

Stripey— The Adventures of an Emu Chick

From Australia’s award winning producer of musical theatre for kids and families (Possum Magic, Wombat Stew, Peter Rabbit) comes another toe-tapping, knee-slapping, full on musical adventure LIVE ON STAGE!

Imagine having to keep track of 30 small emu chicks, who are running here, there and everywhere? Well that's what Crikey, their emu dad must do and when one of them goes missing, that's when all the fun begins. Along the way in their search for Stripey, they encounter an array of loveable Aussie characters, such as Fluster the Corella, Bluey the Kanga, Sox the Joey, Snap, Flatfoot, Strewth and Shuffle the Echidna.

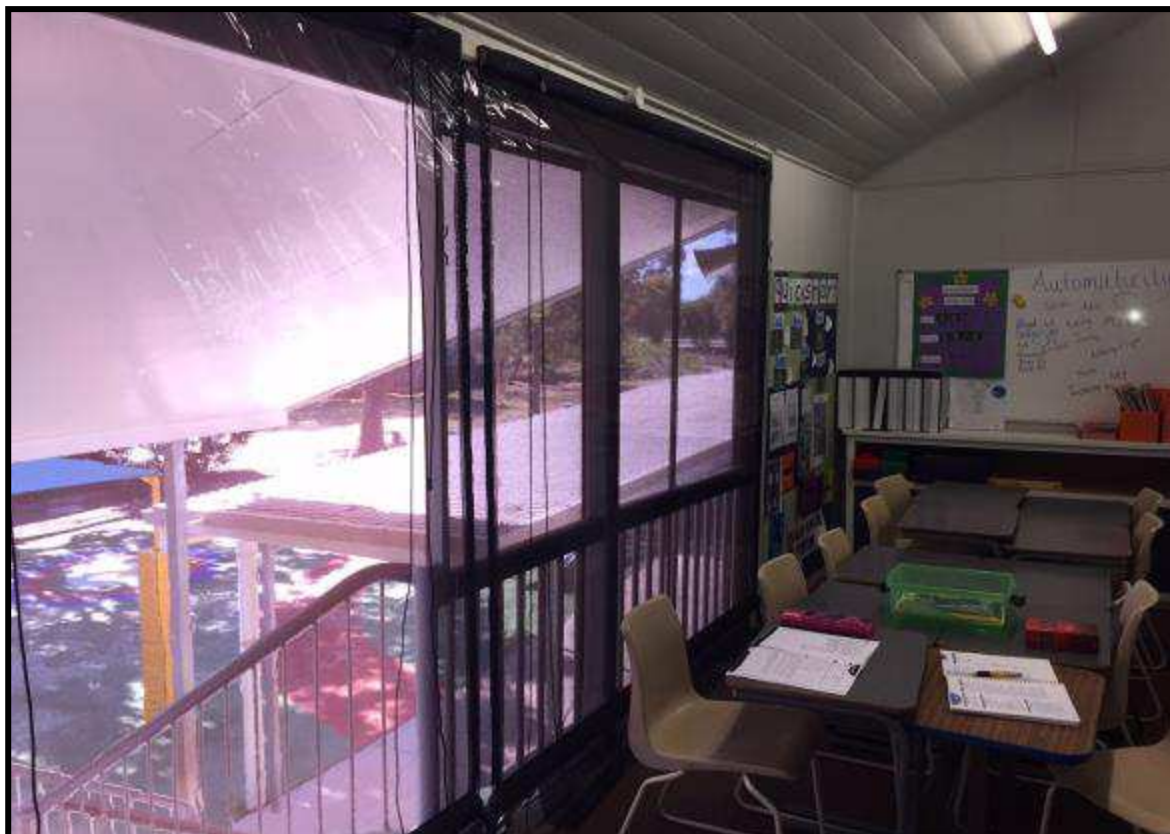
Author, illustrator and publisher, Wendy Binks grew up on a dairy farm in picturesque Denmark, on the South Coast of Western Australia. She has a degree in Art and Design, majoring in ceramics and her business Stunned Emu Designs is based in Fremantle WA. Wendy is best known for her whacky emus, which feature largely amongst her pottery, greeting cards, paintings and other art. Wendy’s first book, *Where’s Stripey?* was the winner of the prestigious WA Premier’s Award for Children’s books in 2005.

