FROM THE PRINCIPAL:
Welcome to week five in what I am sure will be an emotionally charged week. This week is the final week of teaching at our school for 2015, for Mrs Lydia Wade. I am sure you will all agree that Lydia has really been the glue that has held our school together through all the changes there have been over the last 7 years. I would like to publicly acknowledge the hard work, dedication, support and outstanding contributions that Lydia Wade has made to our school, not just this year, but over the last seven years. Lydia is truly an amazing teacher, staff member, and friend, who so many people admire, respect and regard very highly. On behalf of all of the staff, students and parents and caregivers of our school, I would like to thank Lydia for everything she has done to help make Nebo State School the great school it is and wish her and her husband Ed, all the very best in their new journey of becoming parents.

Please come along to our special farewell parade this Wednesday 12th August, at 2.00pm, to acknowledge and thank Lydia for all of her contributions to our school, and to celebrate the new journey she is about to embark on. It would be great to see as many families there as possible.

School Photo Postponement
My apologies that this event has had to be postponed more than once! Unfortunately the School Photographer has had an urgent situation arise for her family meaning that our school photos cannot take place this Tuesday the 11th of August as planned.
Our new school photo date is: Thursday the 3rd of September.

Prep-Prep Program
All expression of interest forms for our Pre-Prep program were due in today, Monday the 10th of August. If you have a child, or you know of anyone that has a child who would like to be a part of our Pre-Prep program, we are extending the date to get forms in to this Friday the 14th of August. Our Pre-Prep program will be run by Amanda Van Tienhoven and will be held on a Wednesday from 8.30am to 10.30am in the Arts/Music room.

Upcoming Events
We have various events coming up that I would like to bring your attention too, sooner, rather than later, so that you have plenty of notice. This will enable you to not only save the date, but to also know in advance whether any payment may be
required, or whether there may be any preparation in advance that you may like to assist your child with. Follow up permission and medical forms for some of these events will be sent home soon.

**Public Speaking Competition – Year 6**
We have the annual Public Speaking Competition for our year 6 students. Students will need to prepare a persuasive speech and present this at school on the 17th of August. There will then be a couple of students selected to represent our school to compete against the best from Eton and Eton North State School. The top two students will then be selected to go on to the Pioneer Valley Final to be held at Walkerston State School on the 25th of August.

**Sarah Lovett commences 17th August**
Last week, we were very fortunate to have Sarah come in and meet everyone and spend some time with myself, and Mrs Wade and the year 2/3 class. Sarah will return this Friday to work with Mrs Wade and the year two/threes, which is assisting Sarah to gain a great insight into the students and the year they have had so far, and assisting Mrs Wade and the year two/three class with a smooth transition. Sarah will commence her first day officially taking over the 2/3 class on Monday the 17th August. Sarah comes from a family where various members are teachers and she is going to be a wonderful asset to Nebo State School.

**Road Safety Awareness**
Next Monday, 17th of August, Snr Constable Martyn Benson will be coming along to our Parade to reinforce some road safety messages as part of National Road Safety awareness week.

**Mirani High School visit – Year 6 students and Year 6 parents and caregivers**
On the 18th of August Michael Post, Head of the Junior Secondary Department from Mirani High School, will be coming to speak with our year six students and issue some enrolment forms. Michael Post is also happy to meet with any parents at 10.30am on the 18th of August who may like to come along and ask any questions about their child entering high school in 2016.

**Pre-Prep -19th August**
Our Pre-Prep program commences on the 19th of August!

**BHP initiated Qld Museum Visit– 19th August**
On the 19th of August we have been invited by Kathleen Cush who is the BHP Community Manager to go along to the Mega Fauna Fossil event being conducted by the Queensland Museum at the Nebo Memorial Hall. They will have a number of activities stations set up which will be suitable for all age groups and will have Qld Museum assistants on hand to help the students as well. The basic agenda that they are working towards for the afternoon is:

- 1.15pm – 2.30: Nebo State School education/activity session. Please note: Any parents and younger siblings also welcome to attend and they will be providing afternoon tea from about 2.15/2.30.
- 2.30: open to all community members and afternoon tea will be available
- 3.00 – 3.30: Dr Scott Hocknull will have a community presentation
- 3.30 – 4.00: afternoon tea, discussion, activities
- 4.00: close

We will take all of the students over in the last session of school and we will bring them back to school for dismissal at 2.30pm; however any parents wishing to collect their children from the hall, so that they can remain for the extra activities, are more than welcome to see a teacher there to make this arrangement.

