FROM THE PRINCIPAL:
Welcome to week two. It was a great first week back last week, and fantastic to see so many students working hard to demonstrate being: ‘Safe, Respectful, and Responsible’ Nebo State School Students!

Positive Behaviour Learning & Responsible Behaviour Plan
Last Friday the 9th of October, we had almost all staff participate in some Tier 1 professional development around behaviour management, as part of our commitment towards becoming a Positive Behaviour Learning school. It was excellent to see staff engaged in collaborating to develop a shared understanding of our whole school behaviour program. The importance of creating whole school consistency in schoolwide behaviour expectations and in generating greater attention towards positive behaviour reinforcement, is vital in creating a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment. Students have a right to learn, and teachers have a right to teach in an optimal learning environment without the distraction of disruptive behaviours.

The establishment of productive discipline in our school depends upon both school staff and caregivers working towards the same goals and insisting on acceptable, mutually agreed standards of behaviour being maintained for the education and well-being of our community. Of course as students develop and are taught the expected behaviours at home and at school, this enables students to develop independence in helping them to recognise and develop responsibility for their actions and practise problem skills as they learn to become active and informed citizens.

Our whole school Responsible Behaviour Management policy is in the process of being updated to include our school becoming a Positive Behaviour Learning School and to incorporate our journey in also moving towards being an eSmart School. Being eSmart will assist students to develop greater knowledge and understanding in being Cybersafe when using technological devices. Our school journey of Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL) and eSmart, is a whole school approach, which also includes all of our internal and external stakeholders. If you have any feedback or suggestions you would like to make regarding our whole school Responsible Behaviour Plan, your feedback is welcome. I will be sharing our whole School Responsible Behaviour Plan with our P & C to also obtain input, feedback, and have this endorsed. Once all feedback has been received and this plan has been endorsed by both the P & C and the Department’s Assistant Regional Director, the
updated version will be uploaded to our School Website.

**Student Medication**
From time to time students become unwell and require medication. All medication, including over-the-counter medication such as paracetamol and alternative medicines, treatments or supplements, must be authorised by a medical practitioner before it can be administered to students. Any student that requires medication to be taken at school, must have this medication taken to the school office for it to be stored in a secure place. The only exception to this rule is if students had to self-administer medication which would be approved in written form by a medical practitioner, and documentation would be supplied to the school regarding this. The medication must have a proper medical label on it indicating the child’s name and medication name and dosage. No student is allowed to give another student any medication to take and no medication should be kept in students bags. If medication needs to be returned home at the end of the day, then this is to be picked up from the office each day.

The need for school staff to administer medication at school requires a written request from the parent or guardian in the form of either:
- a letter (for short term medication) or
- a signed Request to administer medication at school form for students with chronic (long term) medical conditions

Staff who administer medication or supervise a student self-administering complete the Routine Medication Administration – Sign-off sheet, which we have at our school. It is paramount that the 'Protocols for safe administration of medication in state schools' when administrating medication is adhered to.

If a child has an ongoing or serious medical condition, then a medical management action plan must be provided by your doctor, which must then be provided by parents and/or guardians to our school. This medical management plan may relate to asthma, anaphylaxis, diabetes, epilepsy, etc.

**Swimming**
Swimming commences tomorrow, Tuesday 13th November at the Nebo Swimming pool, as part of our Health and Physical Education program, run by Miss Laura Amiet. A permission note to participate in swimming this term went home last week and this form must be returned to enable your child to be able to swim.

Swimming days and times are:
Prep/One: Tuesday approximately 9.30am (Parent helpers required)
2/3: Tuesday approximately 1.30pm (Parent Helpers required)
4/5/6: Wednesday approximately 1.30pm

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 is also required.

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.

Students need to ensure they slip, slop, slap, slide and seek. This means slip on a shirt, slop on some sunscreen, slap on a hat, slide down some water, and seek shade where possible.
Student Free Day!
Just a reminder that next Monday the 19\textsuperscript{th} of October is a student free day. Teachers come to school on this day and work together professionally; however there is no school for students on this day. Please ensure if you are a working parent that appropriate arrangements are made to care for your child on this day.

Graduation Meeting
Next week, on Tuesday 20\textsuperscript{th} of October commencing at 2.30pm, there will be a meeting about our 2015 Year 6 Graduation. Any parents and carers who are interested in attending to discuss the graduation are welcome to come along.

Email List
If you would like to be added to our school email list to receive our School Newsletter electronically, could you please either phone or send in your email address so that we can add your details to our list to ensure you receive our email electronically each week.

North Queensland Toyota Cowboys 2015 Christmas Card Competition
An opportunity exists for students to enter a competition that is being run by the Cowboys to celebrate the Cowboys 20\textsuperscript{th} Anniversary. To enter students are to design a Christmas Card that incorporates an element of the North Qld Toyota Cowboys as well as the theme of ‘What will Christmas be like in 20 years…’ Entries can be done by hand or electronically, and at home or in spare time at school. If your student wishes to enter and complete their entry electronically at home, please provide your email address to Sue Rapmund in Admin and/or your child’s class teacher so that the template can be forwarded to you electronically. Attached with this week’s Newsletter is the entry details and competition design template.

Schools have been asked to organise student’s entries and send in an A4 envelope. So please ensure all entries come directly to our school to be forwarded on. All entries must be returned to school by no later than Friday the 30\textsuperscript{th} of October. Entries will be sent from our school to the Cowboys before the closing date of Friday the 6\textsuperscript{th} of November. The winner will be notified by Wednesday the 11\textsuperscript{th} of November. There are numerous prizes for the winning entrant, winning school and winning age group awards. How great it would be to win a signed Cowboys team jersey!

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.

Parenting Ideas Newsletter
Please find attached with this week’s Newsletter our next Parenting Ideas Newsletter from Michael Grose, titled ‘The many faces of independence’. This article lists five ways that parents can give their children skills, encouragement, and support in their quest for independence.

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 a Sunsafe student and I slip, slop, slap, slide and seek!

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. As the weather is certainly warming up and we have Swimming this term, please encourage your child to drink lots of water and stay hydrated and encourage them to be Sunsafe at all times!

Congratulations to our Students of the Week:

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P & C
This afternoon, commencing at 2.45pm, we have a P & C Meeting in the Staff Room. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend, and have an idea or suggestion that you would like to contribute, feel free to jot it down and forward it on to a P & C member or a staff member at our school, who will ensure your feedback is shared at our meeting.

Tuckshop

TUCKSHOP OPEN – Tuesday’s and Friday’s! Orders due in by 8.30am!
Thanks to all our wonderful Tuckshop Convenor Alyson Cannon and thanks to all of our volunteers who assist each week!

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Here is a message from our Tuckshop Convenor - Alyson:

Hi all

Anyone interested in helping out with Tuckshop in Term 4 from 8.15am till 11.30am please feel free to come and see me in the Tuckshop on any Tuesday or Friday to put your name down.

This term we are hoping to have a few more specials mostly of Green or Amber on the food list to aim for more healthy options.

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)

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.

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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