Stripey is a cracking adventure, based on a simple story adapted for the stage in the well-known, highly skilled and foot-tapping style associated with other Garry Ginivan Attractions such as Possum Magic, Wombat Stew and My Grandma Lived in Gooligulch!

Our excursion to the Empire Theatre to see this production is next Wednesday, 16th August.



What an enjoyable experience Nobby staff and students had at Cobb & Co Museum last week! Throughout the day students learned about our local indigenous heritage through a variety of educational experiences. Throwing boomerangs, creating leaf art, ‘catching a kangaroo’ and listening to the didgeridoo were some of the favourite activities of the day!



Thanks to Matt Sheridan, we now have an enclosed veranda on the southern side of the library. Students are a lot happier now that they aren't freezing!!



The Nobby Link

confidence in a connected world

Term 3 Week 5
Thursday 13th August
2015

School Community

What a wonderfully supportive school community we have.

Upon hearing of Chappy Matt’s sad news, we were inundated with offers to help with upcoming programs.

We are truly blessed to be working alongside such a supportive group of parents, grandparents and carers.

RSPCA Cupcake Day

Tomorrow is our animal dress up day to celebrate Cupcake Day. It would be great if each student could give a gold coin donation, which will go to the RSPCA.

Book Week 24th—28th August

This year’s Book Week is in Week 7. On the Thursday 27th August, we will have our Book Week Dress Up Day. On this day, students are asked to dress as their favourite book character. They also need to bring a copy of the book to school that day (it may be in the school library, so speak to Terri about borrowing it if you don’t have a copy).

The Scholastic Book Fair will run during Book Week. Book Fair is always very well supported by our families. We receive many books donated to the school library as well as a large amount of books from commission from the sales—last year we received approximately \$500 worth of books through commission and donations. Lets see if we can get somewhere near that again!

Central Downs Athletics

The students came away from last week’s Central Downs carnival with a swag of accomplishments; including Tom’s age champion medallion, Scarlet’s age

champion runner’s up medallion, and the B Schools Trophy for the second year in a row.

Well done to all students who contributed to our school’s success. Your school community is very proud of you all.

Southern Downs Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to Scarlet, Tom, Brianna, Ruby and Darcy Noller who were all selected to represent Central Downs at next Friday’s Southern Downs carnival. Always compete!

Arts Extravaganza

We have decided to postpone this event due to the numerous sporting events and other school activities this term which are making it difficult to find enough regular opportunities to rehearse.

Once we have finalised a date, we will advise in the newsletter.

Athletes With a Disability Carnival

Good luck to Jacob, Corey and Darcy who are attending the AWD Darling Downs trials in Toowoomba next Friday.

Central Downs Ball Games Carnival & Development Officer Day

This event is being held on Friday 4th September at the Clifton Recreation Grounds (Showgrounds) and will run from 9:45am until approximately 2:30pm. All students are asked to participate in this day.

So that teams can be finalised, can you please return the attached permission form by next Friday, 21st August.

Due to this event there will be no Chappy Breaky or Tuckshop on Friday 4th September.

Calendar

Term 3, 2015

Week 5	Friday 14th August	RSPCA Cupcake Day
Week 6	Tuesday 18th August	P&C Meeting 3:15pm
Week 6	Wednesday 19th August	Stripey Excursion Empire Theatre
Week 6	Friday 21st August	Southern Downs Athletics
Week 7	Monday 24th – Friday 28th August	Scholastic Book Fair Open Daily 8:30-8:50am & 3:00-3:30pm
Week 7	Thursday 27th August	Book Week Dress Up Day & Activities
Week 8	Thursday 3rd September	Father’s Day Stall 2:15-3:00pm
Week 8	Friday 4th September	CD Ball Games Carnival

Attachments:

- CD Ball Games Carnival Permission Form
- Book Fair Catalogue—A small selection of the books that will be available from the Book Fair

TUCKSHOP 21st August

The following items will be available for lunch on Friday 21st August.

