FROM THE PRINCIPAL:
Welcome to the final week of the term. It has been a very busy, but very productive term of teaching and learning. Ensuring that every child is learning every day, is always our number one priority. I would like to thank all of our staff, students, parents and caregivers, and community friends who have helped make term three so successful. Nebo State School is a wonderful school and every person connected to our school is truly valued.

In addition, I would like to thank both Lisa Whittaker who has been completing her final teaching placement and Internship with Cherie Jones on the Prep/One class and Jade O’Connor who has worked as a casual Teacher-Aide in the learning support role over this last term. Both ladies have put in a tremendous amount of effort and I wish them every success for the future. A new Teacher-Aide will be appointed to assist in the learning support role in term four.

Teachers will be conducting Parent/Teacher Interviews Monday and Tuesday 14th, and 15th of September. Teachers sent home confirmation of interview times last week. Thank you to those of you who have taken up this opportunity to engage in a formal face to face interview this term.

CQ University Visit
This Wednesday morning, we will be having a representative from the Central Queensland University come and visit our school. The program is about how the choices one makes can influence their future career path:
Key Messages are around the theme: - ‘Who am I’
• I am Unique
• My values help to shape my future
• I am able to make a difference through positively influencing others

This program is usually run for year six students, but has been adapted to include year’s four and five students as well.

UNify Science Web Conferencing
Since the start of this year, our school has had some of our year four students engaged in some extension literacy and numeracy programs. This term, as well as some of our year four students, we have a couple of year five and year six students, who have joined them in a virtual Science extension program, which is conducted once a week by the Brisbane School of Distance Education. Our school was fortunate in being successful with the application of eight government funded
places. Supporting students with all facets of their learning development is always a priority.

**Mirani State High Transition Visit**

Supporting the transitions of both early childhood and junior secondary students is a departmental initiative and priority. This Thursday at 10am, Michael Post, Deputy Principal of Mirani State High School will be visiting our year six students. This will be the second visit that Mr Post will have made to our school this year. Mr Post will also be bringing a couple of senior Mirani State high School students to talk with our students.

Just a reminder if year six students could please bring back their medical/permission forms for YLead on October 14 which went home when Mr Post visited last time. Mirani State High School will be presenting a session to assist with the Year 6 transition to high school. This session will be held on Wednesday October 14 (Week 2, Term 4) at Mirani State High School. A group from Brisbane, YLead-Leaders for Life will conduct the session, and present ‘Maximising the Badge’.

Maximising the Badge delivers outcomes that address the issues students commonly face as they transition into high school and leadership roles at school. In turn, this experience will result in positive outcomes for the students, their staff and the wider school community. All reports from students and staff who attended last year have been more than positive. Your child should have received a note and medical/permission form from their primary school for this event.

**Colour Fun Run**

This Thursday the 17th of September, we will be having our Colour Fun Run. Miss Amiet sent home a letter regarding the fun run last week. The fun run will kick off at approximately 1.30pm. All sponsorship forms and money will be due in to the office by no later than Thursday morning. All students are required to bring some old clothes to change into for the afternoon session. Students will complete running laps around the oval and as they pass certain destinations some coloured powder will be thrown at them (hence the term colour fun run and why old clothes are required). The coloured powder is non-toxic and will not be thrown towards the head area. All powder will be thrown by staff. If you do not want your child to participate in this event please contact Miss Amiet or another staff member as soon as possible.

**Pre-Prep Visit**

Last Wednesday we were very fortunate to have Linda Vella, the Central Queensland Early Childhood Transitions Officer come along to our Pre-prep program to talk to parents. Linda spent time discussing the importance of early childhood transitions, including eKindy and she also conducted a parent information session around reading. I would like to thank Linda for coming along to visit our school, and for giving up her time to share such a wealth of knowledge with our Pre-prep children and their families.

