

# Strive to achieve

# Principal's Message

Welcome to our final newsletter for the 2023 school year — I cannot believe how quickly this has rolled around. This school year has been an incredibly busy one with a multitude of different experiences and opportunities presented to our students. It has been a great time with the school, parents, P&C and community working together to provide our students with the very best in learning opportunities. Although there are only 6 days left, there are still a number of jobs and experiences for us to finalise.

#### **Interhouse Swimming carnival**

Tomorrow we look forward to welcoming everyone to our interhouse swimming carnival. Students have been working hard during their PE lessons in preparation for the carnival on Friday. I wish all students the very best for a fun-filled day.

#### **Combined Schools Swimming Carnival**

On Tuesday, 11 of our students attended the Combined Schools Swimming Carnival at the Clifton Pool. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to compete against a larger group of children, gain their times for possible Central Downs selection in 2024 and of course, have fun. It was great to hear the enthusiasm and pride in some children when they shared they'd broken records or made their PBs – well done Nobby SS!

#### **Nobby Community Christmas Carols**

Our students have been invited to sing some Christmas Carols at the Nobby Community Christmas Carols this Friday night. Students need to meet Mrs Nicholson and Miss Ferguson at 6:20pm in their Christmas attire. Students will sing their carols and enjoy a visit from Santa. Please let the school know if your child/children will be in attendance. Thank you!

Term 4 Week 9 Thursday 30th November, 2023

# Dates To Remember:

TERM 4, 2023

#### Friday 1st December

Interhouse Swimming
Carnival starting at 8:45am

#### **Monday 4th December**

Year 6 Shopping Trip

#### Tuesday 5th December

Presentation Night starting at 5:00pm

#### Wednesday 6th December

Clifton SHS Transition Day

#### Wednesday 6th December

Move On Day

#### Thursday 7th December

Year 6 Shopping Trip

#### Friday 8th December

Last Day of Term 4

TERM 1, 2024

#### **Monday 22nd January**

Term 1 Commences

#### Friday 26th January

Australia Day Public Holiday



### **Principal's Message Continued**

#### Presentation Night – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 5:00pm

Next Tuesday night, we look forward to celebrating the 2023 school year. This will be a lovely time for us to pause and recognise the achievements of our students and staff across the year. We will engage in some farewells and look forward to what 2024 has in store. I hope you're able to join us, for what I'm sure will be a lovely evening.

#### Student Leadership in 2024

As you are aware, we have introduced a new student leadership structure for 2024. Interested Year 5 students self-nominated for a position. They prepared and presented their speech to the whole school, parents, family and community members. Each student's speech was well prepared and very confidently delivered. They have now engaged in an interview that saw each student peruse and consider some questions for 10 minutes prior to engaging with a panel (myself, Mrs Morwood and Mr Warren Venz) to share their thoughts. The panel members were incredibly impressed with the quality of the responses provided, the confidence of the children and for some, their natural ability to take control of the interview – good luck future panellists! There is absolutely room for this process to grow and improve. If you have any ideas or thoughts, please pop in and share them with us for future consideration. Thank you Mrs Morwood and Mr Venz for your time and energy in forming the panel for this process with me.

I look forward to sharing the outcome of this process with students, families and the wider community at our Presentation Night next Tuesday.

#### Move Up Day - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Next Wednesday is a very important day on the calendar in preparation for the 2024 school year. Students will have the opportunity to engage in classes and activities in their 2024 class groupings and classroom. Our year 6 students will participate in a full day's program at Clifton State High School. This is a very important part of our transition for all students as they prepare for the new school year.

#### Thursday and Friday Swimming and Lifesaving Lessons

Next Thursday and Friday, Mrs Naumann will join us for some additional swimming and lifesaving lessons. All students are invited to be a part of this program and I look forward to seeing them enjoying their time in the pool learning new and valuable skills.

#### **Sporting Schools Next Week**

Sporting Schools returns next week but the Tuesday session will be held on Wednesday afternoon due to our Presentation Night. Thursdays session remains the same.

#### 2024 Plans

As we prepare and plan for 2024, it is timely to remind families, if you're aware that your child/children will not be continuing at Nobby in 2024, can you please inform the school office as soon as possible. It is vitally important that our predicted enrolments are as accurate as possible to assist with our 2024 preparations.

If you're aware of any families looking for a school for their child in 2024, please let them know we'd love to show them around our school and share with them what Nobby can offer.

Thank you for your support with this.



