

Chappy Chat

Dear Parents/Carers and Community

I hope everyone had a great holiday and found some time to relax. I know I enjoyed a great holiday back home in America, and I am ready for a new year at Nobby! It was tough coming from a cold American winter to a warm Australian summer.

This year I will be at Nobby on Wednesdays and Fridays. I have had to change my days because during the holidays I accepted a Chaplaincy position at Darling Heights State School. I will still be running "The People's" club this year which is a Christian club for students in year 3-6. The club will meet during lunch. If you would like to help with "The People's" club please let me know. Also, the "Breakfast Club" will be starting next Friday, 7th February. If you would like to help out on Friday mornings please let me know. I can't wait to have another amazing year at Nobby!

Sincerely,

Chappy Matt

Soccer Signup

Registration is available online Right Now! Just go to www.myfootballclub.com.au click register now and follow your nose. If you have any problems message us via Facebook or email registrations@warwickwolves.com.au and we will help you through it. We have also put an online registration guide on our website www.warwickwolves.com.au which will help you out if needed. All players are required to register online. It is simple, quick and convenient! No waiting in queues! Give it a Go!

Registrations will close on Sunday 16th March to enable time for us to finalise teams for the season ahead.

In addition to Online registrations we are running 2 registration information days:

15th February will be at the Rose City Shopping Centre (bottom of the escalators) and will run from 8-30am until 12-30pm. Warwick Wolves members will be present to assist you with the online registration process. There will be two computers available for this purpose.

22nd February – will be held at the WDFC Clubhouse, Queens Park, Park Road, Warwick, from 10:00am till 12:00pm. Warwick Wolves members will be present to assist you with the online registration process. There will be two computers available for this purpose.

If you have any questions please call Paul Butler 0423 647 890, Rebecca Butler 0428 715 663, Peter Darton 0427 498 478



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Come along and Join our Wonderful and Exciting New Dance Classes held in Clifton.

We offer Classes in

- ❖ RAD Ballet
- ❖ Jazz
- ❖ Irish
- ❖ Contemporary

Classes are held at the F E Logan Hall CLIFTON, and will commence on Wednesday the 5th February 2014.

For any information please feel free to contact Jameille.

We look forward to some Happy Dancing.

Home Reading

We are introducing exciting changes to home reading this year.

We are introducing the 'Twenties Club.'

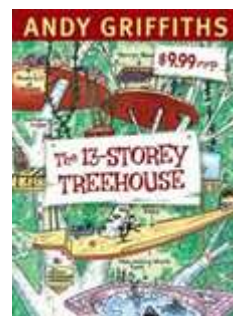
Students' home reading will again be monitored, with students being able to move through the different zones of the Twenties Club as they read more and more nights.

After 20 nights, students will be in the 20 Zone, after 40 nights– the 40 zone etc. They will receive a certificate on parade when moving into a new zone, and have their 'face' moved on the 'Twenties Club' board, which indicates student progress.

We will still have the 7 night reading draw; the weekly draw on parade for all students who read 7 nights in a row.

We will still have the end of term reading draw; where students who read 'most' of the term will have the chance to win a prize on parade at the end of each term. For term 1, students will need **to be in the 60 zone** by the end of the term, meaning they will need to have read 60 nights or more.

We are hoping that this new aspect of home reading will spur students on to read as much as possible.



The Nobby Link

confidence in a connected world

Term 1 Week 1

Thursday 30th January
2014

Calendar

Term 1, 2014

| Week | Day | Event |
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| Week 2 | Tuesday 4th February | CD Swimming Carnival |
| Week 2 | Friday 7th February | Tuckshop Friday |
| Week 3 | Tuesday 11th February | AASC Commences |
| Week 3 | Tuesday 11th February | Parent Information Afternoon |
| Week 4 | Tuesday 18th February | P&C AGM |
| Week 4 | Friday 21st February | CD Tennis Trials |
| Week 4 | Friday 21st February | Meet and Greet |
| Week 6 | Friday 28th February | Triathlon |

Welcome Back

A cheery welcome is extended to all returning families and new families this year. This year we have 5 students beginning their Nobby journey; Frankie, Dakota, Jak and Cameron in prep, and Connor in year 2.

We have 20 students in our P-2 classroom, and 15 in the 3-6 classroom; making both rooms a very nice size.

Active After School Communities

This term we will be doing swimming for AASC on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons commencing Tuesday 11th February. As with last year, students will be able to attend one afternoon each week. Please let the office know the day that you would like your child to attend.

AASC will run from 3:00pm–4:00pm this term.

Resource Scheme

Thanks again to Sam and Robyn Little at Rudds Pub for their generous donation to the school to help subsidise every student's booklist fee. We appreciate their ongoing support of our wonderful school!

Please ensure that all Resource Scheme forms are returned to the office and payment made before the end of this week.

2014 Calendar

Our 2014 calendar of events is already growing. Please check out the app or the website for dates and details.

Early Term 1 events

- Tuesday 4th February—CD swimming carnival
- Tuesday 11th Feb—parent information afternoon
- Tuesday 18th Feb—P&C AGM and first general meeting
- Friday 21st February—CD tennis trials
- Friday 21st February—Meet & Greet
- Friday 28th February—Triathlon

Chappy Breakfast

Our Chappy breakfast program will run again this year, beginning next Friday, 7th February. Thank you to all of our sponsors and volunteers who help to ensure that this great program can continue.

