NAPLAN
Last week's tests were very pleasing. We are not able to copy tests after they have been completed by students, but we do look at them. I am very happy with the reading results that our year 3 and 5 students achieved. It means that the reading programs and activities we do are paying dividends. These include:

• 7 night reading draw, end of term reading draws, iPad Mini at the end of the year
• Multilit reading intervention
• Higher expectation of 15 minutes per night for home reading
• Online courses– Project 600
• Guests authors last year

They say success breeds success, and the results our students achieve inspires every staff member to do more, and to see greater results achieved.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle 2014
Thank you to everyone who supported the sausage sizzle on the weekend. We had a merry band of helpers cooking up a storm. Your support of our school is absolutely appreciated.

If you accidently went home with a Nobby SS cap could you please return it to the office.

Parent Teacher Interviews
We have changed the format for the end of semester parent teacher interviews, with the help and support of the P&C. We have designed a fun afternoon and evening, full of activities on Thursday 26th June. While this is occurring, the three classroom teachers will be conducting parent teacher interviews. We have attached a blank copy of the program for you to see what is happening.

We will soon send home a program complete with names against interview times.

P&C Day
Tomorrow is P&C Day. We are celebrating our wonderful P&C with a morning tea. If you have played a role in any way, please come along at 11am.

Clifton State High School Visit
Clifton SHS staff will be attending Nobby next Thursday afternoon to talk to the Year 6 students about high school. If you do not wish your child to attend please let us know.

Excursion Costs
The P&C has subsidised all of our excursions this year, therefore keeping the cost to $10.00 per student for each excursion. We'd like to thank our P&C for their contributions and for ensuring that the excursions are affordable for all families.

Attachments:
• Book Club—Orders due Friday 6th June
• Amaroo Environmental Education Centre Permission Form—Whole school
• The 13-Storey Treehouse Permission Form—Yr 3-6 ONLY
• Jondaryan Woolshed Transport Preference Form—Prep-Yr2 ONLY

Winter Sports Gala Days
The Winter Sports Gala Days will be held next Friday 30th May and Friday 6th June at Allora State School. Both days will run from approximately 9:30am—2:00pm.
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.

Homestyle Bake Pie Drive
Orders and payment are due on Friday 30th May and delivery will be Thursday 12th June (time to be confirmed.)

Please bring in any empty cardboard boxes you have. The Junior Room students will be doing some construction over the coming weeks.
Head lice have been detected in the school. It is extremely important for you to check your child’s head for head lice TODAY. Keep checking every 2 days until there are no head lice found for 10 consecutive days. If you do find head lice, commence effective treatment immediately and be sure to complete the process for treatment. This will help to prevent head lice from spreading.

For further, up-to-date information go to: http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/InfectionsandParasites/Parasites/headLice_fs.pdf

Chappy Update

This week is Chappy Week so this coming Friday we will have a ‘Crazy Hair Day’. Students can come to school with crazy hair. The person I see with the craziest hair will win a block of chocolate at the end of the day. Also this Friday, 23rd May, there is a Chaplaincy Dinner at the Clifton Senior Citizens Centre. It starts at 6.30pm and a meal will be provided courtesy of donations from the Clifton District Churches and Community.

Next Wednesday students are able to come to school representing their State of Origin team. Students will need to bring a gold coin donation for the Project Club and they can come wearing gear to represent their team.

Thanks for everything you all do and for your support of Chaplaincy. I love coming to Nobby State School and it is definitely the highlight of my week. I also wanted to say THANK YOU to everyone who helps support the Breakfast Club on Fridays. This club would not be possible without your amazing support.

Sincerely,
Matt

Junior Room News

Well last week may have been slow, but we have made up for it this week. Our Bunnings building experience left no doubt that everyone enjoyed themselves. When asked what was the best part, a lot of children said “everything!” Have a look at Tyson’s writing about our experience.

Wednesday saw us kicking a lot of balls at a soccer workshop. Everyone really enjoyed the running and kicking and getting fit. Some budding players – maybe time to join a club and play some more!

Next week is quiet again. That’s good for getting lots of work done.

We are doing lots of hands-on work in maths learning about fractions, sharing fairly (division) making equal groups (multiplication) and doubles and halves. Learning the double sums by rote (off-by-heart) is what we are aiming for. Of course we are still working with numbers up to 100.

Preps are getting to the end of their individual letter study. They get to do some very interesting craft with most of them. Everyone is doing an amazing job of learning how to write all the letters quickly, neatly and correctly. Very exciting! Year 1 and 2 should be able to complete the whole alphabet in a minute, neatly.

With this newsletter is some information about our excursion to Jondaryan Woolshed in August. While a long time away, we do need to get it sorted soon. Please return forms in the next 2 weeks. This excursion will enhance our History studies.

Mr Magic (aka Richard Mitchell) held a soccer clinic for the Nobby students on Wednesday. It was great to see the students all ‘having a go’ and enjoying being active and involved in a sport. They also received a very cool water bottle for their efforts.

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