



- Don't forget the Mother's Day Winery Tour. This is being held on Saturday 2nd May. Please return your lunch order forms and payment by this Thursday.
- Tickets are available for the multi draw raffle that will be held during the Mother's Day Winery Tour. Even if you are unable to attend the tour, please come and grab a book or two. Please return all raffle tickets (sold or unsold) by next Thursday 30th April.
- This year's Mother's Day Stall will be held on Friday 8th May. All students will have the opportunity to purchase items for their Mums, Nans, Grans, etc. Items range in price from \$1.50—\$5.50. If you would like your child/children to purchase items, please send some money along on the day.

## Nobby Markets

Did you know that the markets are on again next **Saturday, 2nd May**?

The committee would appreciate some assistance with packing up at the end of the day; tents, etc.



If you can lend a hand in the afternoon after the markets, please head down for 30 minutes so that we can ensure this great community event can continue to thrive.

## How do we manage behaviour?

Student behaviour rests on the expectations we have of the students we teach.

We have three school rules, that come from three values; Safety, Respect and Responsibility. The 3 rules are 'Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible.'

Under each rule we have a set of expectations; ways that we expect students to conduct themselves. These expectations are not difficult nor time-consuming, and are more than likely the same expectations that you have for your children at home. Some examples are— hands and feet to yourselves, tidy up after you have finished using equipment, do your best, walk inside, etc.

If students are displaying these desired expectations, they are rewarded daily with 'Nobby Dollars.' If students aren't displaying these expectations, they are monitored via the behaviour ladder. All moves down the ladder are monitored, and students' behaviour results on report cards are calculated based on the students movement on the ladder (or lack thereof).

When you see an A or B on the report card, or when your child attends the A&B Rewards Day, you can be certain that they have earned it, not just because they are a 'good' kid, but because they consistently demonstrate expectations.

### Why do we do all of this?

Without effective behaviour and effort for learning, we cannot move students academically. The expectations that we have for them allows us to teach and allows them to move forward at the optimum rate.

Expectations are the foundation upon which we can build knowledge and capacity within each student.



# The Nobby Link

confidence in a connected world

Term 2 Week 1

Wednesday 22nd April

2015

### Term 2 Welcome!

I hope that all families were able to have great holidays. I bet KloudNine and Inflatable World in Toowoomba were well attended by those with young kids!

We have arrived back this term with the excitement of new families, new students and new staff.

A big hello to the Fallon family, whose children Ace and Ellie began their time at Nobby this week. Brianna and Bailey Naumann were also excited to be starting at Nobby.

We also have two new staff members start this week. Mrs Youngberry will be teaching in both classrooms on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and Mrs Miller will work as a teacher aide every day.

### Felton Food Festival

What a great event! I had the privilege of being involved in our sandwich stall on the day, and I must say, it was great fun. The hard working parents who helped put this fundraiser together need big pats on the back, because their efforts were super human.

Well done to Wendy, Kathy and Rose, and to all of the parents and staff who helped make the day such a success.

### Holiday Reading

Congrats to all of the students who continued to read over the holiday period. This ensures that no part of the machine goes rusty! Graham and Ava were the winners of the holiday reading draw and were able to have a pick out of the 'Book Prize Box'.

### Staff Carpark and Student Safety

Just a reminder to parents that the carpark at the front of the school is **only** for staff cars. Please ensure that cars are parked in Davenport street when dropping off and picking up children.

It is also important that the carpark is not used as an entry to the school on foot, as this can be dangerous for our little ones. All foot traffic must enter and exit via the memorial gates at the front of the school.

### Facilities

Over the holidays the interior of the senior classroom was painted, as was the Principal's office. In addition to this, the office stairs were repainted, and are no longer slippery! The decks on the junior and senior classrooms and outside the office were also re-oiled.

The veranda outside the library also received a quick refurb, with Matt Sheridan lining and then painting the walls. We now have a very inviting learning space (although it is a bit chilly!)

### Expectations and Behaviour

Please see the item in today's newsletter regarding how behaviour is tracked and monitored on a daily and weekly basis.

### Darling Downs Soccer and Touch trials

Good luck to Tom Green who will soon attend the Darling Downs football and touch trials.

### Parent Information Afternoon

Don't forget the Parent Information afternoon tomorrow, 23rd April, beginning in the Senior Room at 3:15pm followed by a 4:00pm session in the Junior Room.

Afternoon tea will be provided for the adults.

### April P&C Meeting

The April P&C Meeting will be held next Tuesday, 28th April, beginning at 6:00pm with the AGM.

Please phone or text through your pizza orders by 12:00pm on the day.

