The Nobby Link

Thursday 24th October 2013

Operation Christmas Child

WOW!! What a response to Chappy Matt’s charity project. We have received lots of boxes back from families, as well as other donations to go towards filling boxes and money to help cover the postage costs.

Reminding children of the world that they live in and the luxuries that most of our children grow up with is a great lesson. Not all children in the world are as lucky as ours.

Central Downs Ball Games Carnival

This annual event will be held at Emu Creek State School on Friday 1st of November (week 4). All students are involved in teams that will compete against other schools in our district. Parents and friends are welcome as always.

Spelling Mastery

Our students are now grouped into spelling groups according to ability, and take part in a 30 minute lesson every day. We have noticed an improvement. Looking forward to seeing progress on paper but so far, the program looks to be making good inroads.

Tuckshop

Due to the Central Downs Ball Games Carnival next Friday, there will be no tuckshop here at school.

Christmas Hamper

We are raffling a Christmas Hamper, with the help of our supporters, Rudds Pub, between now and Christmas. Please drop your gifts into the school office. Types of items include non-perishable foods, ‘Christmassy things’ (bonbons, decorations etc.), toys, alcohol and appliances. These items can be dropped into the school office. Tickets are available now in the school office. If you are able to sell some books of tickets, please drop into the office to grab some!

Head Lice

We have been notified of some cases of head lice recently. Please check your child regularly for head lice and treat if necessary.

Term 4 A & B Rewards Day

We have booked to attend this year’s Summer Safety Day at Logan’s Inlet, Wivenhoe Dam on Tuesday 26th November. This is our end of year fun day, but also our A & B behaviour reward day. Therefore, this day will be available to students who receive an A or B for behaviour this term.

The Summer Safety Day is a huge day, with lifeguards on duty, a rescue helicopter demonstration, lunch, drinks and iceblocks provided for the 520 students attending.

There will be no cost to students, but again, this is the final big reward for the year to our students who show exemplary behaviour throughout term 4.

Please return the attached permission form before Friday 6th November. Please remember that although you may sign a permission note, the child’s attendance won’t be finalised until the end of week 7, when teachers determine behaviour levels.

Enrolments for 2014 are now being taken. Please contact the school office if you would like to enrol your child.

Attachments:

• A & B Rewards Day Permission Form
• Book Club—Orders and payment due Wednesday 30th October


Health Alert—School Sores

We have been advised this week of a student being diagnosed with school sores. School sores “Impetigo” are highly contagious and students should not attend school until the student has received appropriate antibiotics for at least 24 hours. Sores on exposed areas must be covered with a watertight dressing until the sores have cleared.


Dear Parents,

I am so excited about the support Operation Christmas Child has received at Nobby SS. There has been so many boxes and donations dropped off to Nobby, and this will have an amazing impact on children all around the world. The time for me to deliver the boxes is coming up very quickly. I will need all shoe boxes and donations dropped off to Nobby State School by TOMORROW afternoon. It would also be great to get a photo of all the shoe boxes with everyone who has helped on Friday afternoon at 3pm. So please come along if you can.

As some of you might be aware, Chaplaincy has another High Court Challenge by the same Toowoomba resident. I need your support to help show Parliament that Chaplaincy is needed in our state schools. You can sign ‘your statement of support’ form in the office or go to www.backourchappies.com.au to sign your statement of support online. I will also have a back pack at school for anyone to help decorate that will be collected early next year, along with SU QLD decorated backpacks from every school to show their support of chaplaincy. Your support will help Chaplaincy stay in state schools. Thanks for everything and all the support I have received from Nobby SS for Chaplaincy.

Sincerely,
Chappy Matt

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We are into the swing of our term program now with spelling and reading groups daily.

We are also beginning our new History unit. This term we will be looking at local places that have significance from the past as well as personal past events that shape our lives and give us our memories. Prep and Year 1 children will be talking about significant events like birthdays, special trips or holidays and other memorable experiences - where, when, what and why? Year 2 will be looking at our school pool history, the memorial gates and Sister Kenny Memorial. All children will be making a poster to show the history of the topics or events. You might like to begin talking to your little ones about happy and memorable events in their lives. Show photos to help jog their memories. We will be using words like long ago, in the past, present and future.

Don’t forget to bring in boxes (cardboard boxes, cereal boxes, muesli bar boxes, etc.) and recycled materials for the Junior Room Maths assessment.

Our students take part in reading activities every morning at 9am. It is so very important that students are here on time every morning, so that they can be prepared for school and are able to have a snack before the 8:50am bell goes.

Our maths program consists of a program called Elementary Maths Mastery (we call it EMM5). It is a daily activity, where students practice 20 different maths concepts every day. This helps us to identify student strengths and weaknesses, which helps us to improve student achievement.

Our GEM word wall is filling up quickly. This is where we place words worthy of becoming GEM words. This is a daily activity designed to improve vocabulary, when we speak, when we write and when we read. Come in and check it out.

Congratulations to Ruby Noller who won first prize in the Clifton Country Week photography Competition.

Congratulations to Darcy Noller who won second prize in the Clifton Country Week photography Competition.

Retirement BBQ Lunch for Marj Mason

Invitations are extended to present and past students, parents and staff for the Retirement BBQ for Mrs Marj Mason, who has been the cleaner at Ryeford SS for many years. Come and help us celebrate Marj’s retirement.

Date: Saturday 16th November
Time: 12:00pm - 3:00pm
Venue: Ryeford SS grounds

Please bring: A salad and a dessert to share (meat will be provided) and drinks for your family
Gift: $55 contributions towards a gift for Marj can be dropped off at the school
RSVP: Numbers and gift contribution by Friday 8th November. Phone Ryeford SS 46958515 or email bsheri63@eq.edu.au

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We are no longer reminding you to explain absences. We ask that you explain absences preferably before they occur, but if required, on the day of the absence. Failure to do this will mean that your child’s absence will be marked as ‘unexplained’ and noted on the student’s end of semester report card.

“Every Day Counts!”

Student Attendance and Absences