



University of NSW ICAS tests

Our senior class and a selection of year 2 students sat the Maths and English tests this year. Congrats to all students for having a go.

Congrats also to Scarlet, Audrey, Tom and Darcy for their exceptional maths results (4 credits) and Scarlet, Brianna, Jess and Audrey for the awesome English results. (2 x distinction, 1 x credit, 1 x merit).



The Nobby Link

confidence in a connected world

Term 4 Week 3
Thursday 22nd
October 2015

Calendar

Term 4, 2015

Term 4, 2015		
Week 3	Friday 23rd October	CSHS Open and Showcase Day
Week 4	Tuesday 27th October	1st Day Sporting Schools
Week 4	Wednesday 28th October	Back Plains Speech Comp.
Week 4	Wednesday 28th October	Mango Orders Due to Office
Week 4	Friday 30th October	Bandana Day
Week 5	Tuesday 3rd November	Peer Power Clifton Cluster
Week 6	Monday 9th November	Fire & Rescue Visit- Preps and Yr 1s
Week 6	Saturday 14th November	Nobby Movies in the park
Week 7	Tuesday 17th November	P&C Mtg- School Council Elections

Say thank you on Tuckshop Day – Friday 6 November

Many parents and students rely on their school tuckshops to provide healthy, tasty food at an affordable price. However, this wouldn't be possible without the hard work undertaken by our tuckshop convenors and volunteers.

Tuckshop Day is coming up on Friday 6 November. Encourage your children to give an extra big "thank you" on Tuckshop Day. This is their special opportunity to thank Sue, Sheree and Terri for their hard work.

We are receiving nothing but great feedback from both parents and students. **We are always looking for volunteers**– if you can help out, please let us know.

Outside School Hours Care (OSHC)

We are investigating the viability of offering OSHC. We have discussed this at both a staff meeting and the October P&C meeting. Both groups were happy to proceed with further investigations.

Please find attached an EOI for OSHC. Please return at your earliest convenience (PLEASE return the form regardless of whether you would use the service or not, so that we can get a full understanding of the thoughts of all families.).

This is a big decision, and we would like to ensure we are considering the opinions of the whole community.

Welcome Mrs Davis

Mrs Rita Davis will be here every Wednesday this term. She will teach Science in both classrooms as well English in both rooms before morning tea.

Rita comes to us from Ryeford SS. Please make her feel welcome when you see her on Wednesdays.

Chappy Breaky

Chappy Breaky will now run from 8:20am– 8:45am every Friday morning. All students need to be finished eating by the first bell, at 8:45am. This is so that students are prepared for the school day, and to ensure that our tuckshop preparation can occur as early as possible.

Bandanna Day- Friday 30th October

Next Friday is Bandanna Day. Bandannas are on sale in the office for \$4.00. Students are also asked to come in free dress and make a gold coin donation to CanTeen.

Please try and support this important foundation if you are able to. Let's see if we can raise as much money as we did for the RSPCA.

For more information on the work and support that CanTeen provide check out this website: <https://www.canteen.org.au/>

New Polar Fleece Jumpers

Thanks to the marvellous response to the polar fleece jumper EOI, we will now be placing an order.

New Building– SSS funding

We have passed the first hurdle for the SSS (Smart School Subsidy) grant. We can now submit a full application.

The next step is to have interested persons (teachers, staff, parents, community members, etc) come together to discuss what we want the building to look like, feel like, etc. This first meeting will occur next Friday afternoon at 3:00pm, in the school library. Please come along if you can.

Reading-Benchmarks

Our reading program is helping our students achieve some great results.

What are the benchmarks

Prep	PM level 5
1	PM level 15
2	PM level 20
3	PM level 23
4	PM level 27
5	PM level 30
6	Informal prose level 5

A benchmark is MINIMUM standard. We want students to fly past the benchmark, and to set their own TARGETS.

There is no time to rest, because once students start their next year, they have new benchmarks and individual targets to reach!!

GO GET 'EM!

- ⇒ 1 of our students has reached the year 8 reading benchmark
- ⇒ 8 preppies have exceeded the reading benchmark- some at level 13
- ⇒ 8 year 2 students have exceeded the reading benchmark- some at level 26
- ⇒ 5 of our students have reached the year 6 reading benchmark
- ⇒ We have year 3 students at level 30
- ⇒ We have year 1 students above level 20
- ⇒ We have preppies who are well on their way to knowing 200 sightwords

Swimming caps and swim shirts are required by law, and as such, if students are missing either of these items, they will be unable to swim.