### Calendar

Term 2, 2015

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Week 1	Thursday 23rd April	Nobby SS ANZAC Day Service
Week 1	Thursday 23rd April	Parent Information Afternoon
Week 1	Saturday 25th April	Clifton ANZAC Day Parade & Service
Week 2	Tuesday 28th April	P&C Meeting
Week 2	Friday 1st May	Tuckshop
Week 2	Saturday 2nd May	Mother's Day Winery Tour
Week 3	Friday 8th May	Mother's Day Stall
Week 4	Tuesday 12th - Thursday 14th May	NAPLAN
Week 4	Friday 15th May	Tuckshop
Week 5	Friday 22nd May	Gala Day 1 Allora SS
Week 6	Friday 29th May	Gala Day 2 Allora SS

# Parenting *ideas* INSIGHTS

*Building parent-school partnerships*

WORDS Michael Grose



## Do less, not more, for your kids

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The basic task of parenting, whether you have a two year old or a twenty-two year old, is to work yourself out of a job at the first possible chance.

REDUNDANCY should be the aim of the game! We never become redundant in a relationship sense – the emotional connection between our children and us is never severed.

In a practical, physical way we need to make children less, rather than more, reliant on us.

Developing independence is really about stepping back to allow children in. Doing less rather than more!

We develop greater independence in our kids one job at a time. Recently I gave my 22 year old son a job that I had been doing for a while. He lives in North America and I had taken on the job of being the connector between him and one of his sisters, who lives in the UK. It had been my job to pass messages on between the two via telephone and emails. I would update each of them about how the other sibling was going.

Frustrated being the go-between I made sure he had contact details and let him know that it was his job, not my job, to connect with his sister.

### WE EASILY TAKE ON CHILDREN'S RESPONSIBILITIES

It is easy as parents to take on the jobs and responsibilities that really should belong to our children. With toddlers it is so easy to dress, feed and clean up after them rather than give these jobs over to them.

With school-aged children we can find ourselves making lunches, getting kids out of bed and cleaning out schoolbags rather than giving these basic tasks of living over to them. And as I discovered, it is easy to still do the basics of life for adult-aged children.

### TIP NO. 1 for developing Independence:

Like children, every teacher is different with their own specific expectations, goals and interests. Get to know your child's teacher and gain an understanding of their approach and aspirations for your child's class.

### TIP NO. 2 for developing Independence:

Never be more worried about a child's job than they are, otherwise it becomes your job, not theirs.

This mum remained very clear that it was her job to wash the clothes but not to place them in the washing basket. She would remind kids about washing night, but never nag them to put clothes in the basket. She knows that as soon as she keeps reminding them, it becomes HER job rather than her children's job to put the washing in the clothes basket.

The school holidays provides a good opportunity to reflect on the whole notion of job-sharing. It's also a good time for kids to increase their job load when they are not burdened with schoolwork and extracurricular activities.

Here's my challenge for you: Think of a job that you regularly do for your child that he or she can do for him or herself. Then step back and enable your child to do that for themselves on a full-time basis. Do less not more for your kids.

If you do that, then you can congratulate yourself as you have moved one step more toward REDUNDANCY.



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## Regional Attendance Data – Term 1

Please find a summary of Darling Downs South West (our region) attendance rates for Term 1. The figures in brackets represent Semester 1 2014, for comparison purposes. All data are shown as percentages.

All: 92.4 (90.6)	Male: 92.3 (90.4)	Female: 92.6 (90.8)
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Attendance rates by year level for Term 1 2015 are listed below:

Prep: 93.5	Yr. 3: 93.3	Yr. 6: 93.5	Yr. 9: 90.4	Yr. 12: 91.6
Yr. 1: 93.2	Yr. 4: 93.5	Yr. 7: 93.1	Yr. 10: 89.5	
Yr. 2: 93.5	Yr. 5: 93.6	Yr. 8: 92.6	Yr. 11: 89.3	

Typically, attendance dips in Term 2. If we are to improve on our 2014 data, we must all maintain a strong focus on daily attendance in the weeks ahead. Thank you for your efforts in this regard.

The Nobby State School attendance rate is currently 94.9%. Our goal is 95%!! We currently have 32 students meeting this target. Well done!!

## 1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but.....

If your child misses....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child might perform is ...
1 day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1.5 years</u>	Equal to finishing in grade 11
1 day per week	40 Days per year	8 weeks per year	Over <u>2.5 years</u>	Equal to finishing in grade 10
2 days per week	80 Days per year	16 weeks per year	Over <u>5 years</u>	Equal to finishing in grade 7
3 days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly <u>8 years</u>	Equal to finishing at grade 4

## Library

Library is held every **Thursday**. Please encourage your child to borrow and read library books. We spend a lot of time, and money, ensuring that the books in our library are constantly updated, so there is always plenty to read!

Younger siblings are also very welcome to borrow books.

Students will only be able to borrow if they bring their library bag and return their library books each week.

The MORE that you read,  
the MORE things you will know.  
The MORE that you LEARN,  
the MORE places you'll go.





We have been advised this week of a student having school sores. School sores (impetigo) are highly contagious and students should not attend school until appropriate antibiotics have been administered for at least 24 hours. Sores on exposed areas must be covered with a watertight dressing until the sores have cleared.

For more information on School sores please visit Queensland Health [http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/InfectionsandParasites/BacterialInfections/staphylococcusAureusInfection\\_fs.asp](http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/InfectionsandParasites/BacterialInfections/staphylococcusAureusInfection_fs.asp)



We use a large variety of strategies to ensure that each of our students are performing as well as possible academically.