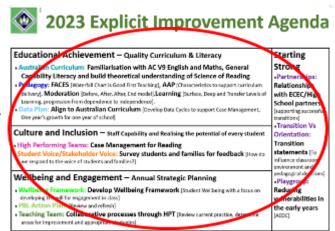
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#### **Playgroup**

I'd like to acknowledge the outstanding work of Mrs Nicholson and Mrs Lees in planning, coordinating and leading our Playgroup every Wednesday morning. This is a super learning opportunity for the youngest members of our local community. It allows our pre-school aged children the opportunity to engage with age-related peers while learning in a new and fun environment. It also provides parents with some time to connect and catch up. Playgroup also forms part of our transition program – young children and their families can learn about Nobby State School, and assist the children in seeing themselves as part of the school. Thank you to our families who support our Playgroup and thank you Mrs Nicholson and Mrs Lees for your passion and dedication to our youngest students.

# Spotlight on our Explicit Improvement Agenda – Wellbeing and Engagement: 2024 Australian Curriculum Version 9 Plans

At the P&C meeting this week, I asked the members for feedback on our Explicit Improvement Agenda initiatives this year. I shared that I'm aware that a lot of these initiatives have morphed and changed as the year has progressed. If you would like to share any feedback or ideas on how these have worked for your child/children and family, please pop into the office and let us know. Your thoughts and experiences are important to us, and will assist in planning and preparation for 2024.



#### **Positive Behaviour for Learning**

#### We are caring, committed, respectful learners.

The PBL value we've focussed on this week has been: 'Caring' – Sit to eat. Carry your food carefully and eat while seated. On assembly this week, I shared with the students that I believe they are very good at demonstrating this expectation. My challenge for them was to eat carefully and be sure their food is not spilling everywhere and/or onto others. Taking care while eating.

Next week will we focus on: 'Respectful' – Move through the school with respect. Enter and exit rooms in an orderly manner. Walk quietly and orderly so that others are not disturbed. This is an important skill for life – it is important to show those around us, we respect them and therefore, we take our time to move in an orderly manner so as not to disturb them and enable them to continue with their work at hand.



# Principal's Message Continued

#### Staffing update

At the end of this term we will farewell and thank a number of different staff members, including:

- Mrs Morwood and Mrs Carson for their time teaching the 5/6 class this term. It has been wonderful having Mrs
  Morwood and Mrs Carson join the Nobby team, investing their time and passion into our 5/6 students. Thank you both
  so much for everything you have brought to our school during your time here. At this stage I am unsure who our 5/6
  teacher for 2024 will be.
- Mr Sloan has been our instrumental teacher over the last few years. Mr Sloan has brought with him the most amazing
  musical skill set and passion for music and our students. I have been so impressed with the improvements of our
  students with their instruments as this year has progressed. We wish Mr Sloan all the very best as he will take up
  teaching positions in Stanthorpe, Allora, Warwick and Inglewood. Mrs Nichols will be joining the Nobby team in 2024
  as our new instrumental teacher.
- Miss Jones will continue to relieve at level at Vale View SS. I wish Miss Jones all the very best in this continued position.
- Mr Youngberry will also continue as the Acting Principal at Vale View SS for Semester 1. I wish Mr Youngberry all the best for a great start to the 2024 school year.
- I will be continuing with the Nobby team for Semester 1. I am very much looking forward to continuing the work we've started this year and seeing our students continue to grow and strive to achieve in all they do.

#### Thank you

Finally, I'd like to thank our most wonderful staff for your continued support, dedication and passion for our students and wonderful school. Without you we would not be in a position to offer our students the opportunities we do. Thank you!

To our students, thank you for a super year. Your commitment to learning has been impressive and I'm looking forward to seeing this continue to grow in 2024. You bring fun and laughter to every day, you challenge me and the staff to be the best we can be and for that I am very grateful. Above all, you give the most wonderful sense of achievement in the ah-ha moments, the connections, the ideas and the passion for the things you love – thank you!

To our parents – thank you for your continued support of our staff, students and school. It certainly takes the village and we've certainly got a great one in Nobby!

To our P&C for your continued support, vision, hours, passion – thank you, thank you, thank you!



I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and relaxing Christmas break – please travel safely and take care, Kind Regards, Gemma



### We have been wild about learning this year in the Prep and Year 1 class

Wow! The year has flown by and we begin to say goodbye to the Year 1s who move on from our class, the Preps look forward to being in Year 1 and we welcome our soon to be Preps to our class. This time of the year is full of varying emotions but I am so proud of what the students have achieved this year! We have students who couldn't write their name when they started the year but are now writing words and sentences.

All of the students have learned so many new and exciting things and have also grown so much — both physically and academically.

