FROM THE PRINCIPAL:
Welcome to week ten of term two. It seems hard to believe that this is the last week of this term. We have a very busy last week ahead.

First of all, I would like to thank Joy Cooper and Luke Brooks from the Qld (Nebo) Ambulance and giving up their time to educate the children around CPR awareness. The children received some vital safety messages and also had an opportunity to perform some CPR on some new dummies which Joy and Luke brought along. This was a very educational and worthwhile morning, providing the children with key safety messages. Let’s hope that none of our students are ever placed in a situation where they have to apply CPR in real life, but let’s hope if the situation were to arise, that the students will be able to transfer the knowledge and skills they have been taught and apply them to a real world situation.

Nebo Project Give Back (NPGB)
As mentioned in last week’s Newsletter, our school has a new school community Project, which was launched by our Student Council Leaders last week and is called: Nebo Project Give Back (NPGB). The Nebo Project Give Back, is a school project initiative, where the students of Nebo State School aim to give back to others. The purpose of this project is to recognise and help others. This may be helping someone in the community who is having a difficult time, or it may be to do something extra nice for someone who always goes the extra mile. It may also be to help support someone outside the community, across the nation or our world.

Nomination forms are now available in the School Office. If you would like to nominate someone who goes the extra mile or someone who needs a helping hand, please drop by and pick up a nomination form. We cannot guarantee all requests will be met, but we will endeavour to consider all nominations and select at least one person per month who we can help. This is an excellent project to get behind and certainly teaches students the values of compassion and gratitude.

Report Cards
Report Cards will be sent home this Wednesday 24th of June. Here is a reminder of how to understand the rating given for your child’s Report Card. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or your child’s class teacher.
Report Card results are based on the new content descriptors and year level Achievement Standards from the Australian Curriculum, and as such may not be reliably comparable to earlier years’ results. For further information on the Australian Curriculum standards visit the online curriculum at http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/

Over recent years, parents, students and teachers across Queensland have become more familiar with a 5-point scale (e.g. A-E) process for reporting in all schools. The new system schools are using refers to attainment standards called “benchmarks of achievement” or “criteria.” So what makes an “A”, “B”, “C” etc. is predetermined by a scale of achievement and by making an overall on balance judgement of what a student can do independently at their year level. Any student, who shows evidence of meeting a particular level, deserves that benchmark grade. This is what you could consider the new difference for a “C” really means: A ‘C’ means this is where the students should be in accordance with their year level Achievement Standards. This also means it can be harder to obtain an ‘A’ or a ‘B’ rating. Receiving an ‘A’ or a ‘B’ does not just go to the top students in each class. Any student who obtains an ‘A’ or a ‘B’ is deemed to be working beyond their year level descriptors in a variety of contexts independently. What is really important is to look at the effort your child has put in. Not everyone may be outstanding in all areas of academia, but what is important is that children try their best; hence the effort put in is always important.

Several weeks ago all teachers’ met to engage in professional development and discussion and share samples of work across the school to assist to determine judgement’s about what an A-E might look like in accordance with the new standards. If you have any questions or concerns regarding, this Semester’s reporting process, please feel free to make contact with either myself or your child’s class teacher.

**Whitsunday Voices Festival and Winchester Camp FORMS DUE IN**

Last week permission and medical forms were sent home for students in Year’s 3-6 to go on camp to the Kinchant Outdoor Education Centre and to attend the Whitsunday Voices Literature Festival from the 15th of July to the 17th of July. This is, the first week back after the school holidays. Permission and medical forms were also sent home for the Prep – Year two students to attend the Whitsunday Voices Literature Festival on the 17th of July. **THESE FORMS NEED TO BE RETURNED ASAP, SO THAT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE FINALISED THIS WEEK.**

We are very fortunate that both the camp, and the excursion, is fully funded for our students, thanks to Beryl Nielsen and the Winchester Foundation Group.

There is an expectation that all students will attend as both of these events are curriculum based events.

**26 Storey Treehouse**

Our students in year’s 2-6 to are off today to attend the Mackay Entertainment Centre to see the ’26 Storey Treehouse’ production. If you have not paid your $12.50 for your child to attend, could you please do so as soon as possible? Any problems, please don’t hesitate to contact the Office. Thanks to our wonderful P & C for their kind donation in paying for the hire of the bus so student could attend.

**Reminder - School Photos POSTPONED.** No new date has been provided as yet, but I have been told it may be rescheduled for some time late July.

**Parenting Ideas**

Please find attached with this week’s Newsletter, the first edition of our Parenting Ideas newsletter. Being a parent is never easy and is one of the most challenging and rewarding jobs most of us will undertake. As mentioned in last week’s Newsletter, to help our families, our school has paid for a membership with ‘Parenting Ideas’; which will see all of our families receive regular Parenting Newsletters. I hope these newsletters will be informative and provide assistance with any ideas and advice.
HONEY – IT’S BACK
Don’t forget to pick up some delicious honey from the Office, straight from the Bee Hives. Honey is $6.00 per container, and all proceeds go towards our P & C.

School Grounds and School Watch
Just a reminder, that unless prior permission has been sought, nobody should be entering the school grounds outside of school hours; particularly weekends. Anybody entering the school grounds outside the normal scheduled school hours is risking being prosecuted for trespassing. Our school has had a few recent spates of destructive behaviour in and around our school buildings and grounds. If you see anything, or anybody acting suspiciously outside of normal school hours, please contact School Watch on: 131 788; or Policelink on: 131 444. Alternatively, in the event of an emergency, contact 000.