**Interschool Sport and Enrichment Activity Afternoon – commencing 21st August**
Last year we were fortunate enough to receive a small grant from BHP Billiton to action involving our students in an Interschool Sports competition with schools from the Pioneer Valley Cluster. This was an excellent opportunity for our students to not only collaborate with students from other schools, but also to learn valuable skills and the rules of playing sport in a competition setting. This program will continue this
term and into term four. Permission and medical forms will be coming home for students in years 4-6 who may be interested in participating in playing a mixed game of Soccer on a Friday afternoon. Approximately 8-10 students will travel from school with Miss Amiet and Mrs Connolly in the Nebo Hotel Community Bus. Although students will rotate, preference will be given to students in year six first, as this is their final year of primary school. Students not involved in playing on that particular day, will be supervised by Miss Jones, Mrs Whittaker, and Miss Kassy. Students will be involved with some buddy activities with the younger students, some arts and crafts, gardening and/or cooking activities.

School Finance Audit – 24th August
Our school will be undergoing a school Finance Audit by Auditor Mark Staunton on the 24th of August. This finance audit will look at procedures carried out over the last three–four years. Affirmations and future recommendations will be made.

Mackay Entertainment Centre Excursion – 25th August
On Tuesday the 25th of August, students will be heading to the MECC, as part of being successful in receiving funding for students through the BMC Pathways to Performance Program to see Stripey – The EGGscellent Adventures of an Emu Chick! Students will leave school at approximately 10am and return at approximately 2.30pm. Funding received, covered bus transport (approximately $1000) and reduced ticket prices, with $5 off per ticket, meaning tickets are only $7.50 for students to attend, instead of the usual $12.50. Permission and medical forms to attend will also be coming home soon.

Book Week – Parade - 26th August
Book Week is officially held from the 24th of August, through to the 27th of August. Besides attending the excursion to the MECC on the 25th of August, our school will be celebrating Book Week on Wednesday the 26th of August. All students, including our Pre-Preppies are encouraged to come along dressed up as their favourite book character. This year’s Book Week theme is ‘Books Light Up Our World’. We will start off with a parade so that students can show off their costumes. It would be great if students could bring along and carry the book from where they drew their inspiration from, for the character they are dressed as. We will give out a couple of prizes in each year level for the best dressed. We will then share in some buddy reading of mixed ability groups of students across the school. Pre-Prep students will then continue with their normal morning program and the students in Prep to Year Six will share in a morning of rotational activities to celebrate the wonderful world of books.

Life Education Visit – 27th August
On Thursday the 27th of August, we will be receiving a visit from the Life Education Van. Each class will visit the Life Education Van and engage in some interactive learning about important health topics. The cost of attending the Life Education Van will be $5.00 per student. Forms regarding payment for this will be sent home soon.

Assistant Regional Director Visit – 27th August
On the 27th of August, Assistant Regional Director Brendan Smith will be visiting our school. I look forward to sharing with Brendan the wonderful achievements and outcomes that our school has been making and the areas of priority that our school is working on to make improvements.

Nebo’s Got Talent – 2nd of September
On the 2nd of September during the last session of school, we will be having a Nebo’s Got Talent competition. Students are encouraged to enter an act either as an individual, with a partner, or as a group. This can be any act from singing and dancing, to a drama or comedy routine, to reciting poetry, juggling, or
any other creative event. The one rule is, it must be safe, and any routines requiring any element of risk taking will need to be approved. The top three events will perform at our annual School Fundraiser on the 11th of September.

We have a few other events coming up, School Photos on the 3rd of September, a Colour Fun Run on the 4th of September, a Drama day with Howard and Tim, and our main school Fundraiser on the 11th of September, a CQ university visit for students in years 4-6 on the 16th of September, and Parent/Teacher Interviews on the 14th and 15th of September. Further information on these events will be communicated at a later date.