I say a big THANK YOU to the families who have trusted me with their child, to care for and educate them and for your support this year and I look forward to working with you again next year. I want to thank each student for all the laughs, the memories, and the learning that we

Keep your feet on the floor ... but let your love for learning soar. Keep your nose clean ... but soil your hands with hard work. Keep doing your work ... but remember the difference between "done" and "well done". Keep your area clean ... but clutter your mind with knowledge. Keep your sense of humor ... but share it to help someone else feel better. Keep turning in your library books on time ... but never stop checking them out. Keep quiet during work time but speak loudly when presenting your ideas. Keep striving for answers ... but never stop asking questions.

have shared this year. I say a big THANK YOU! because when I teach, I also learn and this year we have had many questions where we have had to look for the answers. This year we have grown together and had lots of fun and laughs (and also many smelly farts) along the way.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and I will see you all again in 2024 ready to embrace the challenges that the new year may bring.

Mrs Christine Nicholson

Prep and Year 1

Mrs Nicholson and Mrs Lees



#### NOBBY COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY



### SAVE THE DATE

## **Nobby Community** Christmas Carols 2023



WHEN: FRIDAY 1st December

WHERE: Sister Kenny Memorial

Park Nobby TIME: 5pm-late

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

TO ENJOY

Live Music- Amanda Faulkner Christmas Carols by **NSS Students** 

Art, Craft & Face Painting

BBQ & Cake Stall

Cold Drinks, Popcorn & **Treats Galore** 

Proudly bought to you by Nobby Heritage Development Association















Wishing our Year 6 boys the very best of luck as they head off to high school. We are certain that they will achieve great things!



Tinley—Saturday 2nd December Isobel Becker—Thursday 7th December Mrs Manning—Saturday 16th December Leevye—Sunday 17th December Paul—Tuesday 19th December Joseph—Thursday 21st December Patrick—Saturday 23rd December Mrs Thorpe—Monday 25th December William—Thursday 4th January Hugh—Sunday 14th January Willow-Monday 15th January George—Thursday 18th January Elsalley—Wednesday 24th January Isobel Browne—Wednesday 24th January



#### A Note from Mrs Morwood

I came for 6 weeks and stayed for 26—albeit part time.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my days back here at Nobby. Watching these girls and boys grow in academic skills, personal and social skills has been a privilege. Seeing some of my old 'Preppies' finish school is also a bit special.

Your children have much to offer as fabulous humans and future adults to organise our country.

I feel blessed to have spent time with them, telling stories and making maths and HASS a bit interesting. To the year 6 boys- you are ready for the challenges of high school. Go and enjoy. Year 5 - take on the new challenges of leadership being shaped at Nobby. To all parents and students... be grateful for the supportive and incredible learning environment you are part of here at Nobby.

I am so pleased and thankful to have been included in this amazing Nobby team again.

Happy Christmas and a wonderful new year to all.

Warm Regards

Kerry Morwood







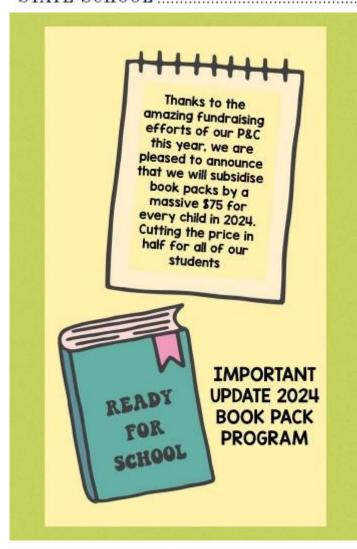
Declan, Johnny and Mitch were in Mrs Morwood's 2017 Prep Class and also finish Year 6 with Mrs Morwood as one of their teachers.

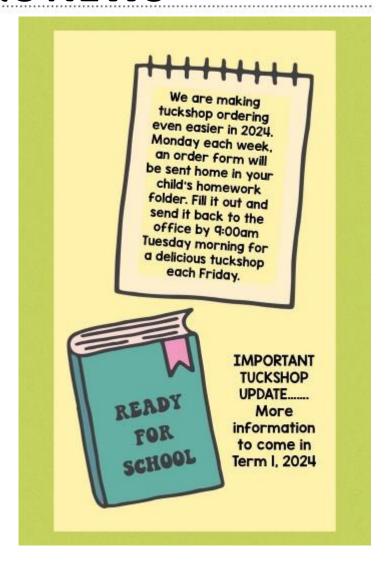






# **P&C NEWS**





2024.... We need your help.....

Breakfast Club Volunteers are needed Monday-Friday 8:15am - 9:00am

> Tuckshop Friday 9:00am - I:30pm

If you are in a position to help out please let the school office know