Funky Beats Music
Funky Beats Music Guitar and/or Ukulele lessons will continue this week. While there is no obligation to take part in this program, sounds like it is a great program to be involved with. Lessons will be conducted once a week during school time, at this stage on a Wednesday! If you would like to have your child involved, please contact the Office to obtain a form for your child to participate.

Behaviour
It is always important to remind students of our school rules: ‘Be Safe’, ‘Be Respectful’, and ‘Be Responsible’. If you ever have any suggestions or feedback regarding our whole school ‘Responsible School Behaviour Plan, I would love to hear from you.

Our behaviour focus this week is:

I am respectful towards the school environment and put my rubbish in the bin!

Our school has a ‘no hat’ ‘no play’ policy. Please ensure that your child has a wide brimmed hat if they wish to play outside and as it is extremely hot at the moment, please encourage your child to drink lots of water and stay hydrated.

P & C Meeting
Our next P & C meeting will be held today, (Monday the 22nd of June) in the Arts/Music room. All parent and community members are welcome to attend. If you cannot attend and you have an idea you would like to share, don’t forget you can send your idea in to our P & C by popping it into the red P & C box mounted on front of the office desk in Administration. Thanks to our wonderful P & C for all their efforts over this last term.

Visitors
Just a reminder that all visitors spending time at the school to assist with any school based activity must sign in and out of the Visitors Book kept in the Office. This is an Education Queensland requirement to ascertain who is on the school premises at all times. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

Feedback
If you ever have any feedback you would like to provide, or any ideas or suggestions for our school, I would love to hear from you. I have an open door policy, so please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Parade
Parade is held every Monday morning at 8.30am. You are more than welcome to come along and listen to our messages for the week and watch our presentations for ‘student of the week’ certificates.
Thank you and Happy Holidays
On behalf of all of the staff at Nebo State School, I would like to thank all of the students for the hard work they have put in towards their schooling this term. Special thanks to all parents and caregivers for all of their support too. Without each and every one of you our school would not be the wonderful place that it is. Thank you and best wishes to you all for a very happy and safe winter holiday break. I will be off on Long Service Leave for the first two weeks in term three, so I will see you all in week three of term three. I will still be on email and contactable and I will confirm in week one’s newsletter who will be Acting Principal in my absence. Take care and enjoy the break 😊

Students of the Week

Prep/Year 1
Miss Cherie Jones
Katherine Dayes

Year 2/3
Mrs Lydia Wade
Jayne Symonds
Blake Everett

Year 4/5/6
Miss Laura Amiet
Ryder Baguley
Andre Kernohan
Mrs Jennifer Fenwick

Specialist Teacher - Miss Amiet
Raven Harvey

PRINCIPALS AWARD
Payton Graham

Have a fantastic week!

Kind Regards,
Jennifer Fenwick  (Principal)

NAIDOC WEEK
NAIDOC originally stood for ‘National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee’. This committee was once responsible for organising national activities during NAIDOC Week and its acronym has since become the name of the week itself.

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. In 2015, NAIDOC Week runs from 5 – 12 July.

This year the theme highlights Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea. The theme is an opportunity to pay respects to country; honour those who
work tirelessly on preserving land, sea and culture and to share the stories of many sites of significance or sacred places with the nation.

**Isaac Libraries**

**NAIDOC COMPETITION entries due this Friday**

Toni Markcrow is the Children’s Library Services Coordinator for Isaac Regional Council. In this position she is responsible for the development of Children and Young Adult programs, library collections and resources, and the promotion of these services to local community members as well as schools, kindergartens, childcare centres and other community organisations.

Isaac Libraries would like to encourage young people to take an active part in NAIDOC Celebrations by submitting posters to their local libraries for display in the lead up to and during the school holidays. The posters are to reflect this year’s NAIDOC theme: *We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate.*

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Please find attached a poster with this week’s Newsletter. All competition submissions are due in by this Friday the 26th of June. It would be great to have as many Nebo State School students enter as possible. Students are welcome to work on this competition poster entry at both home and school.

**Isaac Libraries Holiday program**

Please find attached with this week’s Newsletter, the Isaac council Library Holiday program. Please note it is important to book in advance for the craft workshop. For further enquiries, please contact Megan Christensen.

**Modelling and Deportment Workshop**

Brooke Thompson, owner of Brooke Lee Modelling & Deportment School based in Mackay. We will be travelling to Moranbah to hold a 2-Day Modelling & Deportment Workshop on the 8th & 9th August, 2015. The Workshop is a 2-Day course and over this time students will cover a wide range of information and topics including: Building self-esteem, confidence and motivation, Modelling & Catwalk Training, Correct Posture and Stands, Deportment & Grooming, Posing & Facial Expressions, Hair Care & Styling, Makeup & Skin Care, Exercise & Nutrition, Photography (A mini raw Photoshoot included), Etiquette and more.

Thank you to **Rio Tinto** for their Sponsorship support with Literacy and Numeracy for our school.

Thank you to **bhpbilliton (BMC)** for their Sponsorship support with Interschool Sport

Thank you to **civeo** (nee The MAC) for their Sponsorship support with ICT
Joy Cooper, Luke Brooks with two of our School Captains – Andre Kernohan & Phoebe O’Hanlon

Joy Cooper demonstrating on Halayna O’Connor

Lorraine Connolly demonstrating some CPR with Chloe Simmonds Maddelyn Dixon, Ivy & Bayden Lloyd, & Brayen Wyatt

Kassy Hyde helping Ivy Llyod, Indy Baguley, & Maddelyn Dixon with some CPR