



Strive to Achieve

Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

WOW – what a great and smooth start to the 2024 school year! It has been our absolute pleasure to welcome back to school our returning students and of course, extend a very warm welcome to our Prep students and their families. Thank you for your support for a successful start to the school year.

We have some new members of staff joining the team in Nobby for 2024. A very big welcome to Mrs Bradford as our new teacher for the 5/6 students. Mrs Bradford is graduating from University and this is her first teacher position. Mrs Bradford is very excited about joining our team and working alongside the students in years 5 and 6 to help them be the best versions of themselves. Welcome Mrs Bradford.

We welcome Ms Young as our AUSLAN teacher aide. Ms Young will join us on Wednesday afternoons to assist in the delivery of our AUSLAN program. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to not only learn AUSLAN but also the cultural expectations of AUSLAN.

We welcome Ms Nichols as our new Instrumental Music teacher. Ms Nichols will continue to build on our programs and support our students as they learn their instruments and how to play as part of a school band. Instrumental Music will take place on Thursday afternoons. Please encourage your children to practise their instruments during the week. We will also endeavour to have some practise time during the school week as well to further support students' engagement.

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Term 1 Week 1
Thursday 25th
January, 2024

Dates To Remember:

TERM 1, 2024

Monday 22nd January

Term 1 Commences

Friday 26th January

Australia Day Public
Holiday

Wednesday 7th February

Prep Vision Screening

Thursday 15th February

Central Downs Swimming
Carnival

Friday 16th – Sunday 18th February

Clifton Show

Monday 19th February

Young Leaders Day

Tuesday 20th February

Southern Downs Swimming
Carnival

Friday 23rd February

Central Downs Soccer,
Rugby League and Netball
Trials

Wednesday 28th February

Darling Downs Swimming
Carnival

"I am Committed, I am Respectful, I am Caring"

Principal's Message Continued

In our wider support team, we have a number of new members for 2024. We welcome Mrs Serifovic, also known as Mrs S, as our new Guidance Officer. Mrs S will be at Nobby every Wednesday this year and will work alongside staff, students and their families to support our understanding of how best to support engagement and learning.

We also welcome Miss Cornish as our new Speech Language Pathologist. Miss Cornish will join us 3 days each term to assist with Speech and Language challenges as well as reviewing the work we're doing around the teaching of reading and our new processes to best support engagement and improved levels of reading for our students.

To our returning staff, Christine, Teena, Wendy, Phoebe, Terri, Sharon, Emma, Bowlesie, and Kirstine, the biggest thank you for your time and energy over the holiday period in ensuring our school was ready for the great start this year. Our classrooms look and feel amazing, they are clean and tidy and ready for learning. The grounds are beautiful and inviting – thank you!

Nobby State School is a great school and it is so because of the way in which we come together as a team, we embrace the challenges and enjoy the celebrations together. Our core business at Nobby SS continues to be learning. Our school motto is 'Strive to Achieve' meaning in all we do, we work towards achieving our very best. It is inevitable at times we will experience challenges; this provides an opportunity for us to come together as a team to support one another and collectively strive to achieve. Together, we want to support each other to accept mistakes and see them as integral to the learning. To build this into our narrative and share how we use feedback to move our learning forward. This is an exciting space to be in and I look forward to seeing our students working together, supporting and encouraging each other through the wonderful learning opportunities our teachers provide.

Through the Alice Springs (Mparntwe) Education Declaration, we, as a nation, committed to equity and excellence in education – that all children and young people are confident, creative lifelong learners active in their community. Excellence cannot be achieved without equity. At Nobby SS we regularly have conversations with students about equity – each of us requires a different form of support. Our job, as staff members and parents is to work collaboratively to provide these supports for each of our students. We look forward to working alongside you in 2024.

Some points for consideration:

Attendance – The easiest way, for us as parents, to help make school as easy as possible for our children, is to send them to school every day. In 2023, our collective school attendance rate was 85.7% this is significantly below the state target of 90%. Please, if your child will be away from school for the day send a message to the school phone on 0477 316 445, contact the office on 4696 3233 or let your child's teacher know. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance please don't hesitate to have a chat with your child's teacher or with myself.

Office hours – Our office will be open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We are in the process of getting an answering machine for the landline. If you need to contact the school please use one of the following numbers: landline: 4696 3233 or the school mobile: 0477 316 445.

Principal's Message Continued

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Value – weeks 1 and 2

Strive to Achieve: I am a caring, committed, respectful learner.

As a team, we are currently reviewing the definitions of our school values, expected behaviours and positive acknowledgement system. We will look to work through some of this with the students to ensure their voice is considered in shaping these expectations.

At this stage we will continue to follow the expected behaviour chart that we have been using previously and I will share with you when this has been updated and what it looks like. If you have any suggestions/questions, please don't hesitate to pop in and share your ideas/questions.

The PBL value we've focused on this week has been

Caring: I use kind words, I use kind faces. I use manners and polite language. I look at the person I'm talking to.

Next week our focus will be on Caring: I use kind hands, I use kind feet. I play in my own space. I keep hands and feet to myself.