All orders MUST be in by Tuesday 18th August.

MORNING TEA

Cheerios in a cup (6) \$1.00

Mini Quiche \$1.00

LUNCH

Tacos—Beef OR Chicken with lettuce, tomato, cheese and sour cream. \$2.50

Macaroni Cheese \$2.50

Hamburger with salad \$2.50

Jelly cup \$0.50

TUCKSHOP 28th August & 11th September

The following items will be available for lunch on Fridays 28th August and 11th September—No Tuckshop on Friday 4th September due to CD Ball Games Carnival.

All orders MUST be in by Tuesday 25th August and Tuesday 8th September (respectively).

MORNING TEA

Cheerios in a cup (6) \$1.00

Mini Quiche \$1.00

Chocolate chip muffin \$1.00

LUNCH

Cold meat & salad wrap—chicken/ham/tuna/silverside with lettuce, carrot, tomato, cucumber & cheese \$2.50

Pasta carbonara—spiral pasta with creamy bacon carbonara sauce \$2.50

Hamburger with salad \$2.50

Chicken Burger with lettuce, cheese & mayo \$2.50

Jelly cup \$0.50

M&M Cookie \$0.50

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 minutes per day 3,600 minutes per school year 1,800,000 words per year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 minutes per day 900 minutes per school year 282,000 words per year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 minute per day 180 minutes per school year 8,000 words per year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scores in the 90th percentile on standardized tests. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests.

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days and Student C will have read for 3 school days.

Want to be a better reader? Simply READ



Keep collecting Earn & Learn stickers until Tuesday 8th September!

Cambooya Community Kindergarten Inc.

Open Day

19 Gore Street, Cambooya

Sunday 23 August 2015
10am-2pm

If you would like to enter the Open Day Colouring-in Competition, please collect a form from the Nobby SS Office.

Lucky door prize
Gold coin donation activities:
Face painting
Crafts
Games
Sausage sizzle

Come look around and have some fun at our kindergarten!

About the RSPCA

The RSPCA is the voice for the animals of Australia. With your help we defend their dignity and fight to stop cruelty. With your generous support, we offer shelter, education, medical attention and love.

We are animal protectors, carers and guardians. We bring solace to the abandoned, surrendered and injured. We prosecute those who would harm them and we fight for the humane treatment of all living things.

The RSPCA receives less than 2% of its funding from the government and survives on donations from animal lovers like you.



The Five Freedoms

The RSPCA believes that an animal's welfare should be considered in terms of five freedoms:

- Freedom from Hunger and Thirst** – by ready access to fresh water and a diet to maintain full health and vigour.
- Freedom from Discomfort** – by providing an appropriate environment, including shelter and a comfortable resting area.
- Freedom from Pain, Injury or Disease** – by prevention, through rapid diagnosis and treatment.
- Freedom to Express Normal Behaviour** – by providing sufficient space, proper facilities and company of the animal's own kind.
- Freedom from Fear and Distress** – by ensuring conditions and treatment which avoid mental suffering.

The RSPCA supports these freedoms through the following areas of operation: shelters, inspectors, animal ambulance, veterinary services, behaviour assessment, cruelty case enrichment, lost and found service, volunteer program, education program, bequest and pet legacy program, fundraising, animal training centres, publicity and campaign promotion.

How your involvement with Cupcake Day for the RSPCA helps

By fundraising for Cupcake Day, you will be actively assisting the RSPCA to continue our operations, programs and services, as well as supporting our daily battle to stop animal cruelty.



