The Nobby Link

From the Principal’s Desk
Thursday, 29th November 2012

Term 4

Week 8

Calendar

Clifton State High School Transition Day
The final transition day for year 6 and 7 students attending Clifton State High School in 2013 will be held on Tuesday, 11th December. Activities will finish at 12:10pm at the high school. We then need all students back to Nobby for a full dress rehearsal for the concert—being held that night!

Nobby SS Swimming Carnival
The interhouse swimming carnival is being held next Wednesday, 5th December from 9:00am-1:00pm (approximately.) Children are encouraged to wear their house colours; Leslie is red and Cunningham is blue. Please ensure your children have suitable sun-protective clothing to wear in between events. A spare towel is also advisable.

Please, NO hair colours for the swimming carnival.

Christmas Raffle
The Christmas Hamper Raffle is in full swing. Donations for the hamper keep rolling in and raffle tickets are now available from the office. Even if you are unable to take a book of tickets please call into the office and buy a ticket or two if you can. Tickets are $1.00 each.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Parent/Teacher interviews start next Tuesday, 4th December. At this stage we will assume that you are happy with the times that have been allocated. However, if your interview time is not suitable please let us know as soon as possible so that an alternative time can be made.

Shooting Stars—30th November
The final day of the Shooting Stars concert will be held tomorrow at Pittsworth. This program is coordinated by the Pittsworth-Clifton Special Education Program for students with a disability and is an extremely important part of the social emotional program for the students involved.

Literacy Planet Subscription
Students are encouraged to continue using their Literacy Planet at home over the holidays. If your child doesn’t know their user name and password please let us know and we will provide you with it.

Protective Behaviour Session
The Queensland Police Service will be presenting a Protective Behaviour session to the Senior Room students on Monday, 3rd December. This will be a timely reminder to the students about staying safe.

Pre-prep Program
The last two Pre-Prep transition days are tomorrow and next Tuesday. Thank you to the families who have supported our Pre-Prep program. We look forward to having you as part of our wonderful school community in 2013.

Library
Please return all library books by tomorrow, 30th November.

Tuckshop News
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- Chocolate Muffin $1.00
- Supreme Pizza $2.00
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**Report Cards**

Every family will receive their child’s/children’s report card/s at the upcoming parent teacher interviews.

When teachers report they do so using an A-E standard. Achievement standards indicate the quality of learning students should typically demonstrate at a particular point in their schooling. It is important to note that under the Australian Curriculum there has been a marked raising of the bar for student achievement standards. Parents and students need to be aware of the following:-

When reading the report card, know that a student who is understanding and completing the work that is expected of the student in a particular year level, that that student is meeting the expectations for that year level, and will therefore be awarded with a C.

Some clarification around the meaning of achievement standards:

- **A standard**: Working well above the expected standard for this year level.
- **B standard**: Working above the expected standard for this year level.
- **C standard**: Working at the expected standard for this year level. This means that they are doing everything that they should be doing!
- **D standard**: Working below the expected standard for this year level.
- **E standard**: Working well below the standard for this year level.

When awarding a standard in reporting, teachers will use a range of assessment items and will moderate with each other to ensure consistency of judgement.

If your child receives a ‘C’ standard, he or she is doing everything that they should be doing academically.

Effort and behaviour levels are an indication of how hard your child is working and the effort your child is putting in, in class.

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**Pirates of the Curry Bean**

A massive thank you to all of the people who have continued to come and make, do, help and produce all of things required for the ‘Pirates of the Curry Bean’ production. It really is heart-warming to have such wonderful families who are willing to help out with such a huge task.

We must also thank the talented and devoted cast (all of the Nobby students) who been tirelessly rehearsing at school and home for their parts.

Please make sure all children have their costume requirements that you have been asked to get here at school no later than Tuesday next week. If you are having trouble sourcing any of the costume bits please let me know before the weekend. Please note that Pirates require old jeans that are able to be cut off or ‘piratised’ - (let me know if you would prefer this not to happen.)

At the end of next week we will begin hall rehearsals. With this in mind, we hope to see all students at school every day.

Feel free to invite family, neighbours and friends to join us at our concert so that we have a wonderful audience to entertain.

Please encourage your child to practice often.

Regards

Kerry

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**FAME Spirit of Christmas**

We travelled to the Empire Theatre on Monday for the Spirit of Christmas performance. As always the bus trip was enjoyed by everyone, with lots of ‘Curry Bean’ practice on the trip in.

Being at the Empire Theatre is an experience in itself. Live theatre always shows children the dramatic opportunities available. This show in particular showcased children of similar ages to our senior students. To see lighting, sound and acting was most appropriate given we are leading up to our own dramatic extravaganza.

We were also lucky enough to witness approximately 500 students dancing or bopping to the famous ‘Gangnam Style’ prior to the performance.

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**Chappy Update**

Dear Parents and Nobby Community

Chappy Matt here with a ‘Chappy Update’ for the Newsletter this week.

The end of the year is almost here and I am sure we are all looking forward to the holidays. This week I wanted to talk about ‘Extreme Sports’. Extreme Sports is something I have been doing with the boys in years 3 to 7. Extreme Sports is a time for the boys and I to play sporting games with a twist. This has been great and the boys have really enjoyed it, especially with the girls talking about their ‘High Tea’. Extreme Sports is a great time for all boys to build relationships and play some very interesting games. We do this one day a week usually on Friday afternoons. In Extreme Sports, we have played rugby with a loaf of bread and cricket with a head of lettuce. This week I have planned something just as interesting.

We are planning to have a Fun Day on the 7th December. This fun day is called Extreme Day. You will find a permission note attached to today’s newsletter for the Extreme Day. Please return this by Wednesday 5th December.

If you need to contact me about anything please email me at matthew.george@chappy.org.au or call me at Nobby S.S. on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Sincerely

Chappy Matt