Australia Day Awards
 Nominations now open!
 Do you know someone in your community who would be worthy of a Citizen, Sports or Community Group/Event Award?
 Nominate them for a 2016 Australia Day Award!
 Nomination forms can be found:
 - Clifton Service Centre
 - Clifton Library
 - By contacting Meghan on 0474 700 197 or meghan.cox@toowoombarc.qld.gov.au
 Nominations close on the 31st October, 2015

Attendance Goal—95%

Term 4 week 1—96.8%

Term 4 Week 2— 95.3%



Please keep up the great attendance!! Remember, students should only be absent if they are unwell.

Every Day Counts

There is a direct link between attendance and academic achievement. Kids with better attendance achieve better results.

Staff Profile—Rita Davis

I've lived in Clifton since my marriage to husband, John Davis, whose family were part of the business scene in Clifton for many years (Davis Engineering). Clifton has been a good area for bringing up a family, offering many varied activities that my children were involved in.

My three grown-up children have since left the area, taking with them the skills they learnt here. With one son living in Vietnam I've just completed my 8th trip there, my two grand-daughters drawing me back each year. I keep hoping that one day they'll move to Australia. I have a grandson who lives reasonably close who loves to talk rugby league. I think he knows everything there is to know about the Broncos.

Since coming to Clifton I've worked in many schools in the district, both Catholic and State. I taught at Nobby just after I was married, then again a couple of years ago and again now. Margaret Ferguson has been at the school each time, either as a parent or, as now, the cleaner. I enjoy working with children, watching them grow and learn. It's pleasing to see the progress of the Nobby Prep/1/2/3 children from 3 years ago.

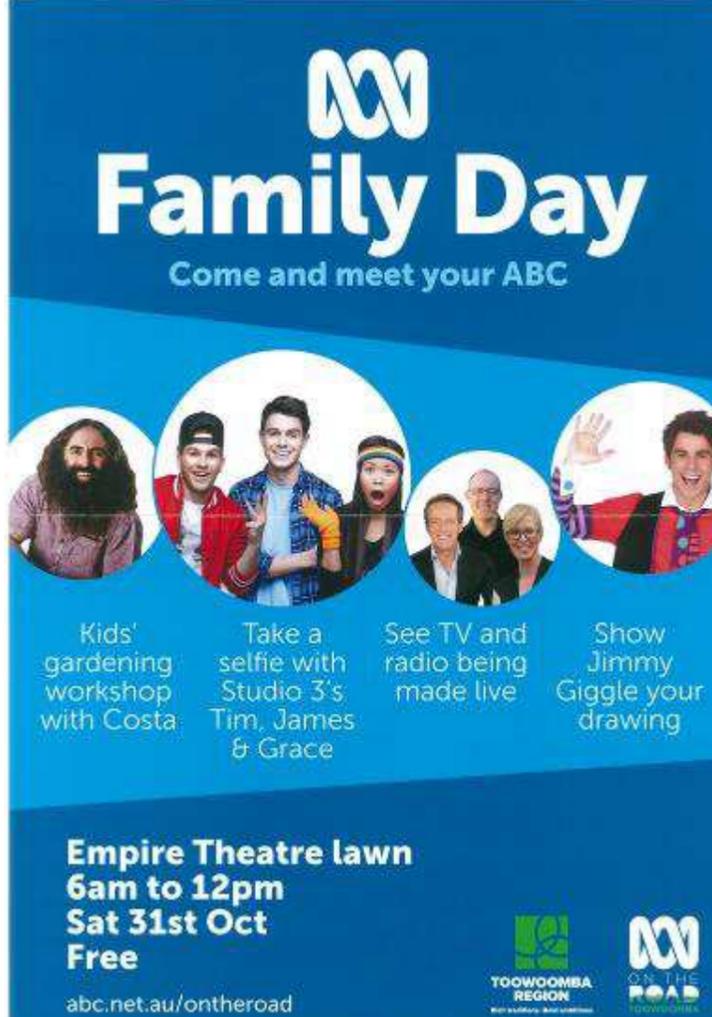


Orders and payment for the P&C Mango Fundraiser are due by next Wednesday, 28th October.
 For further information contact Rose Hopper 0427 175 766

Paper Recycling
 Over the last few months, the amount of recycle paper has dropped considerably. Please ask your neighbours and friends to keep their newspapers, junk mail and magazines and drop them into the 'paper recycle' bins at the front of the school. The school benefits from all recycled paper.

**CLIFTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL
 OPEN DAY & SHOWCASE**
FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER— 9:30AM—12:30PM
 THIS DAY IS OPEN TO ALL—STUDENTS OF ANY AGE, PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS. PLEASE HEAD ALONG IF POSSIBLE TO CHECK OUT OUR LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL.

