FROM THE PRINCIPAL:
Welcome to week six. It seems hard to believe that we are officially past the half-way mark in the term. All teachers have been busy assessing students last week and reflecting on where the students are sitting and assigning new learning goals. At the end of this term we will conduct Parent/Caregiver Interviews. If in the meantime you have a concern or issue that you would like to be addressed, please see your child’s Teacher at the earliest convenience. Please be mindful that before school commences, teachers’ are generally busy preparing for the day, so it is always good to keep this in mind, and organise to make a time that suits both parties. Of course if the matter is urgent, please don’t hesitate to make contact immediately. I also have an open door policy and if you ever have any feedback or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

I would also like to take this opportunity to officially welcome Miss Sarah Lovett to our school. Sarah will be teaching the year 2/3 class for the rest of 2015. Special thanks to Mrs Lydia Wade for spending time with Sarah to inform her of the teaching and learning that has taken place, where students are at and where they are heading. Sarah has already spent time with the Lydia and the year 2/3 class and she is going to be a wonderful asset to our school environment.

School Photo Postponement
As per message last week, my apologies once again that this event has had to be postponed more than once! As mentioned last week, unfortunately the School Photographer had an urgent situation arise for her family meaning that our School Photos could not take place last Tuesday the 11th of August as planned. Usually in the past, we have scheduled our School Photos for the first part of the year and this is something we will aim to do for 2016. This year has been a transient year for our school photographer, as she has taken over the business from Mackay School Photos in conjunction with another lady. As we are a small school, our School photographer has tried to line up our school photos with Coppabella and Valkyrie State Schools. So, you could imagine, trying to find a date that suits all three schools and the school photographer, has certainly been a mission. However, it is always good to support small businesses. My intention is to always look after our students and our school community, but our new school photo date is: Thursday the 3rd of September.
I apologise if this date does not suit all families, but this date is locked in. I have spoken with the School Photographer this morning and we cannot bring this date forward. If you know that your child will be absent when our school photos are
taken, if you could please let us know as soon as possible. When discussing the school photos with the photographer this morning, she has suggested as an option, that we could place an individual photo of the child who is absent beside the photo of the whole class photograph. If you know your child will be absent and you would like this option, please let us know in advance so that we can organise for this to be included prior to the school photos are taken. I appreciate and thank you for your understanding around this situation.

**Prep-Prep Program**

Our Pre-Prep program commences this Wednesday 19/08/15, from 8.30am to 10.30am in the Arts/Music room. Mrs Van Tienhoven is very excited to have been given the opportunity to facilitate this program this year and I am positive she is going to do a wonderful job. A sign in and out sheet will be provided for parents to sign in when they enter the premises and to record the time out as well. It is a departmental requirement that parents are to remain on site. If for some reason your child is being cared for by another parent on a particular day, that parent will need to sign in and out for your child. Any children attending Pre-Prep, will need to ensure that their child wears sun safe clothing and suitable footwear (preferably closed in shoes). Pre-Prep students will also need to bring along a hat and drink bottle with their name on it. Any other requirements will be outlined by Amanda this week. I look forward to meeting our new Pre-prep students and their families.

**BHP initiated Qld Museum Visit – 19th August**

This Wednesday 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 to make this arrangement.

**Mirani High School visit – Year 6 students and Year 6 parents and caregivers**

This Tuesday, 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 who may like to come along and ask any questions about their child entering high school in 2016.

**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 for students in years 4-6 who may be interested in participating in playing a mixed game of Soccer on a Friday afternoon need to be returned as soon as possible. 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 in some buddy
activities with the younger students; some arts and crafts, gardening and/or cooking activities. This will alter from week to week. This Friday the 21st of August however, Miss Jones will be absent. I will also be absent, as I will be attending a Departmental Leadership professional development course, which I was selected for. Miss Amiet will remain in charge on this day, with support from Miss Lovett.

**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**

Next 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 have been sent home today and need to be returned by the end of the week. If you have any issues with payment, please contact the office for a confidential discussion.

**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**

Next 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 are also coming home today and will be due in by the end of the week.

**Assistant Regional Director Visit – 27th August**

Next Thursday 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. It is not compulsory for all students to participate and discussions were had with the students today about ensuring there is no pressure for everyone to do an act, and to ensure nobody is
being excluded. This event is a fun creative event. Students can 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. Any act entered must be safe, and any routines requiring any element of risk taking will need to be approved. A sign-up sheet for students to sign up their act will be provided and all acts must be approved by teachers. The top three events will perform at our annual School Fundraiser on the 11th of September.

