



The Nobby Link

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Term 2 Week 10

Thursday 25th June

2015

Calendar

Term 2, 2015

Week 10	Friday 26th June	Small Schools Athletics Carnival
Week 10	Friday 26th June	Last Day of Term 2
Term 3, 2015		
Week 1	Monday 13th July	School Resumes
Week 1	Thursday 16th July	Interhouse Athletics Carnival
Week 4	Monday 3rd August	CD Athletics Carnival 1/2 Day
Week 4	Wednesday 5th August	Cultural Day Cobb & Co Museum
Week 4	Friday 7th August	CD Athletics Carnival Full Day

Nobby markets

The Nobby Markets are on again next Saturday, 4th July, in the Nobby Hall. Call along for some morning tea or a sausage, buy some fresh produce and check out the stalls!

Parenting *ideas* INSIGHTS

Building parent-school partnerships

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Don't yell, move closer

As a busy parent it's easy to give your voice a work out when you don't get the cooperation you want from your children.

You know how it goes.

You want your son or daughter to give you some help and they don't respond.

Perhaps, you want a child to stop annoying his or her sibling.

Or you simply want your kids to QUIETEN DOWN inside.

When your request for cooperation is ignored.

So you do what over 90% of parents do. That is, you repeat yourself. Then if that's still ignored you RAISE the volume.

'I'll yell at them. That should work!'

Hmm, I'm not so sure. Usually yelling only succeeds in producing parent-deaf kids.

If yelling, shouting or raising your voice is a habit you've developed to get cooperation then here's a great strategy to use instead.

Next time your kids ignore a reasonable request move close to them and quietly repeat your request once.

No aggression, just expectation.

It means you may need to stop what you are doing. So be it.

Proximity is a powerful influencer. Great teachers know this. That's why they move around in class so much: to teach and also to manage.

So save your voice for conversation, encouragement and affection.

Use your body effectively to manage kids.

The key, of course, is to do it.

My challenge for you is to bite your tongue when you want to yell. Take a deep breath (as the Mood Meter teaches you) and move into your child's proximity. Don't stare him down. Just be close to him or her.

Keep doing it and the cooperation levels you get from your kids will increase astronomically over time.

But you've got to do it.

In future don't yell, move closer.

Michael Grose



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Ten Pin Bowling Update: WOW! Thank you to the 83 bowlers that supported this fundraiser. Just by attending you helped raise \$249! It was a great afternoon of bowling, raffles, strikes, laughs and the odd competitive streak coming through. Raffles and money board totalled \$295.20! Our major profit of \$2400 came from our lane sponsors. I hope you managed to check them out! We are very grateful to our sponsors—they made this a very successful fundraiser. This day would not have been possible without the effort and time co-ordinators put in, so a big THANK YOU to them- you know who you are! Total money raised is **\$3154.20 AWESOME!!**

Happy Holidays

I can't believe how far we have travelled this year. We have new staff members, new programs, and new families and students. I am amazed with the amount of support and learning that we are able to provide to your children. On behalf of the staff, I want to thank you all for supporting what we are trying to achieve, both academically and socially with your children.

Have a great holiday!

Website video

Check out this video from Michael Grose about how to read your child's report card. It is extremely important to be in the right frame of mind when preparing to look at their report card. What you say and do when reading it is also extremely important. If you have a spare 4 minutes, please watch this [video](#) before you start!



Parenting Tips -
Read your
child's report

Parent teacher interviews

We had to change the one night interview format that we conducted last year to a two night format, due to our increase in student numbers. We hope that parents and students have enjoyed the two afternoons and nights this week.

I know that the teachers enjoy meeting with parents to discuss social and academic progress.

Thank you for making it such a rewarding activity.

Sporting Schools— the new AASC

Sporting Schools (formerly: Active After School Communities) will begin in Term 3. We are still toying with the format, so cannot confirm what it will look like at this stage.

Emu Creek Sports

Congratulations to all of the 2002– 2006 students who competed in the discus and 800m events yesterday. Some great results and lots of effort!

We have attached a copy of tomorrow's program.

Please have your children at ECSS by 8:50 in the morning.

If the day is postponed, we will let you know ASAP via text message and Facebook. There will be a canteen operating— price list was attached to last fortnight's newsletter (sorry— we don't have enough space to include it again!)

