



The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of good books and the joy and benefits of 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 \$1).

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 26th February**. Alternatively you can order online using LOOP.

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 Website at www.scholastic.com.au. You will also find great activities and resources for you and your child.



Communication

Communication is a key factor to any great school, and we do our best to keep our community updated with information.

Please use the school website as it lists upcoming events, dates, news items, newsletters, as well as a huge range of documents, plans, and explanations on how things are run (e.g. how end of year awards are determined).

The other great tool for keeping organised and on top of things is the QSchools app. Check out the attached flyer for more info.

NOBBY MOBILE PHONE

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SEND TEXTS TO THE SCHOOL MOBILE FOR NON-URGENT MATTERS AND STUDENT ABSENCES.



Every Day Heroes

Congrats to Graham who was the recipient of this week's Every Day Heroes award. Graham has been eagerly trying to get in contact with Kurtis so that they can catch up – which we thought was a wonderful gesture. A great act of kindness Graham; well done.



Ladies Social Tennis is about to begin



Tennis is held on Tuesday mornings during school terms at the Clifton Tennis Courts (near the swimming pool)

Names (nominations) to be in by February 17th

- Team selection day will be Tuesday Feb 23rd commencing at 9am

For further information / nominations:
please contact: Shirley Erhardt – 4666 3470
Janette Frahm – 4696 4541



The Nobby Link

confidence in a connected world

Term 1 Week 3

Thursday 11th February 2016

Calendar

Term 1, 2016

Week	Day	Event
Week 3	Friday 12th February	Tuckshop
Week 3	Friday 12th, Saturday 13th, Sunday 14th February	105th Clifton Show
Week 4	Tuesday 16th Feb 3:15pm	P&C AGM and General Meeting
Week 4	Wednesday 17th February	Southern Downs Swimming Trials Allora Pool
Week 4	Friday 19th February	Central Downs Tennis Carnival
Week 5	Wednesday 24th February	Leader's Morning
Week 7	Friday 4th March	Central Downs Netball, Soccer & Rugby League Trials
Week 9	Monday 21st March	School Photos
Week 9	Thursday 24th March	Last Day of Term 1

Central Downs Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Tom Green, Scarlet Barwick, Ruby Noller, Jess Field, Darcy Noller & Brianna Naumann who competed at the CD Swimming Carnival on Monday.

In addition, Ruby, Darcy and Brianna have been successful in gaining selection in the Central Downs Swimming team, which will compete at the Allora Pool next Wednesday in the Southern Downs Swimming Trials.

Central Downs Tennis Carnival

Best of luck to Rolf Burchell-Butcher, Kyle Grogan, Darcy Gorkow and Tom Green who are representing Nobby at the Central Downs Tennis Carnival next Friday, 19th February.

Students are asked to assemble at the Clifton Tennis Courts at 9:00am for a prompt 9:20am start. The carnival will conclude at approximately 2:30pm. Parent transport is required for this carnival.

Parent Information Sessions

Many thanks to the parents and caregivers who came along to the Parent Information Sessions on Monday and Wednesday. We hope that you found these sessions worthwhile.

Feedback for improvements would be welcomed and appreciated.

Clifton Show

The Clifton Show is on this weekend, from Friday until Sunday.

A reminder that Battle of the Brains teams need to meet Mrs Morwood at the Youth Tent at the southern end of the main

pavilion at 12:15pm—please wear school uniform (or school polo shirt).

If you are attending, be sure to check out the student handwriting and ICT poster sections. Many of our students will have also submitted entries in other sections.

Leader's Morning

Our new school leaders; Tom, Scarlet, Denzel and Darcy, will be involved in a special parade on Wednesday 24th February.

They will speak to the whole school about being a leader, and will receive their leader's badges.

Please come along to join us if you are available. The parade will begin at 10:40am, and will be followed by morning tea in the library.

P&C meeting

The first meeting of the year will be held next Tuesday afternoon, beginning at 3:15pm in the library. We will hold the annual general meeting, and the first general meeting of the year immediately after. We encourage all parents to be involved with the school, and attending P&C meetings is one way you can do that. During these monthly meetings, parents have the opportunity to make decisions that affect our students, and to help steer the direction of the school.

