FROM THE PRINCIPAL:
Welcome to week eight. It seems hard to believe that we only have three weeks of Term three left. At the end of this term, we will be offering Parent/Teacher Interviews for any families who would like to discuss their child’s progress. Further Information regarding Parent/Teacher interviews will be sent home soon.

Last week, we received some very sad news about one of our lovely families (Pugh). Renee Napier and three of her children were involved in a serious car accident. The three children thankfully escaped with minor injuries; however Renee was unfortunately seriously injured. Renee underwent major spinal surgery and has at this stage been given a prognosis of an 80% chance of being a paraplegic. I spoke with Jordan Pugh last week and Jordan said he had been overwhelmed with such kind messages of support for Renee, him and the children. Jordan asked, if on behalf of Renee and his family, I could thank everyone in the Nebo community who has offered to assist them and send their messages of support.

At this stage the Pugh family will remain in Brisbane until further notice, as Renee still remains in hospital and requires further treatment.

On behalf of everyone at Nebo State School, I would like Renee, Jordan, Jordan, Lachlan, Marleena, and Mikaela Pugh all to know that we are thinking of them at this difficult time and send lots of love, strength and well wishes. We are all hoping and praying that Renee ends up in the 20% category and makes a strong and miraculous comeback.

To help support the family, and as part of our ‘Nebo Project Give Back’, we will be having a ‘Free Dress’ day with a gold coin donation on Friday the 4th of September. It would be great to try and help raise as much money as our little school can to assist the family with future living, travel and medical expenses.

Finance Audit
Last Monday and Tuesday, we had Finance Auditor Mr Mark Staunton, conduct our School Finance Audit. This audit was to look at procedures from across the last three years. While we have a few areas we need to improve on, we received numerous sound and effective ratings, with the overall result being SOUND. Mr Staunton provided some future recommendations on how to obtain more
consistency and greater effectiveness. I thank Mr Mark Staunton for his time and recommendations, and I look forward to preparing a response to his findings.

**Book Week – Parade and Life Education Visit**

Last Wednesday our school celebrated Book Week. The students had a great day celebrating the value and importance of books. The children from Pre-Prep right through to year six all spent some time reading together in some shared buddy reading groups. Students in Prep-Prep returned to their class with Mrs V, and the students in Prep to year six participated in three rotational sessions of reading activities with each of the class teachers. Students also had an opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character on the day. All the students looked fantastic in their costumes and were all winners for their efforts. It is amazing how creative you can be by putting together some items from around the home. Special thanks to Miss Amiet who made all of the staff costumes, based around the theme of Mr Men. Special thanks also to Miss Haley Moran our visiting Speech Language Pathologist, and Mr Phil Wilson, our small schools Capability Officer for judging our costume winners on the day.
Staff dressed as the characters of Mr Men

a lovely morning of Shared Buddy Reading

Prep Winners - Boy - Alec Pearson, Girl - Demi Rapmund, & overall ‘Woman who Swallowed a Thong’ winner – Amy Van Tienhoven

Prep/Year 1 winners - Girl – Maddelyn Dixon, Boy – Payton Graham, & overall ‘Batgirl’ winner Mary-Jo Whirisky

Year 2/3 winners – Girl – Benita Verran, boy – Lawson O’Connor, & overall ‘Ghost Galore’ winner Indy Baguley

Last Thursday, the students received a visit from the Life Education Van. Each class spent a session learning about important health topics involving themselves and others, and the importance about making healthy choices.

Small Schools Capability Officer visit and Assistant Regional Director Visit
Last Wednesday Mr Phil Wilson visited our school, and last Thursday, Assistant Regional Director Brendan Smith also visited. Both Phil and Brendan got an opportunity to meet our new teacher, Miss Sarah Lovett, chat with myself, staff and students, visiting our classrooms. Both Phil and Brendan were really pleased with the direction that our school is heading in and with the improvements our school has made to enhance teaching and learning outcomes.

TEACHER-AIDE POSITION
We currently have a vacancy for the position of a temporary/casual Teacher-Aide (approximately 5hrs per week) at our school, to commence in Term 4 2015. This position was previously held by Jade O’Connor. Jade has loved working at our school and has truly done a sensational job. Due to family and business commitments, Jade is unfortunately unable to continue in this role; however Jade will continue working in this position until the end of this term. If you know of anybody who may be interested in fulfilling this position, applications are now open. A role description is attached to this Newsletter. Any interested applicants must submit a Resume ‘marked confidential’ and be submitted to the Principal, by no later than the 9th of September, 2015. The successful candidate must enjoy working with children and either have or be willing to obtain a ‘Working with children Blue Card’, and also undergo all of the required professional development, including departmental mandatory training.