**Road Safety Visit by Snr. Constable Martyn Benson**
A special thanks to Senior Constable Martyn Benson who came to our parade today to discuss the importance of road safety with students. Although Martyn has been to our school earlier this year to do this, this week is Road Safety Week, so Martyn wanted to come and give the children some reinforcement about the importance of being safe when riding or walking to school and other places and when travelling in vehicles. The main message was that Road Safety is everyone’s business and everyone is responsible. I would like to thank Martyn for coming along and sharing these very important messages with our students.

**Lydia Wade’s Farewell**
Thank you to all of the families who came to our special parade last week to acknowledge the wonderful work that Mrs Lydia Wade has done at our school over the last 7 years. Lydia will always be highly regarded and respected and the work she has done over the last seven years has been truly phenomenal. Furthermore, both Lydia and her husband Ed have contributed a lot to the Nebo Community over the last seven years and are both worth their weight in gold. Ed and Lydia also delivered some kind heart felt words in thanking the school community. On behalf of our school, I would like to once again wish them both the very best of luck for their new journey of parenthood. Here is a snap shot of Lydia’s Farewell parade and last day, last Friday.
The 456 Class with their presentation to Mrs Wade

Mrs Fenwick presenting Mrs Wade with a plaque on behalf of all school staff, students and parents

The very beautiful Mrs Wade with some of her farewell gifts

Mrs Wade and Miss Jodie

The 2/3 Class at Mrs Wade’s Farewell Party

This beautiful cake made by Steph Weiland pretty well sums it up
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. Thank you to all parents and caregivers who have assisted with bringing on their stickers. Big shout out, and massive thank you to Tania Verran for bringing in over 140 stickers so far.

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 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 always use my High Five

What is High Five?
It is an effective strategy to develop problem-solving strategies for our students. It is a whole school approach that can also eradicate bullying. It is a 5 step problem solving strategy that can be used in the classroom, in the playground and for perceived bullying incidents. Teachers discuss and model the High Five.
Ignore
- Pretend you didn’t hear it.
- Do not make eye contact.
- Maintain positive body posture (calm, confident).
- Think positive self-esteem statements.
- Count to five in your head slowly.
- Take deep breaths.

Talk Friendly
- Use a calm voice.
- Maintain eye contact.
- Confident body language.
- Maintain relatively close body proximity.
- Use "I" statements – I feel . . . when you . . because . . .

Walk Away
- Stand tall, head up high.
- Mouth closed.
- Look confident.
- Do not use eye contact.
- Walk somewhere, preferably towards a congested area or to a safety zone (teacher).
- Do not look back. Walk confidently, don’t run.

Talk Firmly
- Eye contact, confident body language, relatively close
- Use an assertive voice, slightly raised.
- Tell them to stop it.
- Re-state your “I” statement. eg. I said . . . .
- State the consequences of continued bullying.

Report
- Walk away and tell a staff member using a reporting voice.
- Go to a safety zone.
- Bystanders - support and report.
- Report, report, REPORT until somebody listens.
Some points to note:

Reporting Vs Dobbing:
- Children need to know the difference between reporting and dobbing.
- Reporting is helping/getting yourself out of trouble.
- Dobbing is trying to get someone in trouble.

Reporting:
- Children should in most circumstances attempt to problem-solve themselves first.
- Students should use a calm, clear voice for reporting.
- If unsuccessful after doing High Five steps see teacher or another adult.

Asking an adult for support:
Teacher/staff member dialogue would not be exactly as below, but may take the following format:
- Is this a serious problem?
- Is this your problem?
- What have you tried already to solve it? (Which High Five strategies have you used? What was the result?)
- Do you want a solution?
- What sort of solution do you want?

Reporting straight away
- If the issue involves health or safety, children are to report straight away to a teacher or other adult.
- They are not to solve problem themselves. e.g. Incidents of physical danger, child running out of school gates

Reporting Phase
Role of Staff Member reported to:
- Investigate and discuss incident with child.
- Refer to/advise Class Teacher if required (to keep them in the loop)
- Serious behaviours require a referral to the Principal

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

A big thank you to Rod Tisdell and Alyson Cannon who got our Tuckshop operating for business last Tuesday. Thank you both for volunteering your time and for always helping our school.

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

Thank you to all of the wonderful families that have assisted with the P & C chocolate fundraiser. All chocolates sold have helped raise valuable funds for the P & C, and ultimately our school. The P & C have generously purchased a brand 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. Thank you so much to our fabulous P & C and to Rod Tisdell who organised the fridge. The fridge arrived late last week and looks fantastic and will serve its purpose well.
Just a reminder regarding **School Uniforms**:

New School Uniform Jackets have arrived and are on special until the end of this term for $30. They truly look very smart. Thank you to our P & C for organising this special for our families. 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)*

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**eKindy**

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 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 [https://brisbanesde.eq.edu.au/Ourschool/ekindy/Pages/ekindy.aspx](https://brisbanesde.eq.edu.au/Ourschool/ekindy/Pages/ekindy.aspx).

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!