Lunch Box Ideas

Got a 'healthy' lunch box idea that you would like to share?

We would like to include it in the newsletter. Please email any ideas or recipes to Terri—thenn34@eq.edu.au.

Attachments:

- Book Club—Orders Due Friday 26th February
- QSchools App Flyer

Year 3-6 School Camp

This year the Year 3—6 students are heading to Ewen Maddock Dam, near Landsborough on the Sunshine Coast. The camp will run from Monday 12th September until Wednesday 14th September. The cost for this year's camp will be approximately \$200 per student. This amount can be paid off in instalments (around \$8.00 per week will cover it).

Some of the activities on offer are:

- Canoeing
- Archery
- Mid ropes
- Raft Building



We are also incorporating a trip to Australia Zoo on the final day of camp.

Camp is open to all students in Year 3, 4, 5 & 6. However.....

Students who display non-compliant behaviours at school may not be allowed to attend.

Students who receive 5 or more detentions per term may not be allowed to attend.

YEAR 2, 3, 4



What a busy three weeks our class has had! All students have settled into their new learning environment well and are adjusting to the 2016 school routines.

English – We have commenced our Spelling and Reading Mastery groups and every child is to be commended for their wonderful learning and behaviour in these lessons. We have also begun reading *The Twits* by Roald Dahl, which has, in turn, delighted and grossed out the children!

Maths – Number facts is our topic this term. Students have been working hard in their Maths rotations and enjoying using the new Targeting Maths Apps and programs on the iPads and computers.

Homework – Awesome effort this week everyone! Students have eagerly learnt their sight words and Miss Jacqui and I have been racing around testing everyone every morning! Super job Year 2, 3, 4!

Goal Booklet – I am particularly proud of the class discussion we had around setting English, Maths and behaviour goals this week and how well the children applied themselves to this activity. Please drop in and check out your child's Term 1 goals. Although they are simple, they are both genuine and important to each child. One great saying that came from our discussion is 'Listen, Look and Do,' – an effective phrase that we will use throughout the term.

Thankyou parents and caregivers for your support with the parent information session, homework and prompt attendance every day. It is wonderful having a full class ready to learn at 8:45am every morning!

CHAPPY Chat

Hey Y'all,

I hope everyone is having a great term so far and getting back into the swing of things with school. I know it has been interesting in my home with getting Caleb back into the swing of going to school. We are in need of volunteers for Chappy Breaky due to our amazing BBQ specialist, Brett Torcetti, being unable to help for the next 4 weeks. If anyone is able to help at 8:00am on a Friday morning, to make sure I don't burn the bacon or eggs, please let us know. Thank y'all for your support!

The Nobby Games Group is starting this Friday during Morning Tea. It will run fortnightly this year. I am in the process of planning a Junior Games Group for students in Prep to Year 2 that will run on the alternate Fridays. If any parent would like to get involved and help out with either program, your help would be much appreciated. Please just let me know if you are interested in helping.

At the beginning of term I was offered a job at HumeRidge Church and I am now running their Children's Ministry. This is only a 2.5 day per week position but may require me to juggle my days around from time to time. On Thursday March 10th, I will not be at Nobby State School due to having to attend a HumeRidge Church Ministry Team camp from March 7th till 10th.

Thanks for all of y'all's support and everything you do!

Sincerely,

Matt

Sporting Schools

Swimming kicked off after school this week, with Sporting Schools running on Tuesday and Thursdays from 3-4pm.

Students will receive some fruit once they have finished swimming and have changed.

Students displaying inappropriate behaviour during sporting schools will be excluded from the afternoon sessions for the term.

Please ensure that you pick your child/children up no later than 4:00pm.



Learning Priorities 2016

This year we will have a strong focus on

- Reading comprehension
- Writing
- Spelling

These three priority areas were decided upon after analysing student data late last year. These three areas are where we will focus additional resources and where we will focus our staff professional development.

Staff are currently in the process of finalising our annual plans. These include :-

- ⇒ Annual Improvement Plan
- ⇒ Investing 4 success plan
- ⇒ Staff personal development plans
- ⇒ School budget