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Staff Profile— Kerry Morwood

I have been a farmer's daughter and a farmer's wife all my life. I grew up at Brookstead on an irrigation farm. We moved to Moonie when I was in Year 12 where I met Ian. When we married we came to live at Pilton and have lived here ever since. We have 3 children. Phillip (married to Christy and they have 3 children- Mitchell, Jessica and Lachlan), Cameron and Jackie. When I grow up I want to be a 'hippie'. In the mean time I enjoy gardening, reading and traveling when I'm not at school. I have taught in little schools, by choice, for a long time now and believe that the education received is second to none and provides children with excellent interpersonal skill development. I love the atmosphere created here at Nobby, with supportive and happy families and staff – something worth working at keeping.

Junior Room News

Our NAIDOC work has now finished and I do believe the children not only enjoy this work each year, but increasingly learn more about our land's indigenous culture, both traditional and modern day alternatives. Certainly our trip to Cobb & Co followed up on our work.

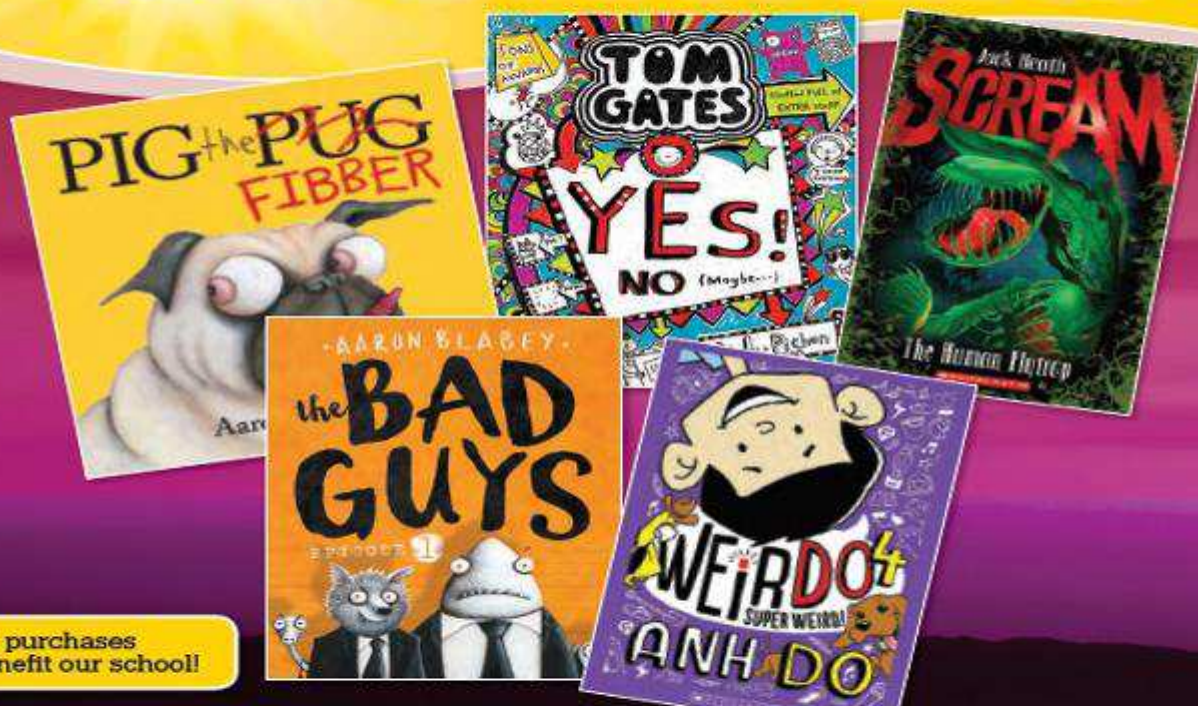
We will now look at our history unit about how technology has changed.

