

**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 latest 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](#).

**Our school attendance rate is 98.5%!!!!!!**  
**Many students are meeting the 95% goal, and many are still at 100%. Well done to parents and students!**

Clifton Ladies Social Tennis will commence at 9am on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Stosur 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 46 964 541/ 0409 495 514 or Shirley Erhardt on 46 663 470/ 0427 509 065 by 21<sup>st</sup> February. All ladies welcome and invited.



We have recently purchased a new paper shredder for the office and now have a LOT of shredded paper! If you could use shredded paper for your gardens or otherwise at home, please let us know.

**Lorin Nicholson Performance**

We have been lucky enough to be given the opportunity to have Lorin Nicholson perform at Nobby State School. This performance will be held next Thursday from 1:30pm-2:45pm.



The performance is FREE of charge. Parents are welcome to attend free of charge as well. Please Google Lorin to see how amazing he is!

**Playgroup**

Our first playgroup of the year is on next Thursday, 19th February at 11:30am. It will continue to run at the same time each week of the school term. To help cover costs (primarily teacher costs), we ask that parents pay \$2 for each little person attending each session.

As this day coincides with the Lorin Nicholson concert, our playgroup members are also more than welcome to attend the concert which will run from 1:30pm-2:45pm.



# The Nobby Link

confidence in a connected world

Term 1 Week 3  
 Thursday 12th February, 2015

**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 on the form and return it to the office at your earliest convenience.

\*Religion, chaplaincy 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.

Calendar		
Term 1, 2015		
Week 3	Friday 13th February	CD Swimming Carnival
Week 3	Friday 13th & Sunday 15th February	Clifton Show
Week 4	Monday 16th & Wednesday 18th February	Justin Coulson Workshops
Week 4	Thursday 19th February	Lorin Nicholson Performance
Week 4	Friday 20th February	Tuckshop
Week 4	Friday 20th February	Meet and Greet
Week 7	Friday 13th March	Nobby SS Triathlon

**Attachments**  
 Justin Coulson permission form  
 Students personal details information.

We are chasing some logs for around the edges of the new garden beds.  
 Is anyone able to help us out?

### 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 to 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 14<sup>th</sup> February and Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Drop them all into the office at NOBBY STATE SCHOOL by Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March.**

Thanking you in advance for your support.

# Junior Room News

I'm so proud of how your children have quickly resumed or adjusted to school life. You should be too. There is a lot to learn in these first few weeks with rules, routines and of course, new work.

Homework has started for all. If you are unsure of anything – please just ask! Make sure you check the notes at the bottom of the weekly planner for Year 1 and 2s. Prep parents, keep an eye out for notes in your little one's Home Reading Folder from time to time. Homework bags need to be returned each day.

Maths for the next few weeks is about numbers. Preps will be doing work about the numbers 1-5 including words. Year 1 and 2 will be doing counting sequences to 100 and 1000, and number facts. Mrs Field will teach the concepts around time in Maths this term.

In English, Preps will be studying 1 or 2 different letters each week – their sounds, names and how to use them in a word. Of course we will have lots of art and craft to go with these. Year 1 and 2 will have sight words, reading, comprehension and a heavy emphasis on writing neatly and quickly.

In Geography we are looking at seasons and weather, both here and in other parts of the world.

Mr Youngberry teaches the Junior Class Technology on Monday afternoons.

It is lovely to see beautifully presented, healthy food in your child's lunch box. Thank you for giving your little ones a healthy, happy start to the year.

Thanks for your positive response to the morning fruit sharing time. A great variety of wonderful fruit has arrived. We would really appreciate some parents to help cut up fruit each morning please. Could you pop your name on the roster outside the classroom door please. Getting to school at around 8:30am to do this would be wonderful.