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**Friday 10th May**

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**Attachments:**
- Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker sheets
- Book Club (Orders Due 03.05.13)
- AASC Transport Arrangements Form (Bus Kids)

**From the Principal’s Desk**

**Hello to all parents and community members**

Term 2 is a 10 week term, and it is looking like it will be another big one. It includes cross country events, Day for Daniel, a visit to Clifton SS to meet with Bruce and Denise Morcombe, the Bunnings sausage sizzle, Naplan, The Biggest Morning Tea, The P&C Mother’s Day Luncheon, Winter Sport Days at Allora (soccer, rugby league and netball), Anzac Day and the Queen’s Birthday public holiday. And they are the things that are in the calendar (there is bound to be a few more!)

**Welcome to Nobby State School**

I extend a warm welcome on behalf of the Nobby community to the Gokwok family, and in particular Darcy, who began his Nobby journey this week, joining the Senior Room in year 3.

**Easter Chocolates**

Thanks to everyone who sold chocolates for the P&C’s Easter fundraiser. Almost all boxes have been sold – giving us a profit of $5,000! Thanks for your support of this fundraiser.

**Bunnings Sausage Sizzle**

The Bunnings Sausage Sizzle will be held on Sunday 28th April. 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 so please let the office know if you are able to help out for a couple of hours and what your preferred role is. We only need 5 more volunteers – 2 hour shift!!

This event allows us to raise money beyond our local community.

**Home Reading**

Our Home Reading programs in the Junior and Senior classrooms will continue this term. All students are expected to read for 10-15 minutes every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Night. We strongly encourage all students to do ‘7 Night Reading’. Those students who read every night go into the ‘7 Night Reading Draw’ every Monday morning on parade.

The more you practise the better you’ll become at reading and enjoy reading for learning as well as for fun.

The students who participate in ‘7 Night Reading’ this term will potentially read 68 nights compared to 40 nights if they only read the expected ‘4 Nights’.

This coming Monday morning on parade will see some extra awards handed out based on last term’s Home Reading.

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The Day for Daniel is usually held in October but due to the Bruce and Denise Morcombe visit we think it will be more significant to hold our Day for Daniel on this date.

**NAPLAN**

This year’s NAPLAN tests will be conducted on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 14th, 15th and 16th May for students in years 3 and 5. Parents, please let the school know if you have any concerns about this testing.

**Downs Office Equipment**

Good luck to Jack Green who will be representing Central Downs at these trials. He will be trialling to be selected as a member of the Southern Downs team.
We have had a great start to the term. The children have fitted straight back into our routines.

This term we will be doing ‘Nobby Speaks Up’ on Mondays and Wednesdays. The Preps will also be doing ‘Toy Talk Tuesday’ and Year 1 & 2 will do ‘Literacy Folders’ on Tuesdays. Details will be sent home next week as a separate note (keep a look out in your child’s homework bag).

English—the Year 1 & 2s concentrate on more complex sounds with 2 or more letters eg: ou/ai/ay etc. We will continue to concentrate on fluent reading using the eight strategies AND INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF SIGHT WORDS WE KNOW. Our M100W sight words are also our spelling words. We have also begun doing comprehension activities and will practice this a lot this term.

Maths—Year 1 and 2’s will be concentrating on rote learning of number facts. Our first 2 weeks will be about doubles. Please help them learn these at home orally.

Preps will continue to have letters as their focus for learning and activities. We will start doing 2 a week most weeks. This week it will be c and f and n next week. Maths will concentrate on number to 10.

Next week the Preps will begin ‘Home Reading’. They will have a folder and a homework bag. I will include extra information about what and how to do this new adventure.

Don’t forget the ‘7 Night Reading’ reward draw every Monday on parade. All children who read for 7 nights in a row need to have their folders in by 8:40am on Monday mornings.

ANZAC Day—Children will be involved in activities, stories, looking at pictures, etc. to help understand what ANZAC Day is about. We have talked about our involvement in the Clifton ANZAC Day Parade. This special day is a significant event in our teaching of History and Australian Culture.

We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 8 April and Sunday 9 June 2013. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

For every $10 spent at Woolworths you will receive a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. Pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it’s completed, just bring it back to school and drop it into the Collection Box. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we’d like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for Mathematics, English, Science, Art & Crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school.

Young Leaders Day

Our school leaders attended the Young Leaders Day in Brisbane just before the Easter Holidays. We sat in a crowd of 3000 students from all around South East Queensland, and listened to some inspirational stories of how people have ‘made it’—and how being a leader has impacted on their life. The speakers included newsreader Kay McGrath, disabled explorer Paul Hockey, Scientist Rueben Meeraman and young entrepreneur Creel Price. It was a great day, and it was sure to inspire those students to chase their dreams and be their best.

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