FROM THE PRINCIPAL:
Welcome to week six. It seems hard to believe that we are half way through the term and that we have just five weeks of the school year to go. Of course we have a very busy five weeks ahead. We have lots of solid teaching and learning and assessment to be completed over the next five weeks. I would like to congratulate our students for their wonderful effort towards sitting out practise NAPLAN tests last week. The collection of this data will enable our teaching staff to look at what further teaching and learning needs to occur.

This week staff will meet for Moderation on Thursday afternoon. Moderation provides an opportunity for Teachers to engage in professional conversations about student outcomes. Teachers discuss the ability of students to demonstrate the required knowledge, understanding and skills required across key learning areas in a variety of contexts. Teachers provide evidence of the ability of students to achieve curriculum standards.

Student Attendance
Last week we received our school Headline Indicators, which provides data about a range of priorities, including our school attendance. This data received was based on a collection of semester one data. Overall, it was disappointing to see our student attendance rate drop below the expected 92.7%. I cannot stress enough the importance of students attending school every day!

It is the parent’s legal obligation to ensure that this happens. If you know that your child is going to be absent for at least 10 or more days, an exemption must be applied for via the school Principal. All student absences must be explained.

Every day counts...because your children will be more successful when they go to school every day!

Every day counts...because going to school assists children to make friends!

Every day counts...because it is the law!

Every Day Counts because absenteeism can impact upon learning

The table on the following page shows the impact that student absenteeism can have on students’ learning outcomes!
School Attendance – Every Day Counts

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50 Futures – Future Leaders

The 50 Futures program, which has now been titled ‘Future Leaders’, is a key initiative of the Department of Education’s State School Strategy 2014–18. This program is in recognition of the critical importance of identifying and growing leadership talent – the Department’s next generation of school and system leaders. After being short listed for this program, I was part of a state-wide selection process and was waiting to hear if I had been selected. I was stoked to receive notice last week that I was successful in being selected, and I received a letter by the Director General of Education, Dr Jim Watterson, formally inviting me to participate in the inaugural Future Leaders program. In this invitation, the Director General recognised my demonstrated capacity for consistent strong leadership in my current role, my success in leading a team focused on improving instruction and school culture, and my potential for next-level leadership.

As a result of being selected for this program, I will be away from the school this Wednesday 11/11/15, as I will be attending a Future Leaders symposium in Brisbane.

Remembrance Day

This Wednesday, our school will be attending the Remembrance Day Service at the Nebo Memorial Hall. The service will be led by ANZAC War Veteran, Mr Bill Bruce and members of the Nebo RSL Auxiliary. Our student leaders have been asked to recite the ‘Remembrance Day’ poem and the ‘Flanders Field’ poem. They have all been practising this.

This year marks the 97th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914-18). Each year on this day Australians observe one minute’s silence at 11am in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

As this is during our lunch hour, we will be making a change for this day, which includes, ringing the lunchtime bell at 10.20am, where students will have 10/15 minutes to eat, go to the toilet and get a drink. Students will then assemble in the undercover area, proposed time to leave school is at approximately 10.35am, to arrive on time for the proceedings to commence by 10.40am. After the service has concluded, Ian Attenborough, on behalf of the Nebo RSL Auxiliary committed has invited out students to stay for a popper, piece of fruit, and/or cake. All community members are welcome to attend this service.
The Nebo Remembrance Day Service Timetable given to me by Ian Attenborough will be as follows:

- Introduction by Bill Bruce
- Hymn – Abide with me
- Introduction by Bill Bruce about the poem ‘In Flanders Field’
- Poem read by School Captains
- Commemorative Address
- Remembrance Day poem read by School Captains
- The ‘Last Post’
- One Minute Silence (11’O’clock)
- The Ode
- Reveille
- Advance Australia Fair
- Closing Remarks
- Drawing of the raffle
- Morning Tea

Swimming Carnival
This Friday 13th of November, we have our annual school swimming carnival being held at the Nebo Pool. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend. If parents and caregivers could ensure that their children are at the pool, ready for the carnival to commence at 8.30am. Students need to ensure that they ‘slip, slop, slap, slide and seek’! That’s slip on a shirt, slop on some sunscreen, slap on a hat, slide down some water, and seek shade where possible. Students should ensure they have thongs to war throughout the day, a towel and plenty of water to drink. Students can wear their sports house colours to the pool on Friday. No Tuckshop will be available on Friday, but parents and students can purchase food and drinks from the canteen. Just a reminder that the whole school will attend the Brigalow Swimming Carnival on Friday the 20th of November, hence our school day will be held at Coppabella State School. Parents and caregivers are being asked if they could please transport their children and join us for a day of fun at Coppabella State School. Miss Amiet will send home further information regarding this.

