FROM THE PRINCIPAL:
Welcome to week three. I would just like to acknowledge the great job Cherie Jones has done in looking after things while I have been on Long Service Leave. Cherie and I have been consistently communicating and I appreciate her efforts, as it is never an easy job. I look forward to returning to Nebo this week.

Staffing
As you are all aware, our lovely Mrs Lydia Wade will finish her last day for 2015, on the 14th of August. We all know what an outstanding and dedicated teacher Lydia is and the outstanding contributions that she has made to Nebo State School. Yes, very big shoes to be filled! None the less, a teacher must be appointed to fill the year two/three position. Several applicant resumes were considered by HR and myself. I am very pleased to announce that Miss Sarah Lovett was successful in obtaining this position. Sarah is a high performing graduate and is very keen to take up the position at our school. Sarah will be coming to meet and work with Lydia and the children to assist with a smooth transition.

This term commencing in week six we will have our Learning Intervention Program continue. Miss Kassarndra Adda fulfilled this role last semester and worked with the year three, five, and prep students; and she will work with the year two, four and six students this Semester. Providing intervention targets specific learning areas requiring improvement or extension, and is part of how our Great Results Guarantee funding is to be expended.

The last thing to announce for our staffing, is that Mrs Amanda Vantienhoven will be appointed to run our Pre-prep program at Nebo State School this term. Our Pre-Prep program will commence in week six this term, and will be run on a Wednesday morning, from 8.30 am – 10.30 am! Attached with this week’s newsletter is an expression of interest for the Pre-Prep program. If you have or know of anybody who has a child that will be turning five by the 31st of July in 2016, please tell them about this program. Late last year, there was a small change to Prep enrolments, and that was, if a child was not at the age, but a parent deemed them academically and socially able and ready to attend, they could contact the Principal for an interview and further discussion around eligible assessment criteria for enrolment. A parent/caregiver must be in attendance with their child throughout the Pre-prep program and each week a sign in and out sheet will be provided. This is an excellent opportunity for our future prep students to develop foundation literacy and numeracy skills in preparation for the commencement of Term 3 – Week 3

27th July, 2015

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:
JULY
- 27th – P & C Meeting
- 30th – Positive Behaviour Learning Staff PD
- 31st – Pacific National Rail Excursion

AUGUST
- 6th – Qld Museum Visit
- 6th & 7th – Jennifer at Principals Conference – Cairns
- 11th – School Photos
- 14th – Mrs Wade’s last day for 2015
- 18th – Mirani High year 6 Visit
- 24th – MECC excursion - SYRIPEY
their Prep year in 2016. This program was a great success last year, and I am sure this year it will be too!

**School Opinion Survey**
Just a reminder that the online School Opinion Survey closes this Friday the 31st of July. Two weeks ago a letter for each family with the online address and username and password to complete the online survey was sent home. So far, we have had only 4 families complete the survey. We have a few spare forms in the Office if you have misplaced yours. The Department considers the views of parents/caregivers, students and school staff, as important aspects of schooling. It is designed to help schools identify what they do well and what they can improve. Results are published in the School Data Profile and in the School Annual Report. If as many parents and caregivers could complete this survey before the 31st of July, it would be much appreciated! Our staff would really value your feedback, we have worked really hard to try and improve student outcomes and provide lots of opportunities for the students of Nebo State School.

**Rail Excursion**
Another reminder, regarding our excursion this Friday the 31st of July to the Nebo Train Maintenance Facility, Braeside Road, Nebo. Permission and Medical forms were sent home last week and need to be returned by Monday 27th of July. Special thanks to Rick Mulvey Pacific National (Maintenance Facility Manager) who has organised this, including the cost of buses to transport our students. Students will leave at approximately 9am and return at approximately 1pm. Students will receive first-hand information and education around rail safety and awareness and get to experience the feel for a real locomotive. Rick has also kindly organised a sausage sizzle for the students too. If your child has any medical or dietary concerns, please ensure this is indicated on the forms and returned to school as soon as possible.

