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# Nobby State School

## Prep Handbook



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## Welcome to Nobby State School

Welcome parents and Prep children. We hope that you and your child enjoy the experience of Prep at Nobby State School. Nobby State School is a small, country school located on the Darling Downs. There are two classrooms at Nobby – the Junior Class (Prep to Year 2) and the Senior Class (Year 3 to Year 6).

## What is Prep?

Prep is a full-time, five days a week, foundation year of schooling for young children. Prep students at Nobby are part of the multi-age junior classroom. To be eligible for Prep, students must have turned 5 during July to December in the year before they attend school, or be turning 5 during the first six months of school (January to June).

## What will my child learn at Prep?

In Prep your child will be developing their skills and knowledge through play activities and learning experiences that will happen in both indoor and outdoor environments. It is through play that children make 'sense' of their world. They are able to investigate new ideas, negotiate and make choices, ask questions, build on their previous experiences, work with others and express their ideas.

### In Prep your child will be:

- Learning how to cooperate with others
- Becoming independent thinkers and problem solvers
- Listening, responding to, and giving directions
- Developing their physical skills
- Participating in real life experiences such as cooking and gardening
- Developing confidence in themselves as capable learners
- Using their imagination and creativity
- Developing literacy and numeracy skills in play situations

## What will these activities look like?

### In Prep your child will be:

- Painting, singing and drawing
- Visiting the school library
- Listening to and reading stories

- Playing games (indoor and outdoor)
- Using computers and iPads
- Participating in a 'Learning Connections Motor Program' to develop motor skills
- Writing (e.g. copying print in the environment)
- Gardening and cooking
- Designing and making things
- Building with blocks
- Using play dough and clay
- Planning personal 'projects'

## Specialist lessons

Prep students at Nobby State School are involved in a range of learning experiences including:

- Mrs Terri – *Library*
  - Appreciation and enjoyment of books
  - pre-reading activities
  - borrowing library books
- Mr Barry Healy – *Physical Education (P.E.)*
  - Gross Motor Development & Perceptual Motor Program
  - Being part of a team, games with rules, athletics days preparation (ballgames, sprints, relays)
- Mrs Jill Field – *The Arts*
  - Music, Dance and Drama lessons
- Mrs Sheila Scott Power – *LOTE (Languages Other Than English)*
  - French lessons for Years 5- 6

## How can I help my child?

- Share information about your child with the teacher (this information is always confidential).
- Talk with your child about what they are doing at Prep (e.g. “*What letter did you learn about today?*”, “*Did you do some counting?*”).
- Visit the classroom for a brief chat.
- Take part in daily activities or special events.
- Encourage your child to experiment with various materials and equipment (such as scissors, brushes).
- Read together and talk about everyday items such as signs, letters, notices, magazines etc.
- Encourage your child to explore different ways to organise areas, e.g. their bedroom, cubby house, play area.
- Read and talk about storybooks, factual books and rhymes.
- Make available a variety of materials and containers for measuring such things as water and sand.
- Involve your child in family activities that investigate mathematical ideas, e.g. cooking, setting the table, matching socks and sharing meals.
- Provide ‘junk’ materials for drawing, making patterns and building things.

## What will my child need for Prep?

### What to wear?

- *School polo shirts, jumpers, jackets and hats can be purchased from the school P&C Uniform Shop.*

**Summer Uniform:** school polo shirt, navy blue shorts/skirt/skorts.

**Winter Uniform:** school polo shirt, navy track pants or similar, school jumper, school jacket.

**Hats:** navy school hat with school crest.

**Footwear:** shoes must be enclosed – joggers are preferred. (Thongs or sandals are not suitable).

Socks should be navy or white. Please help your child to master shoelaces so that they can remove and replace them independently (this will be a huge help to us!)

## What to bring?

- A bag big enough to carry all belongings, including a homework bag, spare clothes, lunchbox and water bottle. (*Please make sure your child can open all zippers and pockets etc.*).
- A hat is needed every day. Our school policy is 'No hat, no play'.
- A library bag to protect books borrowed from the library (30cm wide x 35-40cm long)
- A full set (including underwear) of spare clothes to be kept in your child's bag.
- Fruit snack, morning tea and lunch in a named lunchbox (let your child practise opening and closing their lunchbox).
- A water bottle (containing water only please – cordial and fizzy drinks are not allowed at school).

**Please name all of your child's belongings!**

## What **not** to bring

- Please do not allow your child to bring precious items from home to school. We cannot take responsibility for these items.
- Jewellery is not permitted at school as it poses a danger in the playground. The exception is small earrings, 1 signet ring and medical bracelets (e.g. asthma/ diabetes).
- Show and tell items **are only** to be brought to school on request from the class teacher.

## How can parents be involved in the Prep Program?

There are many ways that you can be involved in the Prep Program at Nobby State School. Prep is very much a part of the whole school community at Nobby State School.

After the Prep Program becomes established in the first few weeks, there will be a Parent/Helper Roster sent home. If possible, put your name on this to help in the classroom. If you have a special talent/hobby that you are willing to share with us, please let us know. The children love talking and working with special visitors.

For special projects throughout the year, we will request 'junk' materials to use in Prep activities. Typical items include: cardboard, plastic tubes, sturdy stacking boxes, boxes of all sizes for collage, bottle tops, buttons, wool, fleece, shells, ice cream containers & lids and magazines. All requests will be made through the school newsletter.

Parents can also be involved in the school by attending P&C Meetings, helping in the Tuckshop, supporting special events, working bees etc. Please look out for our fortnightly newsletter to see how you can be involved in your child's school.



## A – Z of General Information

### Behaviour – *Buzz Chart*

Staff at Nobby State School use a behaviour ladder to monitor student behaviour in the classroom.