I shared with the children on assembly this week the importance of remembering kind words when things get challenging or don't go our way. We control our response to any situation and sometimes we need to remind ourselves to think about our words before we engage in conversation. I encourage you to share examples of when you've had to do this with your children.

Have a wonderful couple of weeks,

Kind Regards, Gemma

Swimming

Swimming starts next week at Nobby State School!

We will be swimming for P.E every Friday morning and selected Sporting Schools Sessions. Please remember that in order to swim, all children must have:

- Swimming togs
- A sun shirt
- A swimming cap
- Towel
- Goggles (optional)

Nobby State School swimming caps are available to purchase in the office (\$10 each).



Keep an eye on the QSchools App, the Nobby State School website and newsletters for all dates, details and important information.

Central Downs Swimming Trials

The Central Downs Swimming Trials are being held at the Allora Pool on Thursday 15th February.

We haven't yet been advised of the Nobby nominations but will advise students of their selection as soon as we have this information.

DIVE ON IN!

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope everyone had a fantastic and enjoyable holiday. It is so lovely to be back in the classroom with such a happy group of students with smiling faces.

You may have heard your child talk about our 'Under the Sea' classroom theme for the year. They have been busy creating different sea creatures to add to our creative learning space.

This week has been all about settling back into school life, focusing on routines, expectations and transitions. As a class, students created five classroom expectations that make our Year 2, 3 and 4 team. Each day we refer to these expectations:

- ⇒ Put your hand up to speak
- ⇒ Use good manners
- ⇒ Listen to the person who is speaking
- ⇒ Follow instructions with respect
- ⇒ Be kind

Just a reminder to keep an eye out for any extra notes/permission forms that may be sent home in your child's homework books.

I look forward to working with the Year 2, 3 and 4 students and diving deep into learning this term.

Phoebe Ferguson

Year 2, 3 and 4 Teacher



It's that time of year again, Warwick Hockey Association is running the Primary Schools Hockey Comp. This is open to all students from years 3-6, no skills needed. The Comp will be run on Monday afternoons from 4:15pm.

Games are 7 a-side with modified rules and no goalkeepers. WHA has sticks and shin guards for those players who need to borrow them. Students do need their own mouthguards. There will be quick skills and drills sessions from 3:30pm-4:00pm all beginning players are welcome to come to this. This will run each week before the first game.

Competition start date: Monday 12th February, 2024

First Game: 4:15pm

Finish Date: 25 March, 2024

Rules: 7 a-side half field, no goalkeepers, modified rules

Years: 3-6

Uniforms: school uniforms

Mouthguards are essential

Sticks and shin guards may be borrowed

If your child is interested in participating in this competition, please let the school know by Monday 5th February.



Are you new to Warwick and interested in playing representative netball?



Nominations now open for new to Warwick Netball players born 2006 - 2013 to trial for selection in our 2024 Rep Teams
Interested? Please email warwicknetball@bigpond.com for full details

Prep/One Classroom News

We are a **BRIGHT BUNCH** this year in the Prep and Year One classroom. This year, we welcome eight prep students and their families to Nobby – Sarah, Isla, Evie, Primrose, Archie O, Archie Y, Charlie and Logan. We also welcome back our eleven Year 1 students – Doug, Eli, Kaiden, Paul, Isobel, Bella, Lucy, Lily, Katie, Abigail and Molly.



This week we have been busy learning the class routines and becoming familiar with how school operates. The students have impressed me with their willingness to learn. We have started learning sounds. The Preps have been learning about the /s/ sound and the Year One students have been revisiting all the sounds they learnt in Prep. This year is going to be awesome and I look forward to learning with you all.

Mrs Christine Nicholson



Nobby State School Playgroup

Where: 7 Davenport St, Nobby
When: Wednesday (term time)
Time: 2:00pm-3:00pm

All children aged 0-5 years welcome.



Mrs Wendy—Friday 26th January
Isobel Browne—Wednesday 24th January
Jack B—Wednesday 31st January
Henry—Tuesday 6th February
Mrs Lees—Wednesday 7th February

**PLEASE NOT THE CHANGE OF TIME
FOR PLAYGROUP**



Hello, everyone! I'm Mrs. Georgia Bradford, the Year 5/6 teacher for 2024. I completed my schooling at The Scots PGC College in Warwick, in 2019, followed by a two-month stint working in a horse stable overseas in England. From 2020 to 2023, I pursued my Bachelor of Primary Education at Uni SQ in Toowoomba. Growing up, my life revolved around horses, and I currently compete with three horses in Eventing, with the goal of international competition in the future.

This marks my first year of teaching, and the initial week has been nothing short of amazing. I'm thrilled about what the rest of the year has in store and look forward to the journey ahead.

Regards,
Georgia

★ welcome ★
baby ♥ boy

Exciting News From Mrs Terri

Last Friday, Scott & I welcomed our first grand baby to the world—Boston Scott Henningsen was born at 9:50am weighing 3.6kg (8lb). We are both so excited and absolutely in love with him and can't wait to watch him grow.

