Clifton Show
Enjoy the Clifton Show this weekend. Best of luck to Scarlet, Tom and Taliha who are representing Nobby in the Battle of the Brains Quiz. Please meet in the Youth Tent at 12:15pm on Saturday 14th February.

Family details
It is very important that parents keep us informed of details that we hold for both parents and students. This includes:-
• Student medical conditions
• Contact details
• Family court orders
• Changes to religious instruction choices*
• Changes to chaplaincy choices*
• Changes to media consent*

Please find attached a current record of your child’s details. If these are not correct or current, please make changes and let us know. Family court orders and media consent choices remain the same as in previous years, unless written notification is received from the parent.

Student leadership
This year’s leader’s induction will be held on Wednesday 25th February, at 2:00pm. The Young Leader’s Day, held in Brisbane each year, is happening on Friday 20th March. This day is for year 6 students.

All students in years 5 and 6 will also take part in a small mini unit on leadership throughout semester 1 with Mr Youngberry.

Insurance cover for students
Please remember that the department does not have student accident insurance cover. Parents need to make a decision about this and if you have concerns, speak to your private health insurer.

Support for students
Throughout the year, student’s academic ability is measured and progress is mapped. We do this to ensure that students are making progress and that any problems can be addressed.

Analysing this data also allows us to address gaps or problems with the curriculum or the way that content is being delivered.

We are fortunate to have a wonderful staff with a great deal of experience, as well as the ability to fund support programs. As we identify students to receive support, parents will receive letters indicating this support and what support children are to receive this year.

As always, please don’t be worried if your child is identified as requiring additional support. Support is a good thing, and will only strengthen the child’s academic knowledge.

Staff absences
Tim and Deena are in Brisbane today attending Independent Public School (IPS) sessions about school councils and human resources. Tim will be in Brisbane again on Friday attending an IPS meeting for IPS principals.

Engage the Community—QSchools App
With the school year underway, it is important for families and staff to keep up-to-date with the latest information from the school. The QSchools app provides an easy way to access vital school information, including news, events and newsletters.

In addition, the QSchools app now allows for push notifications to deliver essential information directly to a device, including emergency alerts and important updates.

Find out more on the DETE website, or download the app for your device: iPhone/IPad, Android, Windows phone and Windows PC.

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Cliffon Ladies Social Tennis will commence at 9am on Tuesday, 3rd March at the Clifton Association Tennis Courts. The cost to play is $3. Compulsory membership to the Association is $50 per year, which includes insurance with Queensland Tennis.

The Ladies Social Tennis has teams organised to play fixtures each Tuesday (excluding School Holidays), but it is very social and you don’t have to be a Sam Stousr to play. If you have young children, you are assured of plenty of babysitters!

Remember, the more you play, the more you improve your game, and it’s all about having fun and friendship.

Please contact Janett Frahm on 46 964 341/ 0409 495 514 or Shirley Erhardt on 46 663 470/ 0427 509 065 by 21st February. All ladies welcome and invited.

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An important message for parents of prep students

We are now well into the 2015 school year, and your child’s teacher has already been making notes about your child. They have observed them in all areas of school life for the past 12 days.

It may be this week that your teacher suggests one or more of these things:-

- hearing test,
- sight test,
- practising pencil grip or even an OT visit for low muscle tone etc.,
- speech therapy appointment for difficulty in pronunciation,
- behavioural issues that you need to continue to talk about with your child.

None of these discussions are intended to be hurtful to you or your child. In fact, they will benefit both you and your child in the long run. Part of our role as teachers is to have your child learn as much as possible, and things that stop that from occurring are seen as hurdles, that we need to either overcome or limit, so that we can do the best for your child.

P&C Meetings

Our P&C meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month, beginning at 6pm in the office. We always try to have someone (thanks Cheryl) to look after kids in the senior room while the meeting takes place.

We also order pizza from Eagle Boys for each meeting. Orders for pizza need to be given (via phone, text or in person) by lunchtime on the day of the meeting.

Our meetings are fun and informative. We make decisions about what we want the school to be like, and on how to best provide every student with the best opportunity for success.

Minutes of previous meetings can be found on the website here, or on the school app.

Classroom teachers

Your child's classroom teacher should be a person that you spend a lot of time speaking with. The relationship that the parent and teacher shares is extremely important for your child's success. We don't like surprises, and I'm sure that parents don't like hearing surprises at parent teacher meetings either!

If you have concerns about things happening at school (academic, activities, behaviour), please speak with the teacher as soon as practical. On most occasions, speaking about things early is the best way to solve problems.

Our first bell goes in the morning at 8:45am. Teachers and aides are extremely busy at this time of the morning, and having a long (ish) conversation at this time is not useful for anyone involved, including all of the students. If you need to have a word, please see the teacher before 8:30am, or after 3:00pm, and ask them when would be a good time to chat about x, y and z.

Attendance

The staff have decided to add in an attendance award for students with high rates of attendance.

Students in both classrooms will now receive bonus Nobby dollars each week if they have been in attendance for 5 days throughout the week.

In addition to this, students whose attendance is 95% or greater in a term will also be eligible to win an end of term prize.

Collect tokens daily from the Toowoomba Chronicle and/or the Warwick Daily News.

LOOK out for the tokens between Saturday 14th February and Monday 16th March.

Drop them all into the office at NOBBY STATE SCHOOL by Thursday 19th March.

Thanking you in advance for your support.