Students who maintain an 'A' or 'B' standard behaviour throughout each term, participate in a 'Rewards Day' at the end of each term. To maintain an 'A', students can only move down the ladder 3 times. To maintain a 'B' standard, students must not move down the ladder more than 9 times. Students who reach a 'D' on the behaviour ladder are required to sit on the steps during morning tea and lunch and are excluded from play time.

### Jewellery

Jewellery is not permitted at school as it poses a danger in the playground. The exception is small earrings, 1 signet ring and medical bracelets (e.g. asthma/ diabetes). Staff do not take responsibility for jewellery worn to school.

### Medication

Any medicine that a student needs to take is to be brought to the class teacher or teacher aide with the chemist's label or a doctor's letter detailing administering instructions. Teachers and teacher aides administer when and if required, and a Medication Register is noted accordingly.

### Newsletters

A newsletter is sent home every second Thursday. The newsletter contains school and community news. The oldest member of each family attending the school is given the weekly newsletter to take home. The newsletter can also be emailed and accessed via the web @ <https://nobbyss.eq.edu.au/Calendarandnews/Newsletters/Pages/Newsletters.aspx>, or via the QSchools app, available at the iTunes app store. Other notes detailing special class events are also sent home on this day. Please check your child's bag for notes each week.

### Parade

Every Monday at 8:45 a.m. (or Tuesday if Monday is a Public Holiday) the whole school meets for parade. Parents and families are welcome to attend.

## Resource scheme

Students are provided with **all** school books and stationery during Week 1, Term 1. Parents pay a levy (\$100/child) to cover some of these costs.

## Sports Carnivals (as a guide only)

- Term 1      Nobby State School Cross Country  
              Nobby State School Triathlon
- Term 2      Nobby State School Athletics Carnival  
              Winter Sports Days (Allora SS – Senior Class only)
- Term 3      Small Schools Athletics Carnivals  
              Central Downs Athletics (Allora)
- Term 4      Small Schools Ball Games Carnival  
              Nobby State School Swimming Carnival



## School Hours

Students need to be at school between 8:30 and 8:45am. The first bell rings at 8:45. This is when students have their fruit snack and prepare for the school day ahead.

| School Bell Times  |                         |
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| Snack  | 8:45a.m. – 9:00a.m.     |
| Morning Session  | 9.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.  |
| Morning Tea  | 11.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. |
| Middle Session   | 11.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.  |
| On Wednesday the middle session ends at 12:45 p.m. and Lunch is from 12:45 – 1.30 p.m. to allow time for our P.E. program to run in the afternoon session. |                         |
| Lunch  | 1.00 p.m. – 1.40 p.m.   |
| Afternoon Session  | 1:40 p.m. – 3.00p.m.    |

## Sporting Schools

Nobby State School is part of the AASC. AASC operates on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:15 – 4p.m. AASC is run by accredited operators. Students at Nobby are able to nominate one afternoon a week to participate in AASC (this include afternoon tea). During term 1 and term 4, swimming is the nominated AASC sport. During terms 2 and 3 different activities are offered, depending on the operators' qualifications.

## Sports Houses

There are two sports houses at Nobby State School – Cunningham (Blue) and Leslie (Red). At Nobby school house events, students are permitted to dress in their house colour. Students are assigned a house during the first weeks of Term 1.

## Staff

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| <b>Tim Youngberry:</b>   | Principal/Senior class teacher   |
| <b>Kerry Morwood:</b>    | Junior class teacher   |
| <b>Jill Field:</b>       | Senior class teacher (part time); Junior classroom teacher (part time)                                 |
| <b>Terri Henningsen:</b> | Teacher aide (Senior classroom; Administration; Librarian)   |
| <b>Jacqui Love:</b>      | Teacher aide (Junior classroom)  |
| <b>Maggie Stevens:</b>   | Teacher aide   |
| <b>Belinda Naumann:</b>  | Teacher aide   |
| <b>Heather Hills:</b>    | Teacher aide   |
| <b>Jacinta Miller:</b>   | Teacher aide   |
| Teena Lees:              | Teacher aide   |
| <b>Deena Joppich:</b>    | Administration Officer – Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs   |
| <b>Margaret Ferguson</b> | Cleaner  |
| <b>Lois Sanders</b>      | Special education teacher  |
| <b>Amy McCulloch</b>     | Head of special Education services (HOSES) Based at Clifton State High School, at Nobby SS as required |

## Swimming

Nobby State School has a 12m swimming pool (the second oldest school pool in Queensland State Schools). Students use the pool during P.E. lesson in Term 1 and Term 4 and for AASC during Term 1 and Term 4 (weather permitting). All students swimming must wear a swimming cap and a sunshirt. Swimming costumes need to be appropriate.

## Tuckshop

Tuckshop is generally held every second Friday. Students must bring their completed order with money on Wednesdays to the 'Tuckshop' box in the school office.

Website [www.nobbyss.eq.edu.au](http://www.nobbyss.eq.edu.au)

Each class group contributes to this site. You can keep up to date with what is happening in your child's class and school by accessing this website.

The school newsletter can be easily accessed on both the website, and on your QSchools app on iPhone and Android devices.

### When not to come

Staff are not on duty until 8:00 in the mornings. Students should not arrive at school before 8:15am as there is no active staff supervision prior to this time.

Staff remain on duty at school until the last bus departs at 3:40p.m. Students not travelling on buses are expected to depart school by 3:30p.m. There are times when the senior class and the junior class do different things (e.g. senior room may attend an excursion off site while the junior class remains at school, and vice versa). The best way to stay on top of this is to talk with other parents and staff, read the newsletter and refer back to it as required.