We have 3 Multilit programs, which we use in a variety of ways (Prelit is for all prep students, Minilit is for year 1&2 students and the Reading Tutor Program is for students in years 2-6 that require additional support with reading and sightwords.)

Quicksmart maths is new to us this year. In term 1, staff attended training and then prepared for the implementation of the program this term.

Students receiving additional support via these programs will receive letters indicating their involvement.

<i>Classroom Teachers 2015</i>	<i>Monday– Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<i>Junior classroom</i>	Mrs Kerry Morwood	Mrs Jill Field
<i>Senior classroom</i>	Mrs Jill Field	Mr Tim Youngberry

*In addition to this, we currently have Mrs Tash Youngberry working 3 days per week. This is due to our large increase in enrolments. However, because we have 52 students enrolled and not 53, we could soon lose this additional teacher time. Tash will work in both classrooms on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.*

#### Teacher aides

- Ms Jacqui Love Junior classroom (Monday– Friday)
- Mrs Terri Henningsen Senior classroom, Multilit reading intervention (Monday– Friday)
- Mrs Belinda Naumann Students with a disability (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday)
- Miss Maggie Stevens Students with a disability (Wednesday and Friday)
- Mrs Jacinta Miller Students with a disability (Monday-Friday)
- Mrs Teena Lees Senior classroom, Junior classroom, QuickSmart Maths intervention (Monday-Thursday)
- Mrs Heather Hills Junior room literacy

#### Administration

- Mrs Deena Joppich Monday– Thursday

#### Groundsperson/pool maintenance

- Mr Derrick McCulkin

#### Cleaner

- Mrs Margaret Ferguson Monday– Friday (am and pm)

#### Advisory Visiting Teacher

- Mrs Lois Sanders Working with students with a disability (Tuesday and Friday)

#### Principal

- Mr Tim Youngberry As well as teaching in the Senior classroom on Fridays, Mr Youngberry will be working with students during the morning literacy session each day (9-11am). Mr Youngberry will also teach Geography in the Senior classroom and Technology and HPE (theory not practical) to the Junior classroom). As well as this, Mr Youngberry will collect, analyse and maintain student data.

#### Happy Birthday Mrs Rickert!!! & Great South East

A belated Happy Birthday to Mrs Rickert on the celebration of her 100th birthday. What an inspirational woman!

Coinciding with this momentous occasion was the filming of the Great South East episode that was shot in Nobby last term, featuring the Sister Kenny Memorial and Mrs Rickert's 100th birthday celebration. This episode will air on Channel 7 at 5:30pm; keep an eye out for the Nobby students who sang 'Happy Birthday' to Mrs Rickert. It will air this Sunday, 26th April.



# Cross Country



## Interhouse Cross Country

After a shaky start to the day, we were happy to have a break in the weather so that we could hold our Interhouse Cross Country. All of the participating students tried their very best in this event.

Congratulations to Cunningham for being the winning house and to Tom Green who won the 'Best Trainer' award.

Thanks, as always, to all of our wonderful helpers and cheer squads!

## Central Downs Cross Country

Congratulations to Tom, Scarlet, Jess, Hannah T, Denzel and Rolf, who attended the Central Downs Cross Country today. This is an extremely gruelling and difficult event and you should all be extremely proud of your efforts.

Tom and Scarlet have been selected in the Central Downs team and will now head to the Southern Downs Trials at the Allora Golf Course on Thursday 7th May. We wish them both the best of luck for this event.

## Junior Room News

Welcome back to the new term. There are many changes in our class. Please come along this **Thursday afternoon** to find out about these changes and what we will be working on this term.

Congratulations to all of the children who continued reading over the holidays. Whether you read or others read to you doesn't matter – it's the reading that counts.

Come and check out our reading and sight word targets board on Thursday afternoon (or any time really).

Just a reminder, that we will continue our fruit snack before school each day. This program has been working well. Could everyone send in 4 pieces of fruit per week please? It would be great if parents could continue to help cut up the fruit in the mornings too please. You need to get started about 8:30am so we are ready to go at 8:45am. Thanks!

Is there anyone who would be happy to do a bit of sanding and oiling of our obstacle course boards?



This year marks the 100 year anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli in World War 1.

We will host a commemorative service at the Memorial Gates here at school on Thursday 23rd April, beginning at 10:30am.

The service in Clifton on ANZAC Day (Saturday 25th), will start with the march, originating at the carpark at the Clifton Pool, at 10:30am. The march ends at the Cenotaph outside the Post Office at 11:00am, where the service is held.

This year, we have also been asked to sing the National Anthem during the service.

If your child/children are able to participate in this important event please assemble at the Clifton Pool by 10:30am in Nobby State School uniform and hat.



Thanks very much to Derrick & Deb McCulkin for always keeping our grounds looking sensational. It is a real credit to the school to have such an inviting environment for our students and families.

Thanks also to Matt Sheridan for creating an extra learning space for our students on the library veranda. It looks great!