We still have many goals to strive for this year. Writing is a big one. Talk to your kids about capitals, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks. We are starting on nouns and pronouns this week also. Some of this 'technical stuff' is hard going for little folk but we will revisit it throughout the rest of the year. This 'stuff' is important as it is tested in NAPLAN and other formats that we have at school. We are also talking about 'paragraphs'.

Don't forget to work with **money** and **time** at home to help build in practical use of these skills.

Thank you to those who came for the **reading training afternoon** last Monday. Those there had a good time and said they learnt something. I will be running another one on WEDNESDAY next week, after STRIPEY. So if you were unable to come last time, please pop along to this one. It will start at 3:10pm and takes a good hour. I will feed you too!

You're invited to our BOOK FAIR!



All purchases benefit our school!

Date Monday 24th—Friday 28th August

Place Nobby State School

Time 8:30am-8:50am & 3:00pm-3:30pm



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Parenting *ideas* INSIGHTS



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10 mindsets to improve your parenting

The best intentions may not be enough to raise happy kids. Here are 10 mindsets to help you on the path to parenting success.

All parents want to be successful and raise kids to be happy and contributing members of our community. Good intentions are not enough. Often there is no difference between one parent and another in terms of skills, knowledge and understanding of kids. However, the biggest difference can be found in parents' mindsets, rather than their parenting skills and understandings. Here are 10 mindsets for parenting success:

1 Believe in your child

This is easy if you have an early maturer, a child who has talents you value, or one who easily achieves anything he or she puts his mind too. But it's a different story if you have a child who struggles at school or to make friends, or just has a different interest to you. Your belief in your child's abilities is revealed through your expectations, your body language, even the expression on your face.

2 Look for the best

What you focus on expands so if all you see is misbehaviour, weakness and poor performance than you'll get more of those things. Set your antennae for children's strengths, abilities and social behaviours and you'll invariably get more of those.

3 Think long term

If you want your child to become independent then don't do everything for him or her; you need to teach them some skills so they can become self-sufficient.

Awareness, teaching and opportunity are the main requirements for kids to pick up these skills. They need to be aware of what can be done. They need to acquire the skills—some take more teaching than others. They also need the opportunity to put things into practice.

4 Be brave

Parents of large families invariably give their later born children more freedom than they gave their first-born. We are always stricter with our first-born than later born as by the time you have 4 or 5 kids you've worked out what's worth worrying about. So if you are parent of one or two kids give them more freedom and responsibility; you need to be brave!

5 Think family

Successful parents have found a way to lead their family in one direction. To do this you must think in terms of parenting 'the gang' rather than individual children. "What's in the best interest of my child?" has replaced "What's in the best interest of the family?" as the guiding family principle. This has partly come along as a result of small families, and partly it's a social imperative that is common among aspirational parents where wanting the best for your kids means wanting what's best for each child as an individual, rather considering what may be in the best for the entire gang.

6 Accept challenges

There are always challenges raising kids. It's important to embrace these challenges whether they are behavioural, or a child has struggles at

school, or he is moving into puberty. It's these challenges that will make you a better parent.

7 Build your community

Parents don't raise kids well in isolation yet there is often a reluctance to share the parenting with others. Successful parents know they haven't all the answers so they build a community of support and expertise around them.

8 Trust the process

Sometimes the desire to want the very best for our child can lead us to interfere at school, pre-school, childcare, even when kids are at their grandparents. It's best to trust the process and allow people to educate, care for and look after your child in their own way.

9 Adversity builds character

It's natural to want life to be easy for our children, but sometimes in an effort to ensure their well-being we smooth things over for them. It is through the small hardships that kids experience that they build the persistence and resilience necessary for continued success.

10 This too shall pass

The hardest part of parenting is supporting kids when life doesn't go their way. There is plenty of research that suggests that kids benefit from having parents who have a positive parenting style that gets the balance right between protecting, teaching and nurturing kids when life gets hard. This starts with the belief that "This hardship too shall pass."



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