daniel.' Thank you for your support of this day.



Junior Room News

Our Museum trip next week will be a wonderful way to compare old things with our modern day things. We will be doing a project based on our visit.

Many thanks to the parents who have volunteered to help out on the day. I will have some hints for you to help make the most of the event.

English- Our Preps are really into learning about letters and actions that help us learn the sounds. The 1's and 2's have more complex letter groups to learn. Comprehension and spelling activities are now our priority.

Maths-Preps are continuing our number study and we will be up to 10 next week. We are all learning our shapes and solids and their names. The 1's and 2's have a new little maths helper book that needs to live in their homework bag please. These will be used in class and at home for 'rote' learning. The doubles, count-ons and rainbow facts will be the BIG ones to learn this term.

Mothers Day - it was so good to have lots of Mams, Grannies and Special People come last week to have a little pamper session. We do hope you enjoyed this special time with your children.

Reading for comprehension - it is often necessary to read and reread a book, paragraph or sentence to really understand something we have read. When your little ones have to work out words they often lose understanding of what they have read. Please encourage them to reread the sentence or a section to be sure it makes sense. Rereading a good book is fun and it is fine if your child wants to read a good book a second time.

Clifton Museum Visit

The whole school will travel to Clifton Museum next Wednesday morning.

We will leave school at approx. 9:00am and return by 1pm. Students are required to wear school uniform and hat. Please bring a water bottle and morning tea for the excursion. (We will have lunch when we return to school.)

Thanks to the Nobby P&C Association, there will be no cost to families.

Paying for school excursions and activities is one of the major ways the P&C helps our students.



Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Thank you to everyone who came along and enjoyed our 'Australia's Biggest Morning Tea' and pampering morning last Friday. It was wonderful to see so many Mums and 'Special People' come and join us for this event. We raised \$185.00 for the Cancer Council. What a great effort!