FROM THE PRINCIPAL:
Welcome back to Term four. I hope that everyone has had a wonderful spring break and that everyone is ready for a productive and proactive term of learning ahead. What a way to finish the holidays, with an outstanding Rugby League Grand Final. Massive congratulations to both the Brisbane Broncos and the North Queensland Cowboys for an exceptional game of Rugby League, and of course a big congratulations to the ‘Cowboys’ for a well-deserved win. Certainly very proud to be a Queenslander! While I am in the mode of congratulating, I would like to congratulate Lydia and Edward Wade on the birth of the their gorgeous son. Thomas Edward Wade was born on the 26th of September, weighing in at 8Lb11oz. Both Lydia and Ed are as proud as punch and are enjoying their little bundle of joy. I am sure that in time, Lydia will bring little Tommy up to school to show everyone their sweet new addition to the family.

Attendance - Every day Counts
Please remember that every day of learning counts. It is compulsory for all eligible aged children to attend school every day and it is the parents and carers responsibility to ensure that this happens. If for any reason your child is unwell and is unable to attend school, please contact the school via phone, or send an email to our Administration department, or a note to your child’s class teacher upon your child returning to school. All student absences must be explained! If you know in advance that your child will be away for at least 10 or more days, an application to the Principal for an exemption from participating in compulsory schooling must be applied for. The Principal will consider all applications and discuss and inform parents and caregivers of the outcome.
Please also remember that school starts at 8.30am and concludes at 2.30pm. It is important that your child is on time every day and is not left waiting for extended periods of time after school to be collected. Children who miss important morning routines or who are left waiting for extended periods of time after school may become anxious. If for some reason you cannot collect your child on time, please phone the Office, as soon as possible, so that we can reassure your child. Please also be mindful that all Tuckshop Orders should also be in prior to 8.30am.

**Staffing**

Our staffing remains the same for this term, with just a few small changes. Our new learning support Teacher-Aide has been appointed. Please welcome Miss Chloe Pearce to Nebo State School. Chloe will be working in this role every Thursday commencing in week two. Miss Kassarandra Adda will continue her role as our Intervention Teacher, and will work every Wednesday from week two this term. Jodie Clarence has added one more day as a Teacher-Aide, and she will now work five days a week on the year two/three class supporting Sarah Lovett, who continues on this class this term, while Mrs Wade continues her Maternity leave. Our fortnightly music teacher - Miss Sue Benson normally teaches at our school on even weeks, but due to some music commitments with other schools that Miss Benson also teaches at, Miss Benson will be working in weeks 3,4,5,6, 8 and 10 this term. Mrs Amanda Van Tienhoven continues in the role as our Pre-Prep teacher, teaching early literacy and numeracy skills to our Pre-Preppies every Wednesday from 8.30-10.30am.

**Positive Behaviour Learning**

This Friday the 9th of October, various staff will participate in some professional development in behaviour management, as part of our Positive Behaviour Learning program. This professional development is being held at our school with Kerri Hancock and Erin Baker, who are two representative from Mackay’s Positive Behaviour learning team. We will have some relief teachers at our school this Friday; however all work will be set by current classroom teachers and classroom teachers will check on students throughout the day. Positive Behaviour Learning aims to foster a shared understanding of our whole school behaviour management policy with all stakeholders, by encouraging whole school consistency in strategically tackling behaviour management processes and creating greater positive behaviour reinforcement. Our whole school responsible behaviour management plan is in the process of being updated, if you have any feedback or suggestions you would like to make regarding our whole school behaviour management policies, your feedback is always encouraged and invited.

**Swimming**

Next week we will be commencing swimming at the Nebo Swimming pool, as part of our Health and Physical Education program, run by Miss Laura Amiet. Our swimming times will remain the same as earlier this year. The Prep/One class will swim on Tuesday mornings, year two/three will swim on Tuesday afternoons and year four/five/six will swim on Wednesday afternoons. Parent helpers will be required on a Tuesday, so if you are able to assist please see Miss Amiet or your child’s class teacher as soon as possible. Miss Amiet will send home a note this week with further details about swimming lessons.

Please ensure that your child has appropriate swimming attire, including a sunsafe swim shirt and appropriate footwear, e.g thongs, a towel, goggles, and an optional swimming cap.

Please note that full school uniform must be worn to school and students will be allocated time to change into their swimming costume prior to their swimming lesson. No child will be allowed to walk to and from school to the pool, without footwear. Sunscreen will be supplied and should also be worn at all times.
**Colour Fun Run**  
On Thursday the 17th of September, last week of school last term, students participated in our School Colour Fun Run. We still need to cross check online deposits, but at this stage it looks as though we have raised a total of approximately $3,200 was raised. Thank you to all students and families who supported this event, and to the wonderful Miss Amiet who organised and coordinated this event for 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:

1. act and talk respectfully towards all staff and all adults at all times!

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 students who achieved their behaviour awards during the last week of term three, and were presented with their behaviour awards on parade today:
CONGRATULATIONS TO:
BRONZE CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS
Payton Graham
Jayden O’Hanlon
Chase Harvey
Danielle Bryan

SILVER CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS
Taylah Quilty
Letysha Goode
Trinity Ninness
Sagar Samanta
Malia Verran
Natacha McKay
David Whitehead

GOLD CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS
Halayna O’Connor
Karen Dayes

PLATINUM CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS
Kayla Dayes
Connor Drury

TUCKSHOP OPEN – Tuesday’s and Friday’s
Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who assist each week
Mirani State High School Reminder: Year 7 2016

Ylead
Year 6 students to attend Ylead at Mirani SHS Wednesday October 14. Please have permission forms back to your primary school A.S.A.P.

Enrolment Interviews
-Year 7 (current Year 6) Week 7 & 8 of Term 4 (16th Nov-27th Nov).
Please phone Mirani SHS (49667111) to make an appointment for your child’s interview.

Orientation Day
-Year 7 (current Year 6) Week 9 of Term 4, Wednesday December 2nd

A parent information session will be held at Mirani State High School Tuesday 13 October at 6.00pm. Additionally, a second parent information session will be held on the morning of the Orientation Day (December 2nd) at 9.30am.

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 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 ejac. 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.

**World Mental Health Week 4-10th October**

**World Mental Health Day (WMHD)** is a day for global mental health education, awareness and advocacy. An initiative of the **World Federation for Mental Health**, is an annual program held on **10 October** to raise public awareness of mental health issues worldwide.

This year in Australia, WMHD has three objectives:
1. Encourage help seeking behaviour
2. Reduce the stigma associated with mental illness
3. Foster connectivity throughout communities

The 2015 WMHD campaign aims to achieve these goals by encouraging people to take personal ownership of their own mental health and wellbeing. It doesn’t matter if you have a mental illness, care for someone with a mental illness, know someone with a mental illness or just care about good mental health, you can be part of this year’s campaign. For further information about this campaign go to the World mental Health Website at: [https://1010.org.au/about](https://1010.org.au/about)

Thank you to **Rio Tinto** for their Sponsorship support with Literacy and Numeracy for our school.

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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!**