FROM THE PRINCIPAL:
Welcome to week four. It certainly feels great to be back and it has been lovely talking to students today about the wonderful learning that has been continuing to happen at our great small school. Over the next couple of weeks teachers will reflect on students learning and will work with them to set new learning goals for the remainder of the term.

Nationally Consistent Data Collection
Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability. All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability. Our school will once again be collecting and submitting this data. No child is identified through this collection of data. Teachers would have previously consulted with any parent and caregivers if a child with a disability requires significant adjustments. Please find attached with this week’s Newsletter some extra information regarding the National Consistent Data Collection.

NAPLAN Results
Well, it is that time of the year again, where the results from our NAPLAN testing done in May, have now been released. Parents and caregivers of students in year’s three and five who sat the 2015 National Assessment Program in Numeracy and Literacy will receive their child’s Individual Report home this week. Remember, NAPLAN is an important assessment proforma, but it does only measure how a child has done in that particular test, on that day.

All students are to be commended for the effort that they put in towards NAPLAN. I must say that I am extremely proud of our students and the overall results our school has achieved. Nearly all of our students were at National Minimum Standard, and we had half of our students in year three in the upper two bands across both literacy and numeracy. Truly, an impressive effort and result, and I am really proud of our students. Of course this wouldn’t have been made possible without the excellent teaching and learning that takes place at our school. Not only have our students done well, but full credit to our amazing teachers who were involved in supporting our students. Thank you also to all of our parents and caregivers who also support their children with literacy and numeracy. A collaborative team of people working together is always of benefit to enhancing
teaching and learning practices, and improving student outcomes.

**Staffing Farewell**
As mentioned last week, the gorgeous Mrs Lydia Wade will finish her last day for 2015, on the 14th of August. We will be having a farewell parade at 2pm on Wednesday the 12th of August to officially acknowledge the excellent work that Mrs Wade has done at our school and to provide an opportunity for our school to give Mrs Wade a wonderful farewell. We would love it if as many parent and caregivers could come along, so please save this date.

**Prep-Prep Program**
Just a reminder regarding our Pre-Prep program which commences in week six this term; and will be run on a Wednesday morning, from 8.30 am – 10.30 am, by Mrs Amanda Van Tienhoven. Expression of Interest forms to join our Pre-Prep program were attached with last week’s Newsletter and are due to be returned to the Office by Monday the 10th of August.

**Rail Excursion**
Last Friday, our students enjoyed the excursion to the Nebo Rail Maintenance Facility. Students got to see five areas:

1. Wagon Repair area (wagons in place)
2. Wash bay area (locomotive and wagon in place)
3. Locomotive Platform area (locomotive in place)
4. Locomotive jack and hard stand area (locomotive and tow vehicle in place)
5. Rail Safety Week presentation (presentation by Operations Supervisor)

Students were then split into 3 groups and taken around with a staff member from Pacific National Rail. Students were able to sit in the seat of a Diesel engine train and an electric engine train and blow the horn in both. They watched a video prevention on the rail system, what a train looks like when they are up and running on the tracks, discussing speeds, length, what a driver can see when driving a train and train safety. The students got to go under the carriages and also look at where the coal goes into a carriage from a platform above a train. Thank you to Victoria Saremo and Stephanie Wieland for coming along on the excursion. A massive thank you to Rick Mulvey from Pacific National for organising the excursion and for hosting our school for the day, including providing a sausage sizzle lunch.
Nebo Project Give Back

Please find attached a nomination form for our Nebo Project Give Back (NPGB). If you have someone you would like to nominate who needs a helping hand, or you have someone you wish to nominate who always goes the extra mile. Please fill in the nomination form and place in the suggestion box in the School Office. Although there are no guarantees all nominations will be carried out, all nominations will be considered, and we aim to try and fulfil helping at least one person per month.

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 in the Woolworths Earn and Learn booklet, 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 am an organised student who always completes and returns my homework.
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 Chocolate Drive
The P & C is hosting a chocolate fundraiser. There are two kinds of boxed chocolates to sell, one where chocolates are $1 each and one box where chocolates will sell for $2 each. Each family will get one x $1 box and can request a $2 as extra if they want. All chocolates sole will help raise valuable funds for the P & C, and ultimately our school.

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

BRONZE CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

Mary-Jo Whirisky
Kathleen Torres
Seth Paton-Goddard
Bobbie-Jae Squires

SILVER CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

Brayden Wyatt
Karen Dayes
Lawson O’Connor
Jayne Symonds
Dusty Whitehead
Darcy Schrag

Have a fantastic week!

Kind Regards,

Jennifer Fenwick (Principal)

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!