Excursions

Next term, we have two cultural excursions organised. The whole school will attend a NAIDOC Cultural Day at Cobb & Co in Toowoomba on Wednesday 5th August, and 'Stripey' at the Empire Theatre on Wednesday 19th August. These excursions will be heavily subsidised by the P&C, and as such will only be \$20 per student for both.

Nobby SS Athletics

Our Leslie vs. Cunningham athletics carnival will occur in the first week back after the holidays, on Thursday 16th July. All family and friends welcome to attend and cheer on our athletes.

Chappy Breakfast

Due to the Small Schools Athletics Carnival, there will be no Chappy Brekky tomorrow.

This year's Senior Room Camp is being held from Monday 12th October—Wednesday 14th October (week 2, term 4) at [Barambah Environmental Education Centre](#).

The program 'When Cultures Meet,' provides opportunities for students to investigate the lifestyle of the traditional indigenous groups who inhabited the area around Barambah.

Students are able to gain a deep understanding of how indigenous people lived through participating in a clan challenge. Students are allocated to a clan at the start of camp and complete four hands-on activities which allow them to earn health credits for the clan. These activities include using traditional tools and weapons, fire making, identifying and sampling of bush foods, building shelters from traditional materials and making string using traditional methods. Health credits are represented by beads on a clan necklace, and the health of the clan as a whole is represented by having multiple beads for each of the activities. At the end of camp students are able to compare how successfully they have lived as a clan by comparing their necklaces or health credits.

The cost of this camp will be no more than \$150.00 per student, thanks to our generous P&C who have again donated \$2000.00 towards the total cost.

Senior Room Camp



Staff Profile—Tim Youngberry

This is my 8th year at Nobby SS. I am still here because I love it, and feel as though there is so much more to achieve. My wife Tash and I are in the process of planning a new house, to be built on a



small block in Greenmount. Hopefully we'll be in it by Christmas! Ava is in prep at Nobby, and Lola is 3 and attends Treasure Island day care a few days a week. I love spending time with my family, exploring new places and camping. I am playing soccer in

Toowoomba this year— giving the body a bit of a shock! However, I am not the oldest in my team!!

Next P&C Meeting: **Term 3- 21st July at 3:15pm.** In addition to our general meeting, we will have a special meeting to vote on the draft constitution for the school council. The special meeting will only go for 5 minutes, and will happen either right before the general meeting, or during.

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn



School Cleaner's Day Monday 15th June

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Marg Ferguson for the role she plays in maintaining a safe, clean and healthy environment in our school.

We would also like to wish her a Happy Birthday for next Wednesday, 1st July.

Holiday Reading

It's great to tell parents how well children are reading and it is fantastic to give out end of year benchmark certificates on parade. The hard yards at home convert to results. The simple truth is that if reading improves, so does every other learning area. Talk to your children about new words and what they mean (vocabulary is one key to reading successfully). Tell them the word, ask them to repeat it, over and over. Have them reread pages so they improve fluency (another major key), or have races with them to see who can read a page faster (accurately of course!)

Lastly, have fun with reading, read funny stories, poems and things that rhyme. Read newspaper articles that may interest them. We will do a holiday reading draw early in term 3.

I made myself a snowball,
As perfect as could be,
I thought I'd keep it as a pet,
And let it sleep with me.
I made it some pajamas,
And a pillow for its head,
Then last night it ran away,
But first-- it wet the bed.



Junior Room News

Staff, students and teachers blown away..... with Junior Room oral presentations last Friday. A huge congratulations to all students on a job well done. It has been such a pleasure to hear many family's stories of making these presentations. The input by the student is visible and just what we want to see. THANK YOU to all concerned for what you are doing with your child. Their journey is a 3-way road, the child, the parent and the school.

What a busy first half of the year it has been. What a distance all of the children have travelled. I am so pleased with their academic results, but more so, how they have performed each and every day with their attitude and desire to learn. I am trusting you are as happy as I, with their progress.

We have already planned some wonderful things for term 3 (the children will be doing some cooking next term...sshhh).

Children will have all of their stationary supplies checked and updated for the start of term 3. We do encourage strongly the 'taking care of belongings'.

We will again be doing home reading over the holidays. Children can bring home 10 class books, some library books and of course, use some books from home or the town library. This is a chance to explore other reading material. If you travel – reading brochures and maps and signage, etc. is all a part of reading too. Their usual recording sheet will be included with the books.

Have a most wonderful and restful holiday. Again, everyone needs it! I look forward to hearing about everyone's adventures next term.

