FROM THE PRINCIPAL:
Welcome to week seven everyone. We had an engaging and super busy week last week, with another busy week ahead. Before I recap on last week’s events, just a reminder about our important event on the calendar for this Friday 20th November.

Brigalow Swimming Carnival – 20/11/15
This Friday, our school day takes place at Coppabella State School, for our annual Brigalow Swimming carnival, which commences at 8.30am. We have several students who have not returned their form regarding their participation and transportation method. These forms were due to be returned last Thursday! If your child has not returned their form, could you please ensure they bring it in by tomorrow at the very latest. We cannot make transport arrangements at the last minute, transport needs to be organised in advance. We are hoping as many parents and caregivers as possible, can transport their children to this event. If your child is being transported by another parent, then we need to know this too! If you are a parent transporting another child, then we need you to return the form that Miss Amiet sent home last week, that indicates that you are licenced, and your car is roadworthy and insured. We need to know who you are transporting as well. If you are unable to attend the swimming carnival and have no arrangement as yet for your child to be transported, once again we need to know this, so that we can assist with helping you with an arrangement for transportation. If your child is suffering from any medical condition and requires any medication, we need to also be informed of this as soon as possible, so we can provide the best care possible.

This annual swimming carnival is all about fun and participation. It gives the students an excellent opportunity to collaborate with other students from schools in the Brigalow Cluster. It is expected that students follow the school rules of being safe, being respectful, and being responsible at all times. It is also vital that students stay sunsafe and ‘slip, slop, slap, slide and seek’!

Nebo Swimming Carnival
Last Friday our school swimming carnival was an enjoyable day filled with excellent participation, outstanding sportsmanship, and loads of fun.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:
• Ed from the Nebo Swimming Pool for allowing our school to host our school swimming carnival there
• All the wonderful parents and caregivers and friends of our school who came out to support students at this event

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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
• 16th – P & C meeting
• 20th – Brigalow Swimming Carnival (Coppabella State School)
• 23rd – Hip Hop Dance Workshops commence
• 27th – Christmas Concert – Nebo Memorial Hall
DECEMBER
• 2nd – Year 6 Transition day – Mirani High School
• 4th – Year 6 Graduation – Bushmans Bar & Grill
• 9th – Awards Day
• 11th – Last Day of School
All of our wonderful staff who assisted with the setting up and packing away of all of our equipment required for the day and for all of their great support
• To the our awesome PE teacher – Miss Laura Amiet, who did a sensational job at organising our swimming carnival
• And last but by no means least, to our amazing students who all tried their best and displayed such wonderful sportsmanship.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:
OUR WINNING SPORTS HOUSE: -

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Remembrance Day *(Lest We Forget)*

Last Wednesday, our school attended the Remembrance Day Service at the Nebo Memorial Hall. The service was led by ANZAC War Veteran, Mr Bill Bruce. Our school captains Phoebe O’Hanlon and Danielle Bryan, recited the ‘Remembrance Day’ poem and the ‘Flanders Field’ poem. Special thanks to Mr Bill Bruce, Mr Ian Attenborough and the Nebo RSL Auxiliary committee for inviting our students to come and share in this very important day. It is vital that students develop knowledge and understanding of the history of our country and the impact that the wars have had; for it is our students who are the future generation to continue to share and communicate this rich history.
**Assistant Regional Director Visit**

Last Thursday the 12th of November, Assistant Regional Director Brendan Smith visited our school. Brendan and I discussed the great improvements that our school has been making and Brendan and I discussed the next leg of our schools journey, as we come towards the end of the school year and get ready for the preparations of 2016. I am very grateful for the professional discussions, advice and support that Brendan Smith provides to our school.

**Great Results Guarantee and Investment for Success in 2016**

As we come towards the end of this year, it is time to reflect deeply, and take a snapshot of the outcomes we have achieved with our Great Results Guarantee funding of $15, 536 in 2015. We have met some of our targets in 2015 and overall continue to make progressive improvements towards meeting all targets. I will be sharing this information with our P & C and will be completing a report template on these outcomes, which will be uploaded to our school website before the end of the year.

