Welcome to week eight of term two. I hope that you all enjoyed the long weekend, and are ready for what is going to be a very busy week ahead, once again.

Firstly, I would just like to say that over the last couple of weeks, I had the pleasure of sitting in and watching our wonderful teachers engage in an Explicit Instruction lesson of their choice. Boy, I must say how very blessed we are to have such enthusiastic and excellent teachers at Nebo State School, who are committed to ensuring that they deliver quality teaching and learning lessons. Of course this is not the first time that I have observed in classrooms; however as part of our explicit improvement agenda, one of our goals this year was to work on creating a culture of quality coaching and feedback. All teachers identified a focus area for the lesson throughout discussion in the pre-feedback stage and on completion of the lesson teachers and myself engaged in some post feedback discussions to reflect on the lessons. I look forward to continuing to share in the teaching and learning journey with our exceptional teachers.

Last week, we also had a visit from our Assistant Regional Director, Brendan Smith. Brendan visited classrooms and met and chatted with the students and teachers. Brendan and I also discussed some of the wonderful improvements that have been made at Nebo State School and the future direction on where our school is heading. Brendan was most impressed with pride the students demonstrated in wearing their uniform and with the engagement of the students in the classroom, and the quality of teaching and learning being demonstrated at Nebo State School.

I would also like to thank everyone for their co-operation with the procedures around the Tuckshop refurbishment. While our Tuckshop is undergoing exciting changes, we will not be having our usual parade in the undercover area. Our parade will now be held each Monday in the Arts/Music room. Of course no Tuckshop will be available until the Tuckshop reopens. The Tuckshop will reopen in term three.

**Nebo Sports Day**

Last Friday, our students competed in our annual Nebo Athletics carnival. The students all had a great day and did a fantastic job at cheering each other on and showing true sportsmanship. Every student that competed in each event managed to score one point for their sporting house. Special thanks to Miss Amiet for doing such a wonderful job in organising and coordinating this event. Special thanks also to all of our wonderful staff and parent helpers who assisted in setting up our sports
carnival. And to all of the parents and friends of the Nebo State School community who came along to cheer on the students, thank you!

**Congratulations to our winning house DENISON, AND TO all of our Age Champion winners:**

### Nebo State School 2015 Athletics Age Champions

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*Junior Boy*

**Brayden Wyatt**

*Junior Girl*

**Mary-Jo Whiriskey**

*Intermediate Boy*

**Darcy Shrag**

*Intermediate Girl*

**Dusty Whitehead**

*Senior Boy*

**Tanatswa Zvirikuzhe**

*Senior Girl*

**Phoebe O’Hanlon**
Overall 2015 Athletics Age Champions, from left to right: Senior Age Champions – Phoebe O’Hanlon and Tanatswa Zvirikuzhe; Intermediate Age Champions – Dusty Whitehead and Darcy Schrag; and Junior Age Champions – Mary-Jo Whirisky and Brayden Wyatt.

Brigalow Athletics Carnival
This Friday is our Brigalow Athletics Carnival, which is being held at the Nebo Showgrounds. We are hosting the carnival this year and look forward to engaging with Clarke Creek, Coppabella, Mackenzie River, and Valkyrie State Schools. We will also have a student from the Distance Education joining us at the carnival too. It would be great to see as many Nebo supporters at both these carnivals.

International World Thank You Day
This Thursday the 11th June, we will be holding a special parade and Morning Tea to thank all our school and community helpers, either paid or volunteers, who have assisted to make our school a better place. Of course without every single parent and caregiver, students, and our amazing staff, our school wouldn’t be where it is today. So thank you to everyone for all of their support. Please know you are all appreciated!

However; we will be doing a special acknowledgement to people affiliated with things such as: business organisations that have helped with a range of assistance, including sponsorship, to special events, or promoting our school, to parent and community helpers who have assisted with things such as Tuckshop, honey, food preparation, etc. Of course, a perfect time to acknowledge and say thanks to our wonderful P & C.

Every year, a P & C ‘Thank You’ day is also held; however, we will thank and acknowledge our wonderful P & C (P & C President – Lorraine Connolly, P & C Vice-President – Tui Graham, P & C Treasurer – Jodie Clarence, P & C Secretary – Louise Kliese, and P & C Tuckshop Convenor and Assistant Treasurer – Alyson Canon), on the 11th of June.

Our ‘International World Thank You Day’ celebration will be held in the Nebo Memorial Hall commencing at 9am. Invitations were sent home last week and RSVP’s are due Tuesday the 9th of June at the very latest. This is a fantastic opportunity to teach students the value of thanks and how a little goes a long way.
Whitsunday Voices Festival and Winchester Camp
This week, information will be sent home regarding attending the Whitsunday Voices Festival and the Winchester Camp in week one of term three. We are very fortunate to have the Winchester Foundation Group demonstrate such kindness and generosity and give back to the children in remote settings. The Winchester Camp is fully funded by the Winchester Foundation group and is for years 3-6. The students will leave to go to Kinchant Outdoor Education Centre on the 15th of July and return to Nebo on the 17th of July. The children have an opportunity to collaborate with children from other schools in the Brigalow Cluster and they also attend the Whitsunday Voices Festival in Mackay for two days. All students in Prep – Year two attend the Whitsunday Voices Festival on the Friday and all costs to attend are also funded by the Winchester Foundation group. Please keep an eye out for the permission and medical forms next week and please return to school before the end of this Term.

26 Storey Treehouse
An excursion has been planned and organised by Mrs Wade for students in years 2-6 to attend the Mackay Entertainment Centre to see the ‘26 Storey Treehouse’ production on Monday the 22nd of June. Permission and Medical forms are being sent home today. The P & C has kindly paid for the hire of the bus travel and parents are asked if they could please pay for their students to enter the Mackay Entertainment Centre. This is an excellent opportunity for students to engage in a theatre production and make comparisons with the book written by author Andy Griffiths.

Dental Van
We will have the Queensland Health Dental Van visiting our school in Term 3. If you would like your child to receive a dental check-up, if you could please return your dental envelope as soon as possible.

School Photos
School photos will be held on Tuesday 23rd of June. If you would like to purchase your child’s school photos or organise for your child to have individual or sibling photos, please don’t forget to return you school photo envelope. Spare siblings/photo envelopes can be obtained from the Office.

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
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 show equal respect to all teachers, teacher-aides and support staff.

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 on 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.

**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.

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**Students of the Week**

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Have a fantastic week!

**Kind Regards,**

**Jennifer Fenwick** *(Principal)*
Isaac Libraries NAIDOC COMPETITION

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.*

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. All participants will receive a certificate of appreciation for their submissions at the completion of the display. The NAIDOC website [http://www.naidoc.org.au/](http://www.naidoc.org.au/) can offer more insight into this year’s theme.

Please find attached a poster with this week’s Newsletter. All competition submissions are due in by 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.

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