Nebo’s Got Talent – Wednesday 2nd September
Our Nebo’s Got Talent Competition is on this Wednesday 2nd of September at 1.30pm. All students had an opportunity to perform last week, with a total of 10 acts selected to perform this Wednesday afternoon. This is a fun, creative event and all students who participate will get a certificate. A 1st, 2nd and 3rd placegetter certificate will also be awarded, with the top three acts performing at our Art Auction on Friday 11th of September. All families are welcome to come along and watch this event. It will be held in our undercover area commencing at 1.30pm.

School Photos – Thursday, 3rd September
Our school photos will be held this Thursday the 3rd of September. All students should wear full school uniform and sensible joggers (preferably black if you have them) or school shoes. Our staff photo will take place first at 8.30am, followed by each class photo, whole school photo, school leader’s photos, and sibling’s photos. If there are any families who have not returned their school photo envelope, if you could please do so before Thursday morning?

Friday, 4th September Events
Our School Colour Fun Run has been postponed until Thursday 17th of September, commencing at 1.30pm. Students are encouraged to bring some old clothes to change in to for this event, to avoid any colour getting on school uniforms. Miss Amiet will send a note home soon with further information regarding this.

Besides our ‘Free Dress Day’ (gold coin donation), as part of our Nebo Project Give Back, this Friday the 4th of September is officially ‘Thank you Teacher-Aide Day and Support Staff Day for 2015’. I would like to thank all of our wonderful Teacher-Aides and support staff who do a sensational job at our school and who help make our school such a wonderful place. Their efforts and contributions are truly appreciated. We will be having a short parade on Friday morning at 8.30am to thank our wonderful Teacher-Aides and Support Staff, all families are welcome to come along.
**Art Auction – Friday 11th September**

Students have been working hard on creating an Art Masterpiece ready for our Art Auction on Friday 11th of September. Our Art Auction is our one and only annual fundraiser and will take place in the hall commencing at 5.30pm, however if students could please try and arrive by 5.15pm at the very latest, so we can be ready to start at 5.30pm sharp, that would be ideal. If all families could please bring a plate of food to share that would be great. If you are able to possibly inform with a little label if there are any nuts, eggs, or seafood in your dish; that would be great. For those who have food allergies, just in case there is no label, please check ingredients before consumption. We will also have our top three performers from our Nebo’s Got Talent Comp perform on the night. It will be a great opportunity to come together and raise money for our school. I look forward to seeing as many families there as possible.

**Parenting Ideas**

As mentioned last term, our school paid for a membership through ‘Parenting Ideas’, to enable communication about parenting issues to be sent home with our Newsletter from time to time. Please find attached an article by Michael Grose ‘Do you let your kids amaze you?’. Also attached is an option for any parents interested in completing a 4 week online parenting course around building emotional intelligence.

**Woolworths Earn and Learn**

If anybody still has Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers, if you could please try and aim to get them in to our school office, by this Friday the 4th of September, it would be much appreciated. The competition officially closes on the 8th of September; however we need to send all of the sticker booklets off to Woolworths. Thank you to all parents and caregivers who have assisted with bringing in their stickers to help our school.

**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 always wear my school uniform with pride
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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**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

**BRONZE CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS**

- Bayden Lloyd
- Shania Saremo
- Ashley McHugh
- Raiden Bates-Heremaia

**SILVER CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS**

- Halayna O’Connor
- Georgia Wyatt
- Andre Kernohan
- Seth Paton-Goddard
- Laura Christensen
- Kelly Clarence
### GOLD CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

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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. There are still boxes of chocolates available for those families who are able to sell more. All chocolates sold help raise valuable funds for the P & C, and ultimately our school.

### P & C Meeting

There will be a P & C Meeting held this afternoon in the Arts/Music room, commencing at 2.45pm. All families are welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend and you have a suggestion, please feel free to pop your suggestion into the office, or let a P & C, or staff member know.

### 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.

### Father’s Day

We will be having a Father’s Day stall on I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Nebo State School dads’ and grandads’ a wonderful Father’s Day. I hope you all feel appreciated on your special day and all have time to relax and enjoy some of the things you enjoy.

### 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 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