FROM THE PRINCIPAL:
Welcome to week five everyone. As we move towards the end of this week, teachers will be reviewing students learning goals and making the necessary adjustments, so students can strive to reach their highest potential before the end of the year. This week, we will also be having our school NAPLAN resit for years two to six. NAPLAN is one test that occurs on one day of the year; however all assessable elements in NAPLAN are taken from the Australian Curriculum. By having a practise of NAPLAN, allows teachers to see the growth students have made, what further teaching and learning needs to take place, and of course helps to desensitise students for the actual NAPLAN testing period. If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child’s class teacher.

Just a reminder that school starts at 8.30am. There is no rostered supervision by staff before school. No students should be arriving at school before 8am. Your cooperation with this is much appreciated.

First-Aid Training
Last week staff engaged in professional development after school. Staff received their certification in their Senior First Aid Certificate. A special thank you to Sharon Ward who came to our school after school last week. I would highly recommend Sharon to anybody considering gaining their first-aid certificate. Sharon is very experienced and highly knowledgeable.

2015 Focus Areas:
- Improving Reading Strategies and Comprehension
- Improving Writing procedures and increasing Vocabulary and Spelling application
- Improving Problem Solving procedures in Numeracy
- Creating high expectations for Behaviour
- Explicit Instruction of Pedagogy & creating a culture of coaching & feedback

Upcoming Events & Date Claimers:
NOVEMBER
- 11th – Remembrance Day “Lest We Forget’
- 11th – Jennifer at Department of Education ‘50 Futures’ program
- 13th – School Swimming Carnival
- 16th – P & C meeting
- 20th – Brigalow Swimming Carnival (Coppabella State School)
- 23rd – Hip Hop Dance Workshops commence
- 27th – Christmas Concert – Nebo Memorial Hall
**Bunnings Visit**

Last week, our school was fortunate enough to receive a visit from Bunnings Warehouse. Jemma and Kylie from Bunnings worked with some of our students to build a new scarecrow for our Greenhouse. Special thanks to Jemma and Kylie for opening time with our students and to Bunnings Warehouse for their kind donation of the materials to build our scarecrow. We just need to give him a name!

**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 responsible and respectful student who always puts my rubbish in the bin!**

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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**SILVER CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS**

- Katherine Dayes
- Aleisha Tisdell
- Malia Verran
- Beau Attenborough
- Marnie Whitehead
- Ryder Baguley
- Justin Kernohan
- Emma-Lee Bryan
Community Information (re: Sad news)
Last Friday, I received a phone call from a man by the name of Jason Costigan. Jason called to inform me that his mum Nola Cositgan’, aged 77 years, from West Mackay, but formerly from Nebo, sadly passed away last Monday 26th of October. Jason spoke to me about the rich history that Nola had with Nebo State School and the Nebo Community. Nola and her late brother Jimmy were both students at Nebo State School. Nola commenced school here in 1944. On behalf of all past and present students and staff at our school, I would like to express our deepest condolences to Jason and the rest of his family. I hope they all find the strength to get through this difficult time. For any community members who may have known Nola and her family, the funeral will be held this Friday the 6th of November, commencing at 10am, at St Patricks Catholic Church, River Street Mackay.

P & C School Disco and Tea Towel and Bag Fundraiser
Just a reminder about our P & C bag and tea towel fundraiser. Please help our P & C and school raise money through this awesome little fundraiser. If you need another order form, please see the office.

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
All entries for the North Qld Toyota Cowboys competition, were due in to the school last Friday, the 30th of October. Ms Rapmund will send all entries off today!
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.

**Swimming Carnival**
Just an early reminder that we have our School Swimming Carnival at the Nebo Pool on Friday 13th of November, and our Brigalow Swimming Carnival on the 20th of November. We are hoping parents can transport their children to Coppabella on the day. Miss Amiet will send home further information soon.

**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.

**Tuckshop**

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**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:**

**Tuckshop Special**

- **Apple Slinky’s** $1.00
- **2 pack of biscuits** $0.50

Hi all

The LOL drinks are now unavailable. So far we have found a brand called “Nudie & Soda” and the flavour is orange, mango and passionfruit 200ml. These will sell for $2.00

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.

Regards,

Alyson

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**Mirani State High School Reminder: Year 7 2016**

Enrolment interviews for Year 7 students attending Mirani SHS in 2016 will take place between 16-27 November (Weeks 6 & 7). Please contact Mirani SHS ph. 49667111 to book your interview time.

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**Orientation Day**
- Year 7 (current Year 6) Week 9 of Term 4, Wednesday December 2nd
A parent information session was held at Mirani State High School on 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 )

NEBO STATE SCHOOL HISTORICAL BOOKS
Anybody interested in purchasing a Nebo Historical 125th School Anniversary Book, please pop in to the office, we have some available for $5.00.

Faces of nebo
"Faces of Nebo is a collection of portraits and stories capturing the families and characters of Nebo, presented to the community by local photographer Davitt Ennis. The images have been compiled into a book and also were on display at the Nebo Historical Museum on Sunday 11th October. The project was made possible through funding by the RADF. The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Isaac Regional Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland. The book will soon be available in the library and museum and can be ordered through Jennifer Milton who can contacted via email: jmilto01@hotmail.com

The book also features a number of past and present Nebo State School students including: Andre, Chloe, Hope, Tyler, Neil, Luke, and Lainey. The book also features some former students from a long time ago such as Mrs Grace Regan (now 94 years old), Mrs Ivy Hungerford and Mr Bill Bruce (98 years old).

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 ). 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!