Interschool Sport
Our year’s 4-6 students have finished Interschool sport for the term, and the year. It has been a wonderful opportunity for our students to experience playing against Marian, Mirani, and St Johns primary schools. Last term, our students played Soccer and this term, our students have been engaged with T-Ball. Special thanks to: the schools in the Pioneer Valley cluster who have enabled our school to participate; to Sonia and the Nebo Hotel staff for allowing us to use the Community Bus; to our staff who have either assisted with driving the bus, or looking after and supervising students; and to the wonderful Miss Amiet for all of her super organisation skills in coordinating this event for our students. The students have absolutely loved it. Of course this was only made possible with the wonderful sponsorship support of BHP Billiton.

Phoebe, Lane and Danielle all geared up for their game of T-Ball
**Cooking**

Last Friday our students had an opportunity to be involved in some cooking. Students prepared and made some savoury scones, apple turnovers, and some berry tarts. The students thoroughly enjoyed this enrichment activity. Special thanks to Louise Kliese, Steph Weiland, Louise Cook, and Alyson Cannon for giving up their time to assist our students and staff with this fun Friday afternoon of cooking.

*Friday fun in the Kitchen*

**Assistant Regional Director Visit**

This Thursday the 12th of November, Assistant Regional Director Brendan Smith will be visiting our school. I look forward to meeting with Brendan and discussing the wonderful improvements that our school continues to make and sharing with Brendan some of our wonderful school achievements.

**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 student who plays positive games with others!

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 Sunsafet at all times!

Congratulations to our Students of the Week:

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| PRINCIPALS AWARD | Reuben Kliese |

Coppabella State School
Tomorrow, Tuesday 10/11/15, we may have Coppabella State School working from one of our spare classrooms, as they will be having water turned off at their school, and hence no water at their school for the day. If the water issue cannot be avoided, Coppabella staff and students will join us for the day.

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.
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!

NO TUCKSHOP THIS FRIDAY 13/11/15 DUE TO SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Here is a message from our Tuckshop Convenor - Alyson:

Tuckshop Special

- Apple Slinky’s $1.00
- 2 pack of biscuits $0.50
- Small Spaghetti $3.00

Hi all

Apple Slinky’s will remain on the menu.

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 and now available is Apple. 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.

Alyson

Mirani State High School Reminder: Year 7 2016

Mirani SHS Year 7 Orientation Day

The Orientation Day for Year 7 2016 will take place on Wednesday 2 December (Week 9). A letter outlining the day will be sent home with Year 6 students in the next couple of weeks. A second parent information session will be held on the morning of the Orientation Day at 9.15am.

Update on Nebo State School students who have attended Mirani High in 2015

I spoke with Mr Michael Post, Deputy Principal and head of Junior Secondary from Mirani State High School last week to see how our students from last year have settled in to their first year of high school. Mr Post reported that our students from last year who entered year 7 and 8 are all doing well. Mr Post said that Jeremy Simmonds is an outgoing student who interacts well with his peers and that Callum Jung has made some excellent improvements with maths and continues to be self-motivated with Visual Arts. The Connolly boys are continuing to do well in Sport. Luke Connolly came 1st in the Mirani High 13yrs Cross Country and Neil Connolly broke the 200m Individual Medley swimming record, setting a new 13yrs Boys record of 3.39.37. Jacob Drury continues to demonstrate excellent behaviour and he received a merit certificate for this. And last but by no means the very least, Sam Christensen received a certificate of distinction for his outstanding Academic Achievement in Mathematics.
P & C
Final orders for our School Bag and Tea Towel fundraiser were submitted today. Thank you to everyone who has supported this. Special thanks to the P & C and the awesome Steph Weiland who has organised all of this for our school. Steph’s efforts are greatly appreciated and she is a valuable parent helper who is always willing to the extra mile. Thank you 😊

Our next P & C Meeting will be held next Monday 16th of November, commencing at 2.45pm in the Staff Room. If you are unable to make the meeting and have an idea you would like raised, please see a P & C member or contact myself or Sue in the Office, so that this can be forwarded on at the meeting.

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 Isaacs 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: jmitto01@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!