Upcoming events

Please mark the following dates in your calendar:

1 – the next P&C meeting will be held at 6pm on Tuesday 16th April, everyone is welcome so please make every effort to attend.
2 – the Bunning’s BBQ is taking place on Sunday April 28th and volunteers are critical to make the event a success.
3 – the P&C is hosting a Mother’s Day luncheon on Sunday 22nd May at Rudd’s Pub. It should be a fun event and the more the merrier!

The P&C would like to thank the following sponsors for their support this year:

The staff and students of Nobby State School would like to wish everyone a Happy and Safe Easter.

From the Principal’s Desk

Holidays
Please take the time over the Easter Holidays to enjoy time with your family and friends. If you are heading away for a break, please drive carefully. We look forward to seeing you all in Term 2.

Volunteers Breakfast
To show our appreciation to all of the people who volunteer at our school, we are holding a ‘Volunteers Breakfast’ tomorrow morning. Please feel free to join us in the Resource Centre tomorrow morning from 8.00am. (Don’t forget, we are happy to take care of your children in the Senior Room while you enjoy a reward.)
For those of you who are unable to attend the breakfast, we’d like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your contribution to our school.

Easter Chocolates!
There are still some Easter chocolates available for $4.00 per packet. There will be some lovely ladies floating around tomorrow selling them. Please grab a packet or two if you are able.

Interhouse Cross Country
Our Cunningham vs. Leslie cross country will be held tomorrow, 28th March, beginning at 9:30am. Students have been training for this event for the last 6 weeks. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours. Cunningham is blue and Leslie is red. Parents, siblings and friends are welcome to attend and cheer and dress as supporters.

Easter Fun Day
After the Cross Country we will have morning tea and then our ‘Easter Fun Day’. There will be a range of activities for the students to participate in. Please bring a picnic lunch along to share with your children at big lunch.

Behaviour Certificates
Our Behaviour Rewards Day was held yesterday. The students involved were treated to pizzas (A students) and a movie and popcorn. Congratulations to the following students who have achieved an ‘A’ Behaviour Standard this term: Isobelle Gorton, Stacey Barton, Jack Green Chloe Torcetti, Tameka Raward, Hannah Torcetti, Tom Green, Denzel McCulin, Jasmine Wilson, Scarlet Banwick, Georgia Hopkins, Audrey Banwick and Kya McCulin.

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved an ‘B’ Behaviour Standard this term: Kendell Wikins, Manox Obergruber, Boyd McDonald, Jack Burchell-Butcher, Declan Gordon, Maximilie Deeth, Emilee Ellis, Ruby Noller, Cheyenne McInerney, Rof Burchell-Butcher,Tailis Wikins, Darcy Noller, Ethan McCulin, Tyson Schaffer, Jacob Torcetti, Bree Wilson, Jada Duncan, Libby Sheridan, Cherokes McInerney and Sam Sheridan.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
The Bunning Sausage Sizzle will be held on Sunday 28th April. Volunteers are needed to make this day run as smoothly as possible. The Bunning 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.

Funds raised by the P&C throughout the year benefit all of the children at Nobby State School.

Home Reading
Thank you to all of the families who support the ‘Home Reading’ programs in the Junior and Senior classrooms. We have checked back through all of the ‘Home Reading’ sheets and we would like to congratulate all of the students who have read every night this term. We would especially like to congratulate those students who do ‘7 Night Reading’. These students have read every day this term since week 2. The more you practise the better you’ll become at reading and enjoy reading as a hobby.

Central Downs Soccer Trials
The Central Downs Soccer trials were held yesterday. Congratulations to Jack Green who was selected in the Central Downs team and will now compete at the Southern Downs trials next term.
Well done Jack!
Happy Holidays everyone! I do hope your family has a good rest and a wonderful time with family and friends to recharge your batteries.

The last few weeks has seen a better understanding of the many rules, routines and class expectations in our classroom. This then results in happy students, happy staff and much valuable learning. Well done to all of our students.

A HUGE thank you to all those parents who come into our classroom in the mornings and help out with learning words and more. It is paying off—many improvements in reading, words skills and more importantly—the children feel much more confident.

Reading over the holidays. Many of the children have said that they would like to do this, SO, I will be setting up a special sign off sheet and sorting books for them to read. This is voluntary but will have the added advantage of giving them more numbers for their home-reading program. It is very refreshing to hear children ask for this!!

Next term we will continue our oral language program called ‘Nobby Speaks Up’ (NSU) and as well we will add two new activities: Toy Talk Tuesday” - in the afternoons, and the Year 1 and 2’s will be doing Literacy Folders. I will give you more details after the break.

A huge thank you must go to Ms Jacqui who supports our classroom in the most wonderfully efficient and professional manner. Ms Jacqui—you are a valued member of staff and we thank you very much for all the work you do. Have a good holiday break.

We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting 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.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays

Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school. If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

We were fortunate to have Tristan Bancks visit our school last Tuesday to speak to the children about reading and story writing. He had some wonderful and animated stories from his youth that he shared with the children. It was interesting to hear how he uses his past experiences to write for the entertainment of others.

We’re sure all of our Tristan Bancks books will be borrowed from the library non-stop for quite a while.

We all gained some valuable ideas on how to excite students in the writing process.

Thank you Tristan, your visit was very inspiring!