Newsletter Emailed

In an effort to reduce printing and paper costs we would prefer to email the newsletter to you. Please return the attached form to indicate how you would prefer to receive your newsletter each fortnight.

Tuckshop

Tuckshop will be held every second Friday beginning next Friday, 7th February. We need two parent helpers each

Tuckshop Friday from approximately 10:30am-1:30pm (with about an hour break in between morning tea and lunch.) If you are able to help with tuckshop, please let us know.

Parent Information afternoon

On Tuesday 11th February, teachers will host parents for an afternoon to discuss classroom routines, school learning priorities and learning benchmarks and targets. We hope that you are all able to make it. This will be held in the senior classroom, beginning at 3:30pm.

Central Downs Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Boyd McDonald who will be participating in the CD swimming carnival next Tuesday. Well done and good luck Boyd.

School awards

At the end of each year, at our School Presentation Night, we are proud to award selected students with yearly prizes. These include sporting, academic and an All Rounder award. Please check out the [Excellence Programs](#) section of our school website for more information.

Students should have their eye on these awards already, and be planning on how best to achieve the honour of receiving one.



Attachments:

- Tuckshop menu
- Newsletter email form
- Book Club—Orders due Friday 14th February
- School Banking info pack

Senior Room News

We have had a great first few days in the Senior Room, settling in, organising programs and groups, and everyday routines.

Home reading

You will see a display folder in student homework folders; we call this the reading folder. It will have two sheets of paper in it at the moment.

The first is the signing sheet that you have always used to sign off on nightly reading. Please continue to do this for your child every night.

The second sheet is a 'levelled' sheet. It lists all of the books that your child should read while on that particular reading level. Can you please also sign this sheet when the book is finished.

Please encourage your child to change books every day (once they have finished the book), as we will do every day also.

Note– the home reading level your child is on is lower than their actual reading level. We do this so that they can read with confidence at home, thus improving their fluency.

Homework

Homework this year will consist of the same format as last year– with a few slight alterations to setting out etc. Each night, students will need to do times tables, maths problem solving, sight word practice and a minimum of 15 minutes reading. Homework is to be handed in each and every day except Monday.

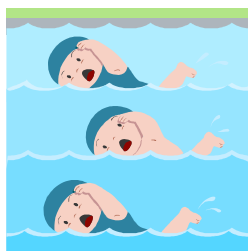
Swimming

Swimming begins next week for PE lessons.

Swimming is not optional and all students should swim every week unless a medical issue prevents it. **STUDENTS MUST BRING:**

1. Swimming bag
2. Swimming togs
3. Swim shirt
4. Towel
5. Swim cap
6. Sunscreen
7. Thongs (to wear after swimming only)
8. Jumper (in a plastic bag)

Swimming will commence for Active After School Communities in week 3.



Library

Library will be held every Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure that children are always borrowing, and reading, library books. We spend a lot of time, and money, ensuring that the books in our library are constantly updated, so there is always plenty to read!

Younger siblings are also very welcome to borrow books.

Students will only be able to borrow if they bring their library bag and return their library books each week.



School Banking will start next Wednesday morning at 8:30am under the office. Our school receives \$5.00 for each new bank account and all new bankers receive a prize.

All bankers will automatically go into an end of term draw for any deposits made.

If there are any parents/carers who are willing to help out with school banking please see Wendy Noller or Rose Hopper.

*Check out the info pack attached to this week's newsletter.
There are all new prizes!*



The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of good books and the joy and benefits of good reading. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Our school is participating in Scholastic Book Clubs this year. During the school year we will send home a Club flyer with a different selection of books offered. You'll find award-winning books, as well as old and new favourites. The books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and they are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$2).

It is easy to order. This Issue's flyer is attached. Just look over the flyer with your child, select the books you want, mark them on the order form on the back of the flyer, and return the order form with payment by **Friday 14th February**.

Owning your own books is something special! We hope that you will encourage your child to order books this year. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our school, however there is never any obligation to order. There is no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.

For more information about the books in this offer, you can visit the Scholastic Book Clubs Web site at www.scholastic.com.au. You will also find great activities and resources for you and your child.

Junior Room News

Our Junior Room is humming with lots of new things and plenty to do.

We welcome four new Prep students – Jak, Cameron, Frankie and Dakota (and their families) into our classroom. A very warm welcome also to Connor, in Year 2 (and his family.)

We have already been busy working on the Clifton Show display. This year our theme is about 'Horses'. Feel welcome to talk about horses at home – different sorts; what they do; how they were used long ago; how to care for a horse, etc.

Maths this term is about numbers. Our Preps will be working on a different number each week. Year 1 and 2 will be doing lots with counting sequences to 100 and 1000, and of course learning number facts.

In English, Preps will be studying 1 or 2 different letters each week – their sounds, names and how to use them in a word. Year 1 and 2 will get back into sight words very soon also.

Homework will commence next week with home reading only and then some written work the following week for year 1 and 2. Please keep an eye out for your child's homework bag in their school bags and return them each day.

It is lovely to see healthy food and all beautifully presented in the children's new lunch boxes. Thank you for giving your little ones a healthy, happy start to the year.

Mrs Field will again work in our classroom every Friday and alternating Tuesdays. She will be teaching Science and Music in particular, as well as some English and Maths.

Students will be swimming on Wednesdays for PE. Children have a 'bucket' that we put all their things into to try and keep everything together. PLEASE name EVERYTHING (especially underclothes) as the children often don't recognise their things when they are all similar. If you are able to come and help out with the little ones for a few weeks, your help would be much appreciated.