FROM THE PRINCIPAL:
Welcome to week nine of term two. We had a fantastic week last week with two big events on the calendar, ‘International World Thank You Day’ and the’ Brigalow Athletics Carnival’.

Last Thursday the 11th of June, our school celebrated ‘International World Thank You Day’. This was a significant and special day for our school to show our thanks to all of our school and community helpers, who have assisted to make our school a better place. We acknowledged parent helpers who have assisted in classrooms and helped with Tuckshop, and thanked our P & C. We also acknowledged and thanked the Isaac Council, local Nebo businesses, mining companies who have supported our school with grants, the Nebo RSL Auxiliary Committee and the Winchester Foundation Group, just to name a few. I would like to thank all of our staff and students who assisted with making sure this was a special morning. In addition, I would like to commend our student leaders who did an absolutely sensational job in reading out thank you messages and poems. They all spoke with such articulation and poise. I was very proud of all of them and their efforts.

Our school leaders also launched their new ‘Student Council’ project, called the: 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 will be in the office and anyone in the community can nominate someone. There are no guarantees that requests will be met, but we will endeavour to try and help at least one person every month. We will do more if we can. Once nominations have been received the students and myself along with staff will consider nominations, the students choice of assistance will be considered first and foremost where possible. This is a very exciting project and I hope that as many people get behind this as possible. We all have so many things that go on in our lives, let’s reach out and help one another in times of need and give a little to someone who always goes the extra mile.

2015 Focus Areas:
• Improving Reading Strategies and Comprehension
• Improving Writing procedures and increasing Vocabulary and Spelling application
• Improving Problem Solving procedures in Numeracy
• Creating high expectations for Behaviour
• Explicit Instruction of Pedagogy & creating a culture of coaching & feedback

Upcoming Events & Date Claimers:
JUNE
• 18th – QAS Ambulance visit
• 22nd – P & C Meeting
• 22nd – Excursion – Years 2 – 6 – MECC – 26 Storey Treehouse
• 24th – Report Cards sent home
• 25th – Mackay Show Holiday
• 26th – Last Day of Term Two.

JULY
• 13th – 1st Day of Term 3 & Qld Youth Orchestra visit – Nebo Memorial Hall
• 15th -17th – Winchester Foundation Camp & Whitsunday Voices Festival: Years 3-6
• 18th – Whitsunday Voices Festival: Prep – Year 2
Brigalow Athletics Carnival
Last Friday, our students competed in our annual Brigalow Athletics carnival. Besides having to contend with the wind, it was truly a wonderful day. We were fortunate to be able to host this event this year and we could not have done it without the help of so many people. First of all, I would like to thank Coppabella, Clarke Creek, Mackenzie River, School of Distance Education, and Valkyrie State Schools staff, parents and students for all your efforts and for coming out to Nebo and making the day such a success. It is so lovely to have our students collaborate with students from other schools and all support one another in what is always a fun day. I would like to extend a very big thanks to all the Nebo parents who brought a plate of food along and to all of the parents and our wonderful P & C who worked tirelessly to ensure everyone was well fed on the day. Your efforts were greatly appreciated. Special thanks to: the Isaac Council for all their assistance with the line marking and long jump pits, to Alex McPhee, Louise Cook, Lorraine Connolly, Kerry Cook and David Amiet, who were at the Nebo Showgrounds at 6am to start setting everything up for the day. A massive thanks also to Ian and Denise Attenborough who volunteered their time to set up all of the barriers, cones, and pickets and opened the sheds to ensure we had power and toilets to use for the day. You are two awesome and valued Nebo State School grandparents, thank you both so much. To all of the staff and parents who assisted with the preparation of the day, thank you.

To our Nebo State School parents, staff and students, thank you for all your support and hard work in making this day so successful. I am truly blessed to be leading such a wonderful school that has so many kind and enthusiastic people who are always willing to lend a hand, thank you! Furthermore, this day was the success it was because of the outstanding effort and organisation by the totally efficient and awesome Miss Laura Amiet. What an asset Miss Amiet is to our school and I am very grateful for all of her hard work and efforts in making this day the success it was.

In closing on the Brigalow Athletics carnival, congratulations Nebo State School students! The day certainly was not all about winning, but participating and showing good sportsmanship. I must say though how stoked I was to come home with so many trophies. Congratulations to the following student winners of age champion and overall junior, intermediate and senior age champion awards, and to everyone who competed to help bring home the following trophies:

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**Whitsunday Voices Festival and Winchester Camp**

Attached with this week’s Newsletter is information 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. Permission and Medical forms are due in this Friday the 19th of June. Although the camp is in week one, we have forms that will need to be sent to the camp and we need to ascertain numbers.

**26 Storey Treehouse**

Forms were sent home last week, for students in years 2-6 to attend the Mackay Entertainment Centre to see the ‘26 Storey Treehouse’ production in Mackay, on Monday the 22nd of June. Permission and Medical forms are due in this week and parents are asked to pay $12.50 for their child to attend to see this production. The P & C has kindly paid for the hire of the bus travel. This is an excellent opportunity for students to engage in a theatre production and make comparisons with the book written by author Andy Griffiths. Please return your payment and forms as soon as possible.

**Dental Van**

If you would like your child to receive a dental check-up, if you could please return your dental envelope by tomorrow at the very latest, as these forms need to be sent off as soon as possible.

**School Photos POSTPONED**

I received an email last week to say that our school photos are now not being held on Tuesday 23rd of June. I have not being given a confirmation date as yet; however I believe this may be scheduled for some time in August. If you could please still return you school photo envelope to enable early preparation for school photos, it would be much appreciated. As soon as I know a date, I will let you know.

**Parenting Ideas**

Being a parent is never easy and is one of the most challenging and rewarding jobs most of us will undertake. To help our families, our school has paid for a membership with ‘Parenting Ideas’; which will see all of our families receive regular monthly 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
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 sit down sensibly in the correct area and eat my Lunch and Afternoon Tea!

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. Thanks to our wonderful P & C once again for their sensational efforts at the Brigalow Athletics Carnival 😊.

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.
Congratulations to the following students who have received their behaviour awards this week:

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

**BRONZE CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS**
- Indy Baguley
- Breanna Everett
- Benita Verran
- Blake Everett
- Shane Kernohan
- Ivy Lloyd
- Hope Ware
- Ryder Baguley
- Toby Burgess

**SILVER CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS**
- Connor Drury
- Kayla Dayes
- Tanatswa Zvirikuzhe

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
Thank You Day Photos

Student Leaders reading out Thank You messages and poems

Local Nebo Ambulance Officer Joy Cooper accepting her Certificate

Jennifer Fenwick (Principal) presenting Helen Young (nee Singer) from Rio Tinto with her certificate

Parents reading the Thank You messages and viewing Artwork

Students creatively form the letters for 'Thanks So Much'
Brigalow Athletics Carnival Photos

Nebo State School Students marching in the March Past

Cody Anderson with his encouragement award donated by the Isaac Regional Council

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Sports Captains: Chloe Simmonds & Tanatswa Zvirikuzhe with our winning trophies