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# HAND MADE UNDER THE STARS

Quality Artisan Market

Over 50 stalls | Food & Wine | Music

**THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER 2015**

FREE ENTRY 5PM-8PM

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Rolf—I found Darcy’s really interesting because his board had words all over it and you had to do lots of figuring out!

Brianna—Mrs Field sent us a template of the board game. We had to spice it up and make it pretty. Then we printed it out and enlarged it. We put it on coloured card and then we could play it. I enjoyed the project (it was better than last term’s!).

Tyson—I liked playing other people’s board games.

Scarlet—I liked it when we got to play everyone else’s board games. We got to see what they were like and what type of questions their game was based on. It was one of the best English sessions yet!

*The Senior Class were tasked with creating a board game and writing a procedure based on ‘how to play’ their board game, for English this term. On Tuesday afternoon, everyone brought their finished game to school and the students enjoyed an interactive afternoon ‘trying’ out everyone’s game. A very successful project!*



**CLIFTON CLUSTER DISCO**

Open to all primary school age children and below. Children under 2 free.

Bring your own camera to make use of our end of year photo booth. Cool props and assistants to help get that perfect shot of you and your friends!!!

Drinks, chips and lollies for sale.

Novelty light up products available to purchase

FE LOGAN HALL

**FRIDAY 27th November 2015**

5:30pm-7pm

Free Tea, Coffee and cake for parents.

Proceeds to Clifton State School P&C Association

### Nirvana Hostel visit

On Monday 7th December, the senior room students will be visiting the Nirvana Hostel in Clifton.

We will meet with some of the residents, sing some songs, read some books and play some board games.

It is great to be sharing with the community what a great group of students we have.

Our sincere thanks to the parents who are able to help with transport to and from Clifton on this day.



## Nobby State School Prep Transition Program

The aims of the Nobby State School prep transition program are:-

- ⇒ To familiarise students and parents with Nobby staff, students and routines
- ⇒ To become aware of how we teach literacy and numeracy in the early years
- ⇒ To make new friends and become familiar with the school environment

**Key Dates:**

Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov- 9:30-11:30	Prep Orientation, School Tour & Parent Information Session
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec- 9:30- 11:30	Pre-Prep Session 1 classroom visit (literacy focus)
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec- 9:30- 11:30	Pre-Prep Session 2 classroom visit (numeracy focus)
Early Term 1, 2016	Classroom Information Sessions



# The Nobby Link

confidence in a connected world

Term 4 Week 8

Thursday 26th November 2015

### Parent Teacher Interviews

The Parent/Teacher interviews will take place over 2 days; Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th December. The interview timetable is attached to today’s newsletter. Please let us know immediately if the time you have been allocated is not suitable.

*Please Note:* There will be **no** staff supervision once bus duty is completed at 3:45pm.

### 2016 Classes

After careful consideration and consultation with staff and P&C, we have decided to make our classes as follows for the 2016 year.

We will have a P/1/5/6 class; located in the current junior classroom, and a 2/3/4 class in the current senior room.

We feel that this is the best option, after considering class sizes, staffing arrangements, abilities and needs of the students and siblings.

Senior camp will still go ahead for years 3, 4, 5 & 6 students and other excursions and activities will continue with the usual senior/junior split.

### A&B Rewards Day

This term’s Rewards Day will be held on Thursday 10th December; here at school.

‘A’ behaviour students will participate in a ‘colour run,’ followed by pool time.

The ‘A & B’ students will then have time with the inflatable soccer field, and a trip to the pool for some games.

Students will be notified of their result early next week.

### School Lunches

It has been brought to our attention that some students are not eating what is expected of them while they are at school. While the staff on duty make every effort to ensure food is not being wasted, it is near impossible to police this perfectly.

Please speak to your child about what ‘you’ expect them to eat (fruit, yoghurt, sandwiches) and what can be left in their lunchbox if they do not feel like eating it (muesli bars, chips, packaged food).

### Arts Extravaganza & Presentation Night

This is gearing up to be a great night.

The doors will open at 5:30pm, with official proceedings beginning at 6:00pm. We will break for dinner at approximately 6:45pm, and then continue with the evening.

Dessert will be served at the conclusion of the night.

The supper room of the hall (Nobby School of the Arts), will again be full of art items, so please feel free to mingle amongst the art before 6:00pm, during the dinner break or during dessert.

Tickets for dinner and dessert are attached to today’s newsletter. Please remember to bring them on the night!

### Great Results Guarantee report

Progress towards our targets for the year have been documented in the end of year [snapshot report](#).

While we didn’t meet and exceed the guarantees, we have made significant progress towards the goals set.

### Calendar

Term 4, 2015

Week 8	Thursday 26th November	Last Day of Sporting Schools
Week 9	Thursday 3rd December	Nobby SS Arts Extravaganza
Week 9	Friday 4th December	‘Hat Day’ for Mental Health Research
Week 9	Friday 4th December	Nobby Carols in The Park
Week 10	Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th December	Parent Teacher Interviews
Week 10	Thursday 10th December	A&B Rewards Day
Week 10	Friday 11th December	Nobby SS Swimming Carnival

Term 1, 2016

Week 1	Monday 25th January	Pupil Free Day
Week 1	Tuesday 26th January	Australia Day Public Holiday
Week 1	Wednesday 27th January	School Commences

### Attachments:

- Arts Extravaganza Meal Tickets
- Parent Teacher Interview Timetable
- Outside School Hours Care EOI
- Arts Extravaganza Information

## DON'T BLAME YOUR KIDS WHEN YOUR EMOTIONS LET YOU DOWN

By Michael Grose

One of the greatest challenges we have as parents is maintaining a sense of calm when the chaos of childhood is bubbling all around us. Recognise any of these situations?