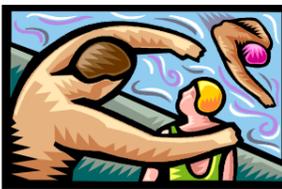
Get Active!

ABC Family Day
 Come and meet your ABC
 Kids' gardening workshop with Costa
 Take a selfie with Studio 3's Tim, James & Grace
 See TV and radio being made live
 Show Jimmy Giggles your drawing
**Empire Theatre lawn
 6am to 12pm
 Sat 31st Oct
 Free**
 abc.net.au/ontheroad

Sporting Schools

Sporting Schools will commence on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in week 4 (next week). This term's activity is swimming. Each session will run from 3:00pm-4:00pm. Students MUST be collected by 4:00pm. Students are required by law to wear a swim shirt and a swimming cap. If you would like your child to participate in the Sporting Schools program, please let the office know your preferred day or pop in and put your child's name on the relevant list. *Inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated and will result in exclusion from the Sporting Schools program for the rest of the term.*



Chappy Chat

Hey Y'all,
 I hope everyone is having a great term 4 so far. I know I loved going on the Senior School Camp last week.
 On Friday October 30th we are celebrating the CanTeen National Bandanna Day. Each year another 23,000 young Australians (63 a day) have to deal with cancer – either their own or a close family member's diagnosis. Bandannas are a symbol of hope and empowerment and are worn proudly by young people at CanTeen. Every bandanna you buy will help CanTeen support young people affected by cancer. Bandannas are for sale in the office for \$4. Students can also wear free dress for a gold coin donation towards the CanTeen National Bandanna Day.
 Also, I have a Thai Boxing Fight on Sunday at USQ Clive Berghofer Recreation for a WKA Amateur Title, if anyone would like to see me compete please let me know. If you want more information about the event can visit the following website <http://www.wka.com.au/>
 Sincerely,
 Matt

Arts Extravaganza

Our presentation night and ARTS EXTRAVAGANZA will be held on Thursday 3rd December, at the Nobby School of Arts (Nobby Hall). It is expected that all students will attend this event.
 On this night, we watch student displays of dance, drama and singing, hand out end of year awards, including sporting, academic, an All Rounder award and a few others.
 The Nobby Heritage and Development Association will be catering the event for us.
 Please return the attached EO1, to give us an idea of how many people from your family will be attending. This information is important as it will give the caterers an idea of food requirements, and also in terms of HOW we are going to organise the night.

P&C NEWS

Say **THANK YOU** on Tuckshop Day—Friday 6th November

To our wonderful tuckshop coordinator, Sue, who is winning our children's hearts through food—this is for you and your team.

MERCI! DANKE! XIE XIE! KIITOS! TODA! ASANTE! GRACIOUS! ARIGATO!

We truly appreciate the time and effort you put into Tuckshop on Fridays.

We underestimate the amount of time that goes into one day of morning teas and lunch including planning, shopping, preparing, cooking, serving and cleaning.



Please know that you are very much appreciated!!!

THANK YOU



THANK YOU!!!

A huge thank you to the staff that attended school camp but mostly for taking care of our children. The feedback is full of positives for Barambah - the staff and activities were highly praised including shelter building, firefly, star gazing, team games, lantana-tug-o-war... pretty much everything!!!



REMINDER: all orders for trays of mangoes need to be returned to the P&C box by **Wednesday 28th October**.

THANK YOU for your support.

For further information contact Rose Hopper 0427 175 766

As is custom every year, all P&C executive positions become available at the AGM. One role that will definitely be on the table is **Secretary**. If you are interested in taking this on OR would like some more information please contact Wendy at aussieclings@bigpond.com OR 0429 052 160.

Thank you to those that responded to the fundraising strategy form—your input is valuable and appreciated. All suggestions are noted and will now be prioritised.

