Religious Instruction
Our religion lessons are conducted by an instructor each Friday afternoon. All families will receive a letter today, indicating the religion nominated on your child’s enrolment form. Please read this letter and return the form before next Friday.

Chaplaincy
Our chaplain is Matt George. Matt is here each Tuesday and Friday, and plays a very important role in our school. For students to be able to interact with Chappy Matt, parental permission needs to be given. Please read the attached chaplaincy letter, and return the permission form at your earliest convenience.

P&C Meeting
The first P&C Meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday 12th February. The AGM will be held first, beginning at 6pm, and the general February meeting will occur immediately following the AGM.

Contact Details and Medical Details Update
Attached to this week’s newsletter is a Medical Details Form. Please address this as soon as possible as up-to-date information is required to ensure student safety. (All new enrolments for 2013 are not required to return this form.)

Attendance
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Religious Instrucction Permission Form (Year 1-7 Only)
Chaplaincy Permission Form
P&C AGM and General Meeting
Central Downs Swimming Carnival
Tuckshop Orders Due
Leaders Induction Ceremony
Nobby State School Triathlon

From the Principal’s Desk
A warm welcome to all families, both new and existing. It is always great to see happy and smiling faces on day 1, and hearing stories from parents of how eager their children were to get back to school.

The school faced very well during the recent wild weather. Road closures around the South East caused some students to be away for a day or two at the start of this week, but all expected students have returned to school.

The senior classroom has 18 year 3-6 students and the junior room has 26 year P-2 students.

Welcome New Families
An extra special welcome to the Sheridan, Newman, Mengel and Torcello families. We hope that you are made to feel welcome. Thanks also to the Torcello’s who have already clocked up quite a number of hours on the mower and clipper snipper. We really appreciate your willingness to help out!

Meet & Greet
The meet & greet will be held on Friday 8th March. We have decided to wait until the new play area is completed before holding this event. Further details will follow closer to the date.

Forms Due board
You will now see which forms are due back to the school each time you visit the office. We have placed a board on the wall above the digital photo frame outside the office to remind you of what forms need to be returned.

Sport
Our school takes part in a range of sporting events throughout the year. We hold in school events, interhouse events (Cunningham vs. Leslie), interschool events (we are part of a district called Central Downs) and other participation events.

This year, a lot of Central Downs trials are earlier than normal. We have swimming, soccer, netball and rugby league coming up over the first 6 weeks. These trials are generally for students aged 10, 11 and 12 (although there are a few exceptions.) Please keep an eye on communication devices for more detailed information on these events.

Triathlon
The Nobby triathlon will be held on Friday 22nd February. We require many hands to help run the event and to ensure that things run smoothly. If you can help to check off competitor laps, cook a BBQ, help serve hungry visitors or be a jack of all trades, please pass on your willingness to the office staff.

Central Downs Soccer Trials– Tuesday 19th February
Students eligible to trial for the central downs soccer will receive a permission form with today’s newsletter. This includes boys and girls, born in 2001, 2002 and 2003.

Central Downs Swimming Carnival– Wed 6th February
This carnival will be held next Wednesday at the Clifton Swimming Pool. We have not yet been notified which students have been selected to participate. We will pass on all relevant information as soon as we can.

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Resource Fee Reminder
If you have not yet paid the resource fee, or spoken to myself about a payment plan, can you please address this ASAP.

Staffing
This year’s Nobby based staff consist of:
- Tim Youngberry (5 days a week)
- Kerry Morwood (4 days a week– Fridays off)
- Jill Field (Wed, Thurs, Fri)
- Belinda Neumann
- Terri Henningens
- Jacqui Love
- Deena Joppich (Mon, Tues & Wed)
- Margaret Ferguson
- Chappy Matt (Matt George) Tues & Fri
- Our visiting staff members are:-
  - Margaret Comerford (Advisory visiting teacher– Tuesdays)

Barry Healy (PE– Wednesdays)
Sheila Scott Power (LOTE– Tues & Thurs)

The change in teaching staff means some exciting things for our school. Jill Field, who taught music in term 4 last year, has been employed to again teach music, but also replace myself & Kerry for various reasons.

Check the next page for more detailed information on these events.
**Tuckshop**

Tuckshop will be held fortnightly beginning on Friday, 15th February. A new tuckshop menu will be sent home next week – as well as being placed on the website and app. Please ensure that all tuckshop orders are received by Wednesday, 13th Feb.

If you are able to help out on ‘Tuckshop Fridays,’ please let us know.

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**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.

1. Swimming togs
2. Swim shirt
3. Towel
4. Swim cap

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**Junior Room News**

- We’re back into full swing! We welcome our 8 Prep students and their families: Audrey, Amber, Kyra, Cherokee, Libby, Sam, Cameron and Nate. We also welcome Jacob to our class and of course welcome back all our other Year 1 and 2 children.

- This week the year 1 and 2’s have been busy setting up their books and belongings, revising sounds and counting, and learning lots about our wonderful country with work about Australia Day.

- Our Preps have been busy learning all the many routines we have with lunch breaks, PE, outdoor activities, inside work and plenty of stories and music games. There is a lot to learn, but our little folk are doing fine.

- Next week we will be busy really hitting the work for the term. In maths, counting, writing numbers and learning simple sums. In English, reading, sounds work, spelling programs and writing will get underway.

- Mrs Field will work in our classroom every Friday. She will be teaching Science and Music. We will also have Library and Religion classes on a Friday. She will also be with us on a Wednesday afternoon helping us with our swimming program.

- Swimming will begin for Active After School Communities in week 3.

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**Newsletter**

This year our newsletter as you know it will revert to fortnightly publications. Our website and School App will be updated with news, alerts and events with up to date information regularly. Please return the attached newsletter form to indicate to the school office your preferred email address for receiving electronic newsletters.

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**Behaviour standards**

Our behaviour learning continues to go from strength to strength. Our Buzz Chart, which outlines our expectations of students for every area at every time throughout the day, continues to be the focus of our behaviour learning. At the end of each semester, students will receive a behaviour rating on their report card based on their ability to follow this set of expectations. Their progress will also be advertised in the behaviour corner of the classroom.

New this year are the rewards. At the end of each term, those students on track to receive an A or a B will take part in the A reward or B reward.