You're in the midst of crazy hour just before dinner and you've two under-fives racing towards you, each with a tale of woe about the other

You've a primary-aged boy who refuses to do his homework even though he's struggling at school

You've a teenager who rudely mimics your quite reasonable request for help

All situations that we know in our heart of hearts that should be ignored, or at least handled calmly but also situations that commonly lead to us losing our cool!

### If only....

So often our best parenting intentions are derailed by our inability to regulate our emotions. We so often blame our kids for their poor, thoughtless or challenging behaviour but it's our emotions that let us down, derailing our best intentions.

Then the recriminations begin.

*"If only I had taken my daughter seriously, I should have listened, not shrugged her off".*

*"If only I hadn't told my son he'd continue to struggle at school as he was lazy like his father".*

*"If only I had used a little humour to laugh off my teenager's baiting rather than getting involved in an argument of his making".*

### You can't put the genie back in the bottle

Once your emotions let you down you can't take your outbursts back.

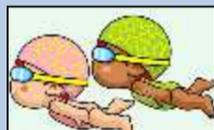
You need to go into damage control to repair relationships that have been strained, to reassure kids who are disappointed with your response, and to rebuild self-esteem that's been damaged by your outburst. *Once something has been said it can't be unsaid.* Once the genie is out of the bottle you can't put it back no matter how much you want to do so.

## CUNNINGHAM VS. LESLIE ONE MORE TIME.....

The Interhouse Swimming Carnival is being held on the last day of the term, Friday 11th December. Come along and cheer for your team.

The carnival will run from approx. 9:30am—1:00pm.

All children are involved, with activities ranging from novelty events through to serious individual medley races!



At the conclusion of the carnival, there will be a **shared lunch** for all students, staff and parents. Please bring a plate of goodies to share.

### Wolves Development Academy Holiday Soccer Program

10am – 2pm for boys and girls aged 6 to 12

When: January 11th & 12th 2016 at Queen's Park, Warwick

Holiday program of group coaching, warm ups/activities, Skills/Drills, Games

Keep an eye out for our New Inflatable Pitch

Canteen available for lunch break and drinks

Cost 6-12 years: Two Days \$60

Registration forms and more info are available from [www.warwickwolves.com.au](http://www.warwickwolves.com.au)  
Or by emailing [registrations@warwickwolves.com.au](mailto:registrations@warwickwolves.com.au)

### Staff & Parents Hoodies & Polos Order

The balance of our Canterbury order should arrive by the end of next week (Friday 4th December).

We would appreciate your 'cash' payment by this time.

We have a spare hoodie available in size XL if anyone is interested (\$55.50).

**Family Christmas Celebration At**  
**STEELE RUDD CORNER SERVICE STATION**  
**Sunday 20th December**

- Free Sausage Sizzle from 5pm
- Cold Drinks & Snack Available for purchase
- Christmas Karaoke
- Free Magic Show for the Kids
- Face painting • Balloon Twisting
- Jumping Castle

Gold Coin Donation to Nobby Rural Fire Brigade

**ALL WELCOME, SO BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY**

Visit from Santa & his elves at 7pm  
He'll even have a small gift for each child.

15261 New England Highway  
Phone: 4696 3147

We have been notified of a case of hand, foot and mouth disease. Please check out the following link if you require further information about this illness:  
<http://conditions.health.qld.gov.au/HealthCondition/condition/14/217/68/hand-foot-and-mouth-disease>

## Clifton & District Amateur Swimming Club



Invites all interested swimmers and families to our Meet and Greet Sausage Sizzle

**Monday 7 December 2015 at 5:30pm**

A committee has now been formed for the 2015/16 season and we are looking for members to join the club.

For more information contact Tara 07 4697 3364

## Academic Results

Staff have been busy finalising learning and testing programs over the past two weeks. This has included both diagnostic testing (measuring progress in reading, reading comprehension, maths and spelling) and learning area testing for reporting to parents.

Needless to say, we have seen some fantastic results, not just individually, but also on a whole school level.

I'm pleased to say that the current mix of programs, curriculum intervention, staffing and ability groupings is allowing us to see significant progress in our major learning area priorities of spelling, reading and maths.

Please talk to your children about their results, their results against the benchmark, and how they think they are progressing academically.

Thank you to all parents, for your support of the school, the teachers, the teacher aides and the administration staff. The learning journey cannot be successful without full support from everyone involved with the child; not just the parents, and not just the school.

We are looking forward to speaking with you during the parent teacher interviews about your child's academic progress throughout the year.

## Library News

There will be no holiday borrowing over the Christmas break. Please return ALL library books by next Friday, 4th December.

Please don't let this stop your child from reading over the holidays though. Why not head to the Clifton Library or Toowoomba Library and check out the vast range of books they have.

## Sporting Schools (AASC)

Today is the final Sporting Schools for the year.

Thanks to all of the staff who have delivered this program throughout the year. Without them, it would not be possible to run the Sporting Schools Program.