In 2016, the Great Results Guarantee has changed to what will now be known as ‘Investment for Success’. In 2014 and 2015, $131 million and $183 million of funding was distributed to state schools under the Great Results Guarantee. This funding offered was to assist in supporting students and working with communities to prioritise local investments that maximise outcomes for students.

Allocating I4S funding to schools strengthens the needs-based approach used over the past two years to better reflect recommendations arising from the Australian Government’s Review of Funding for Schooling (also known as the Gonski Review). The funding methodology for the next two calendar years guarantees that schools will receive at least the level of funding they have received this year to ensure that this important funding continues to provide schools with certainty in providing support where it is needed most.

The indicative I4S funding for Nebo State School in 2016 is $26,940. This allocative method of funding has been approved by the Government for the next two years. Our school will look at a strategic plan for 2016 and 2017 to generate the best support for students in improving outcomes.

**Nebo end of year Xmas Concert**

Our end of year Xmas Concert will be held on Friday the 27th of November at the Nebo Memorial Hall. The Xmas concert will commence at 5.30pm. Students and teachers will be collaborating with James Fenwick and Ngavaine Tearea next week to prepare, create and organise routines. James and Ngavaine both have national and international credits to their name and we are very fortunate to have them come to our school and work with our students. This is our one big end of year performing arts night and the students are very excited. Please save this date in your calendar, it would be great to have as many parents and caregivers and friends of the Nebo State School Community attend. Further information regarding costumes and the order of events will be sent home soon. If there are any parents who may be able to assist with costumes, it would be greatly appreciated. If there is anybody who also knows of anybody who may be able to assist with filming this event, could you please contact me as soon as possible!

**Year 6 Graduation**

Our Year 6 Graduation will be held on the 4th of December at the ‘Bushmans Bar and Grill’. The Graduation is for our six year six students and their immediate family. Graduation will commence with nibbles at 4.30pm, with the formal proceedings ready to commence by 5pm. All year six students will have their meals paid for by our wonderful P & C.

**Intervention – Indigenous**

All of our students continue to receive learning support for either trying to bridge any gaps in learning, or to extend students in their learning. This has been a focus under our Great Results Guarantee. We have Chloe Pearce who works as our Learning Support Teacher-Aide; and Kassarnendra Adda who has been employed to work as our Intervention Teacher. This Thursday, the 19th of November, Kassarndra Adda
will be coming to do some work with our Indigenous Students. Kassarndra will spend some time on Literacy and Numeracy tasks and will also spend time on some Indigenous Cultural Activities.

2016 Enrolments and Booklists
We are now taking enrolments for 2016. If you have a student, friend or family member who will be attending our school, please pop in and pick up an enrolment pack. If you know of anybody who would like to obtain further information, please encourage them to make contact. I would be more than happy to answer any questions they may have and of course meet with them and show them around our great small school. We have an engaging curriculum with programs offered to extend students, we have excellent teachers and staff, high expectations for behaviour, with positive behaviour rewarded regularly. Our school offers excellent enrichment activities through incursions and excursions offered throughout the year. Our school has made some outstanding improvements and continues to strive to look for ways to keep improving. We value feedback and the importance of all community stakeholders being involved and sharing our school vision. Don’t miss the opportunity to be part of our great school in 2016!

Booklists have been sent home. If you have misplaced yours, please feel free to pop into the Office and grab another one. There is no pressure to purchase form a particular supplier, you can purchase from anywhere, however in the event the school booklist is misplaced over the holidays, suppliers who have a copy of our school booklist are: CrossOffice Choice – Sydney St, Mackay; NewsExpress – Victoria St, Mackay; Officeworks; Caneland News; Carrolls – Victoria St, Mackay.

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 always packs away sports equipment!

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 Platinum Behaviour Level students who received their badge on Parade this morning: Congratulations to: Halayna O’Connor; Connor Drury; and Kayla Dayes
Congratulations to our Students of the Week:

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| Specialist Teacher - Miss Amiet | Kayla Dayes         |

| PRINCIPALS AWARD | Brayden Wyatt       |

**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!

Here is a message from our Tuckshop Convenor - Alyson:

**Tuckshop Special**

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

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**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.

**P & C**

Our next P & C Meeting will be held today, 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 P & C 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 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

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