**Art Auction**

Thank you to all of the students and families who attended our Art Auction last Friday night. It was a great evening and in the space of two hours we raised $3290. A truly fantastic effort! The Mosaic Artwork that the students produced, was of a high quality and I am sure it will look fabulous hanging up around the home. Special thanks to:

- Our awesome students for their fantastic efforts with their Art Work
- Our staff for their tremendous effort in supporting our students and this event
- Parent/s and Caregiver/s, and Community members and friends who came along to support this event and thanks to those who brought a plate of food to share too!
- Our awesome Auctioneers ~Mick Clarence and Mick O’Connor and Spotter Simon Wyatt
- The Isaac Council for allowing us to use the Nebo Memorial Hall
- The Nebo Hotel for the loan of the two Microphones

Thanks to everyone who made this a successful evening 😊
Howard and Tim Science/Drama Day

Last Friday the 11th of September, we had Howard and Tim, from ‘Off the Road Drama’ company come and engage our students in a science themed drama day. Students improvised blasting off to Alpha Centauri for **Space Odyssey-Super Nova’s to the rescue**! Our Prep- year two students engaged in being wolves in ‘Where the Wild Things Are’.

All students had a fantastic time at role playing different characters and working with Howard and Tim, and our school is very grateful for the effort Howard and Tim put in to making this an engaging event for our students.

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**Parenting Ideas**

Please find attached with this week’s Newsletter our next ‘Parenting Ideas’ article from Michael Grose titled, ‘How to raise a child to be a giver’. 
Woolworths Earn and Learn
Woolworths Earn and Learn program has now closed. Thank you to everyone who brought in stickers to support our school in this program.

HONEY
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.

Funky Beats Music
Funky Beats Music Guitar and/or Ukulele lessons are still continuing. While there is no obligation to take part in this program, students who are currently involved, are enjoying their weekly lesson. Lessons are conducted once a week 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 for this week is:

I am a respectful student when accepting defeat in a game or sports situation!

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.

Students of the Week

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TUCKSHOP OPEN – Tuesday’s and Friday’s
Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who assist each week

P & C Chocolate Drive
Thank you to all of the wonderful families that have assisted with the P & C chocolate fundraiser to help raise money for our school. All chocolate money and any unsold chocolates are due in by Friday 18th of September, 2015.

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.

Have a fantastic week!

Kind Regards,

Jennifer Fenwick (Principal)

Registrations are now being taken for eKindy.
Who can register for eKindy?
To be eligible for eKindy each child must meet the following criteria.

**eKindy eligibility criteria**
- The child turns 4 by June 30 2015 *(a birth certificate is required at time of registration)*
- The child or a parent is an Australian citizen/permanent resident
- The family/child fits one of the legislated eligibility categories – Distance, Medical or Travelling/itinerant
  *(Refer to the eKindy overview on the eKindy web page for more information)*

Each parent must submit a registration form to the Brisbane School of Distance Education. Eligibility is assessed based on the information provided.

Why be involved with eKindy?
eKindy provides children/families with access to qualified early years teachers.
Research shows that qualified early years teachers engage children in learning that extends children’s thinking, language and maximises learning outcomes.

Qualified teachers can assess children’s learning and differentiate teaching to cater for diverse children and help families to connect to support services.

eKindy provides children/families with access to an approved kindergarten program.

- The eKindy materials provide ‘layered’, step-by-step advice to promote learning.
- The program builds capabilities for ongoing learning success, including self-regulation, thinking, language, social and interactional skills, as well as early literacy and numeracy skills.

The eKindy program supports isolated parents/families to:

- develop skills that help their child to learn now and throughout their schooling
- connect with other kindy children and families, support services and networks.

What does eKindy cost?

Families who are eligible for eKindy do NOT pay fees for the eKindy program. Approved kindergarten programs are eligible for funding through the Queensland Kindergarten Funding Scheme (QKFS) managed by the Office for Early Childhood Education and Care (OECEC). In centre-based programs, families also pay fees.

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

Our students visited the MECC thanks to the BMC Pathways to Performance Program.

Thank you BHP Billiton and the MECC!