LAST P&C MEETING FOR THE YEAR - 17th November

25 GREAT PARENTING IDEAS

from Michael Grose

Focus on **one idea a day** to transform your parenting in less than a month

- 1 DO MORE THINGS WITH KIDS THAN FOR THEM
- 2 IF YOU WANT HAPPY, RESILIENT KIDS YOU GO FIRST
- 3 RAISE YOUR SMALL FAMILY WITH A BIG FAMILY MINDSET
- 4 MAKE THE MOST OF THE OPPORTUNITY YEARS (BEFORE TEENS)
- 5 WORK ON YOUR RELATIONSHIPS AS THEY GIVE YOU LEVERAGE
- 6 EXPECT KIDS TO BEHAVE WELL
- 7 CATCH KIDS BEING RESILIENT AND PERSISTENT
- 8 ATTEND TO YOUR KIDS' MENTAL HEALTH
- 9 DON'T BE A FAMILY THAT'S ALWAYS ON THE GO
- 10 MAKE SURE KIDS HELP AT HOME WITHOUT BEING PAID
- 11 BUILD SCAFFOLDS TO INDEPENDENCE
- 12 REWARD RESPONSIBILITY WITH GREATER FREEDOM
- 13 BUILD SELF-KNOWLEDGE IN KIDS
- 14 MOVE KIDS DOWN THE ROAD FROM 'ME' TO 'WE'
- 15 TEACH YOUR KIDS TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT, NOT WHAT'S EASY
- 16 STRENGTHEN YOUR FAMILY BY CREATING A STRONG FOOD CULTURE
- 17 CREATE A CULTURE WHERE THERE'S NOTHING SO BAD THAT 'WE' CAN'T TALK ABOUT IT
- 18 PARENT FROM THE SAME SCRIPT, EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT TOGETHER
- 19 DO THINGS WITH YOUR KIDS
- 20 DON'T LET KIDS DROP OUT OF THE FAMILY
- 21 CONNECT WITH OTHER PARENTS
- 22 EVERY CHILD NEEDS SOMEONE IN THEIR LIFE WHO SAYS YOU CAN DO THIS
- 23 MAKE THE MOST OF TEACHABLE MOMENTS
- 24 AVOID YOUR FIRST IMPULSE WHEN KIDS MISBEHAVE
- 25 BUILD A STRONG FAMILY BRAND

For more ideas from Michael Grose about raising exceptional kids...

1. Subscribe to Happy Kids newsletter on parentingideas.com.au and receive latest parenting ideas and information.
2. Get Michael's latest best-seller **Thriving!** "the new road map for raising 3-12 year olds with confidence, character & resilience" at www.parentingideas.com.au
3. For the best parenting ideas and great advice join the **Michael Grose Parenting community** at facebook.com/michaelgroseparenting

parentingideas.com.au



Camp was great because we got to build shelters and eat bush tucker like the aboriginal people did. We also threw spears and boomerangs and did team challenges. It was a great experience.

Scarlet

It was amazing to be a part of the Nobby School Camp this year at Barambah Environmental Education Centre. I personally really enjoyed the welcoming atmosphere by all of the staff at the Centre, and learning about Indigenous culture and the way they used the land. I also learned a new skill of string making thanks to one of the competitions at the camp. This was an amazing camp from the beginning till the end, and was amazingly organised the whole time!

Matt

Camp was exciting, fun and joyful. The staff were very helpful and funny. The bush food and materials were amazing and gave us great skills. The activities were fun and hard at the same time. The food was really good and yummy thanks to the Avalon Fare caterers.

Thanks to the parents and staff at Nobby for paying the fees and getting us to and from Barambah EEC.

From Tom And Jess

Graham: Camp was awesome! I loved the bushwalking because I have never done it before.

Ellie: I loved bushwalking, seeing all the different animals. The ropes course was lots of fun too!

Kyle: Loved all the food! YUMMY!

Darcy G: Camp was great! I liked making the huts and working as a team - it was fun.

Riley: Camp was good. I liked painting boomerangs, hiking and seeing the python!

Barambah Environmental Education Centre



Last week the senior class awoke *before* dawn to begin their trek to Barambah Environmental Education Centre (BEEC) for three days of fun and learning. Students endured the four hour bus journey with most breakfasts still intact and were welcomed by the wonderful staff at BEEC with a hike up One Tree Hill. Once at the top, we were greeted by a large goanna (a little confronting for some!) and treated to a magnificent view of the local mountain ranges. Students returned to camp to unpack and make beds (hmm...an interesting activity!) and eat the first of many, many wonderful meals supplied by the caterers. Over the course of the camp, students learnt about the indigenous people of the Barambah area through sessions on tools and weapons; spear and boomerang throwing; bush shelter making and a bush tucker walk. A night star-gazing lesson was certainly a highlight for many (especially the exciting discovery of fireflies at the campsite), as was conquering the low-ropes course. The local wildlife caused much delight (wallabies, black cockatoos, goannas) and anxiety (a python sleeping outside the girls' cabin) and students bravely conquered fears to go on an impromptu night walk to find more fireflies. Much enjoyment was had by all and we look forward to planning another wonderful camp experience for 2016!