The teaching of literacy and numeracy is always of the highest priority, but it is always nice to incorporate meaningful activities that help develop and build students social, emotional and physical skills as well as those involving academia. So, as you can see it is a very busy term ahead. I hope that this gives you plenty of notice of our upcoming events.

Qld Museum visit last week
Last Thursday, we had the Qld Museum visit our year 3-6 students and engage them in a presentation about ‘Arid Adaptations’. Dr Andrew Amey and Dr Amey, a scientist that cares for the Queensland Museum herpetology collection, shared some fascinating stories with students about Queensland animals and museum collections. The program went for about an hour, and the students were able to ask lots of questions and got a close look at the objects in the Qld Museum loans kits, such as a realistic Shingleback Skink and Water Holding Frog. Special thanks also to Katie and Kathleen Cush from BHP Billiton for coming along and supporting this event.
Nebo Project Give Back
Remember, if you have someone you would like to nominate for our Nebo Project Give Back (NPGB), don’t forget to place your nomination form in the suggestion box in our School Office. Perhaps you know someone who needs a helping hand, or you have someone you wish to nominate who always goes the extra mile.

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
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.

Parenting Ideas
Please find attached an article by Lakshmi Singh via expert psychologist Michael Grose from ‘Parenting Ideas’ on ‘Raising a Critical Generation’.

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 choose safe and sensible games to play at Lunch time and Afternoon Tea time

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.

Congratulations to the following student who has received their behaviour award this week:
CONGRATULATIONS TO:

SILVER CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS
Chelsie Schragg
**Students of the Week**

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**PRINCIPALS AWARD**

- Mary-Jo Whirisky
- Raiden Bates - Heremaia

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**TUCKSHOP – OPENED THIS TUESDAY 11/08/15 AND FRIDAY 14/08/15**

**This Tuesday our brand new Tuckshop will be opened and ready for business.** I would like to make special mention and thank the Building and Assets Services from the Department of Education and Training, and all of the staff and contractors from Jayden Enterprises who were assigned to complete this very expensive, but worthwhile project. The Tuckshop looks sensational.

I would also like to say a very big thank you to Steph Wieland and her partner Simon, Louise Kliese and her mum Ann, and Alyson Cannon who worked tirelessly last week to start moving everything back into the Tuckshop and to start culling old items, so that our Tuckshop could kick off with everything fresh and organised. You are all truly selfless and hardworking people and your efforts are truly appreciated. The value of having people like you always help our school is just so priceless. Thank you 😊

**Note:** This week our Tuckshop menu remains the same and there are no specials on offer. All regular Tuckshop items are available for purchase. **BUT**.... watch this space, with soon to be some additional healthy items added to the menu!

**P & C Chocolate Drive & School Uniforms**

Thank you to all of the wonderful families that have assisted with the P & C chocolate fundraiser. There are some extra boxes of chocolates available for sale for any families who would like to sell more. All chocolates sold will help raise valuable funds for the P & C, and ultimately our school. The P & C are generously looking at buying a new double door fridge for the students to put their lunch boxes in. This is something that will benefit all of our students 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. New School Uniform Jackets have also just arrived and will be advertised for sale from next week, at an anticipated cost of $40-45, but this will be
confirmed. 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.

Have a fantastic week!

Kind Regards,

Jennifer Fenwick (Principal)

Road Safe Rest Stop – a message from community member –Thelma Story
Sponsors and supporters for the September Road Safe Rest Stop in Nebo are required. Attached is a flyer showing dates etc. We will only open the rest stop from 6am to 10pm again this year unless we receive extra volunteers to man it 24hours. If you are able to help us with manning the rest stop please enter your name in the relevant time slots and return to me via email, Alternatively you can pop it into PO Box 109 Nebo 4742. Or simply send me an email with the dates & times you are available.

We also require donations of cooking or snacks to offer the travellers. If you are able to assist please let me know via one of the methods mentioned above. In the past we have been very fortunate to have things like tea, coffee, sugar, bottled water, poppers, flavoured milk, fruit, hot cups, donga hire etc. donated to us. If you are able to assist us with any of these items or anything else or in any way at all, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

We appreciate all past assistance we have received and look forward to continued support to enable us to host this very worthwhile Road Safety Initiative.

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!**