FROM THE PRINCIPAL:
Welcome to week nine. Parent/Teacher Interviews forms have been sent home. If you would like a Parent/Teacher interview with your child’s class teacher, could you please ensure that your child returns this form with the preferred timeslot, to their teacher by no later than this Friday 11th, September, 2015. All efforts will be made to try and give parent/s and caregiver/s their first preference where possible.

Also, please remember that ‘Every Day of Learning Counts’. Although there are only two weeks of term three left, it is a very important time and teachers are busy finalising assessment with students. The Department of Education and Training, recommends that family holidays are scheduled during school holidays. If your child is absent for any reason, then a note sent in or a phone call made to our school Office to let us know if your child is going to be absent is a requirement. If you know that your child will be absent for more than 10 days, it is a recommended procedure to contact the Principal to apply for an exemption from participating in compulsory schooling. The Principal will discuss and advise if this exemption has been granted.

It is also important to remember that school starts at 8.30am. From time to time, we all have something that pops up; however, children who are consistently late, miss out on important morning routines. Tuckshop orders need to also be placed before 8.30am, as Tuckshop orders placed after that time, make it difficult for our Tuckshop volunteers to organise and prepare orders. In addition, just a reminder that there is no supervision of rostered playground duty by teachers before, or after school. Children should not be arriving before 8am and children should be picked up from school at 2.30pm, unless they are getting on the bus. If your child normally catches the bus and a different arrangement has been made, then please contact the Office to ensure this is noted on our School Bus Roll. If you collect your child at 2.30pm and remain in the school grounds for a period of time after school, if you could please ensure that any play or sports equipment that your child accesses, is packed away before you leave. Children who are in the care of their parents, but still in the school grounds, must follow school rules at all times.

Thank you Teacher-Aides and Support Staff Week
Last Friday, our school celebrated School Support Staff Week, where we acknowledged and thanked our wonderful Teacher-Aide’s and Support Staff. Our Student Leaders read a vote of thanks at our special parade last Friday, and our
Teacher-Aides and Support Staff received a certificate of appreciation and a travel mug with a vote of thanks engraved on it. Staff were then treated to a yummy lunch 😊. It is always truly important to value the wonderful contributions and hard work of our staff.

Thank you to the small number of parents who came along, and thank you once again to the following staff who were recognised for their wonderful contributions:

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Jodie Clarence, Kerry Cook, Lorraine Connolly, Lisa Whittaker, and Kassy Hyde, with their gifts of appreciation.

Teacher-Aide Position
Applications for the position of a temporary/casual Teacher-Aide (approximately 5hrs per week) to commence in Term 4 2015, are still opened. This position was previously held by Jade O’Connor, who due to family and business commitments is unfortunately unable to continue in this role, next term. A Teacher-Aide role description was attached to our school Newsletter last week. Any interested applicants were asked to submit a Resume ‘marked confidential’ to the Principal, by no later than the 9th of September, 2015, however this date has now been extended to Friday the 11th of September. The successful candidate must enjoy working with children and either have or be willing to obtain a ‘Working with children Blue Card’. A willingness to undergo all of the required professional development, including departmental mandatory training is also a requirement.
Nebo’s Got Talent
Last Wednesday, we had our Nebo’s Got Talent competition. It was a fun afternoon watching the students showcase their creative side. Special thanks to Joy Cooper and Charley Geddes for giving up their time and coming along to judge the competition. Congratulations to all students who participated, and special congratulations to our winner and placegetters:

WINNER - 1st: Shania Saremo
2nd: Kayla Dayes
3rd (Tie): Breanna Everett, and Karen Dayes & Chloe Simmonds

Our winner and placegetters will perform at our Art Auction on Friday night.

Art Auction – Friday 11th September
Students have been working hard on creating an Art Masterpiece ready for our Art Auction, which is on this Friday 11th of September. Our Art Auction is our main school fundraiser for the year, so it would be great to see as many family and community members come along and support it. If all families could please bring a plate of food to share it would be much appreciated. 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. This event is an excellent opportunity to come together to raise money for our school.

When: Friday 11th September
Time: 5.30pm
Where: Nebo Memorial Hall

I look forward to seeing as many families there as possible.

Enrichment afternoon
Last Friday, we finished our last game of Interschool Sport for the Term.

Special thanks to: Our students for their outstanding sportsmanship; to Miss Amiet and Mrs Connolly for organising our students each week and transporting them; the Nebo Hotel for allowing us to use the bus; Pioneer Valley schools for allowing us to be involved; and of course BHP Billiton who supported us with this opportunity.

In addition, special thanks to Miss Jones and Miss Kassy for engaging our students who didn’t play on a Friday in a variety of activities. Furthermore, special thanks to Kerry Cook, our wonderful grounds officer who allowed our students to assist in the commencement of beautifying our school grounds. I look forward to the opportunities that await us in term four.

Connor Drury, Felicity Gallaher and Kerry Cook replenishing one of our pot plants.
**Are You Ok Day**

This Thursday the 10th of September, is ‘R U Ok Day! This day is an important day to think about friends, family or even reaching out to someone you may not know so well, to just say, R U OK? Our lives can sometimes become so busy and we sometimes get caught up in the busyness of life, sometimes people are really struggling and we don’t always see that. This year, R U Ok, is asking people to write a note of thanks to somebody who’s helped them through a rough patch or a tough day by taking the time to talk about it. It is important to show the power of a conversation and encourage people to thank, inspire and ask: R U OK?

This Thursday the 10th of September, I encourage you to ask someone: R U Ok?

**Howard and Tim Science/Drama Day**

This Friday the 11th of September, we are having Howard and Tim, from ‘Off the Road Drama’ company come and visit our school. This year, has a strong Science based theme involving Space. Students in years 3-6 will spend two sessions immersed in this event and students in Prep-Year 2, will spend one session. Teachers have been engaging students in some preparation activities for the day, and Miss Amiet has ensured that Science concepts taught give students some excellent prior knowledge and understanding.

Howard and Tim have suggested if the students could wear long pants (e.g. jeans), a top in shade of red, and a baseball cap (no logo if possible). Costumes should be comfortable and allow freedom of movement. A simple costume will help to enhance a sense of belief in character and commitment to the drama. However, it is important that the costume is sourced from existing wardrobe with no financial or time commitment pressures on the families.

**Thank you**

Thank you to all of our students and families who brought in a gold coin donation to help raise money for the Pugh family, we raised just over $160. Thank you also to the wonderful parents who assisted students at our Father’s Day stall and to all of the students and families who purchased a Father’s Day gift.

**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 from time to time, with our school Newsletter. Please find attached an article about top tips for Parent/Teacher Interviews.

**Woolworths Earn and Learn**

If anybody still has Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers, please get them in to the school office as soon as possible. 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 am responsible and always pack away play and sports equipment when finished.

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

| Prep/Year 1 | Payton Graham |
| Miss Cherie Jones | David Whitehead |
| Year 2/3 | Trinity Ninness |
| Miss Sarah Lovett | Dusty Whitehead |
| Year 4/5/6 | Emmee Bryan |
| Miss Laura Amiet | Bayden Lloyd |
| Specialist Teacher - Miss Amiet | Benita Verran |
| **PRINCIPALS AWARD** | Danielle Bryan |

TUCKSHOP OPEN – Tuesday’s and Friday’s
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.

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)

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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

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