



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

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Presentation Night – Tuesday 5th 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 6th 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.

2023 Explicit Improvement Agenda	
Educational Achievement – Quality Curriculum & Literacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australian Curriculum: Familiarisation with AC V9 English and Maths, General Capability Literacy and build theoretical understanding of Science of Reading Pedagogy: FACES (Before, After, After, End model), AAP (Characteristics to support curriculum delivery), Moderation (Before, After, After, End model), Learning (Surface, Deep and Transfer Levels of Learning, progression from dependence to independence) Data Plan: Align to Australian Curriculum (Develop Data Cycles to support Case Management, One year's growth for one year of school) 	Starting Strong <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnerships: Relationship with ECEC/High School partners (supporting successful transition) Transition Vs Orientation: Transition statements (To influence classroom environment and pedagogical decisions) Playgroup: Reducing vulnerabilities in the early years (ACEC)
Culture and Inclusion – Staff Capability and Realising the potential of every student <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High Performing Teams: Case Management for Reading Student Voice/Stakeholder Voice: Survey students and families for feedback (How do we respond to the voice of students and families?) 	
Wellbeing and Engagement – Annual Strategic Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wellbeing Framework: Develop Wellbeing Framework (Student Well-being with a focus on developing staff for engagement to school) PBL Action Plan: Review and refresh Teaching Team: Collaborative processes through HPT (Review current practice, determine areas for improvement and appropriate strategies) 	

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.

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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

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

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 ★

Proudly brought to you by Nobby Heritage Development Association

★ Live Music- Amanda
Faulkner

★ Christmas Carols by
NSS Students

★ Art, Craft & Face
Painting

★ BBQ & Cake Stall

★ Cold Drinks, Popcorn &
Treats Galore



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

Leevy—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.



Thanks to the amazing fundraising efforts of our P&C this year, we are pleased to announce that we will subsidise book packs by a massive \$75 for every child in 2024. Cutting the price in half for all of our students



**IMPORTANT
UPDATE 2024
BOOK PACK
PROGRAM**

We are making tuckshop ordering even easier in 2024. Monday each week, an order form will be sent home in your child's homework folder. Fill it out and send it back to the office by 9:00am Tuesday morning for a delicious tuckshop each Friday.



**IMPORTANT
TUCKSHOP
UPDATE.....**
More information to come in Term 1, 2024

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

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

**Tuckshop
Friday
9:00am - 1:30pm**

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



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