**School Responsible Behaviour /Positive Behaviour Learning/eSmart**
As part of our School Responsible Behaviour Plan, we are always looking for ways to make improvements and move from great to greater. Our school has recently become a Positive Behaviour Learning school. Basically, we were more or less operating as one with our whole school consistency in school rules and positive behaviour; we just weren’t officially recorded as one. We had Kerry Hancock form the Positive Behaviour Learning Centre in Mackay come and have a look at how our school was operating at a whole school level. Positive feedback was received on how we were doing business with behaviour at Nebo State School. Being a Positive Behaviour Learning school also provides us with greater access to support services for students who may require extra assistance in this area. Staff will also continue to update themselves with professional development around behaviour. Jodie Clarence will be our school’s Positive Behaviour Learning Coordinator and will be supported and guided by the PBL team in Mackay, myself and staff, to collaborate with and help expand our school’s knowledge and continual development in this area. This Thursday, 31st of July we will have several staff involved in our whole school professional development at our school, and we will have two relief teachers coming on Thursday – Kassandria Adda and Amanda Van Tienhoven.

Our school has also recently registered to develop our pathway on becoming an ‘eSmart’ school, as part of the Alannah and Madeline Foundation’s ‘esmart’ initiative. Basically, this is all about moving from planning and implementing to sustaining safe practices around cybersafety, cyberawareness and cyberbullying into our school framework. This is not a quick fix approach, but something where our school has committed to working through the eSmart framework, and we have four years to become an ‘eSmart’ school.

Neither of the programs above are any segregated different approaches, but will all amalgamate to make our whole school Responsible Behaviour Plan even stronger than it currently is and will be reflective of the different elements needed as we move into a more technologically advanced society. If you have any questions about either of these programs, please don’t hesitate to contact me.
**School Grants**
Over the last month or so, I applied for two grants for our school. I am pleased to announce that each application was successful. We received $3200 from Rio Tinto to go towards creating our very own little ANZAC Garden. We have 12 months to create this, which will be going into a courtyard setting between the Principal’s house and the school front entrance pathway. We also received funding through the MECC and BMC Pathways to Performance Program, which gave us $940 for bus transport and a $5.00 reduction of 62 child tickets from $12.50 to $7.50 (total saving of $310), totalling $1250 from the MECC/BMC Pathways to Performance program. The children will be going to the MECC on the 24th of August to see the production STRIPEY. Consent and medical forms and further information will be sent home soon. I am very grateful to both groups for their continued support of our school. This totals our received grants since 2014 to over $23,000. In addition, with some government funding for a few of our year fours students for one of our extension Booster programs, and some funding for the eSmart program, totals over $30,000. I am humble, but really stoked about this, as this all truly benefits our students and our school.

**Woolworths Earn and Learn**
Our school has registered for the Woolworths Earn and Learn. If you or a friend or family member shop at Woolworths, our school would love it if you could collect and bring in the stickers and place in the collection box in our school office, this will help our school earn valuable educational resources. The Woolworths Earn and Learn opened on the 15th of July and closes on the 8th of September.

**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.

**Funky Beats Music**
Funky Beats Music Guitar and/or Ukulele lessons will continue this term. 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 this week is:**

I keep my hands, feet and body parts to myself at all times!

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 and School Uniforms**
This afternoon, our P & C Meeting will be held in the Arts/Music room at 2.45pm. 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.

Just a reminder regarding School Uniforms:
Our school now has size 4 School Uniform Shirts available for sale. If you would like to purchase one of these school shirts, they are available at a cost of $30. Any year six students who would like to obtain their school leader shirt; they have now arrived and are $40. If you have any financial concerns and would like to organise a payment plan for school uniforms, please contact Sue in the Office or the Principal to make a confidential arrangement.

**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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Have a fantastic week!

*Kind Regards,*

*Jennifer Fenwick (Principal)*
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

Our students visited the MECC thanks to the BMC Pathways to Performance Program. Thank you BHP Billiton and the MECC!