FROM THE PRINCIPAL:
Welcome to week eight. Before I kick off with events for this week, I would like to start by saying thank you to all of the parents and caregivers who came along to the Brigalow Swimming Carnival last Friday. Your assistance with transporting and supporting students and our school on the day was very much appreciated. A massive thanks to our staff who attended and our amazing students who enjoyed the day and showed great sportsmanship. Congratulations to Coppabella State School Principal Sophia Evans, and PE Teacher Catherine McKinnon, who did a fantastic job at hosting this event. Well done to all the other Brigalow Cluster Schools’ for a great day, special mention must go to Valkyrie State School who picked up several Age Champion awards on the day.

The biggest congratulations and mention must go to our amazing school who also came home with multiple awards. Two individual and two overall Brigalow Carnival Age Champions. We were also awarded the winning trophy for the most number of points, and awarded the winners of the ICPA Community trophy. We certainly have some talent at Nebo State School! I was very proud to see how well our school did, but more importantly to see all students trying their best and demonstrating such great behaviour and sportsmanship.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:
- 5 Years Girls Age Champion: Malia Verran
- 6 Years Boys Age Champion: David Whitehead
- 11 Years Girls Age Champion: Danielle Bryan
- 12 Years Boys Age Champion: Andre Kernohan
- Overall Brigalow Senior Girls Age Champion: Danielle Bryan
- Overall Brigalow Senior Boys Age Champion: Andre Kernohan
- Overall Winning School: All Nebo State School Students who participated 😊
- ICPA Community Trophy: Nebo State School (Swimmers – Steve Drury, who swam the first leg of the race, and totally blitzed the field finishing the first leg by almost half a lap. Laura Amiet and Neil Connolly then took to the water, keeping this distance, and Tarryn Dixon swam the last leg of the race, and didn’t’ even take a breath the whole way).

We finished in 1st place! Well done team Nebo 😊

While I did hear later that we were questioned if we should have had a past student in this relay event. The rule book does state that any community member (parent,
student, past student, town member) can participate. Besides, one would think a 13 year old up against an adult is actually a disadvantage. We did however; have Steve Drury swim the first leg, getting us so far in front. It was overall great to see the majority of parents and community members demonstrating such a positive attitude and great sportsmanship. It always sets a great example for our students!

**Year 6 Graduation**

Year 6 Graduation invitations have been sent home with year 6 students today. The Graduation is being held on the 4th of December at the ‘Bushman’s Bar and Grill’. The Graduation is for our six year six students and their immediate family only. 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. Families attending can also purchase their own meal. Dessert will be supplied by the school. R.S.V.P is this Friday the 27th of November. Please phone the office to inform of numbers of family members attending!

**Christmas Concert – This Friday 27/11/15**

Our end of year Xmas Concert will be held this Friday, the 27th of November at the Nebo Memorial Hall. The Xmas concert will commence at 5.30pm. Students and teachers are collaborating this week with James Fenwick and Ngavaine Tearea who are preparing, and creating performance items.

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. They will also be there on the night to support students and assist in coordinating the evening. This is our one big end of year performing arts night and the students are very excited. It would be great to have as many parents and caregivers and friends of the Nebo State School Community attend.
Costuming – Christmas Concert
The school has purchased some costuming, however students are also required to bring some items from home. If there are any issues with what students are required to bring, could you please contact your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

Here is a copy of what your child requires for the evening:

Please note: students are required to wear their shorts, singlets and canvas shoes to the event bringing with them thongs in a bag.

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Christmas Concert Filming – P & C Fundraiser
This Friday night, we are fortunate enough to have a professional videographer and film editor coming to film our Christmas Concert. Our P & C is organising this event. Capturing this event, will provide some wonderful memories to treasure. If you have family or friends who would love to watch this concert, I am sure this will make a great little Xmas present. A small amount of money from each will go towards raising money for our school.

Attached is an order form for all families to pre-order their video of the evening which will be provided on a USB, and costs $30. All orders are due in by this Wednesday 25/11/15. Payment needs to be made before the end of the year. If for any reason you do not wish for your child to be filmed throughout the Christmas Concert, then you need to contact the Office immediately, so that any necessary arrangements can be made before the evening. No arrangements will be made to cater for this on the evening or after the concert.
Christmas Concert Order of Events

5.30pm: Welcome by the Principal Jennifer Fenwick
5.35pm: Whole School Movie
5.45pm: Opening Song - Whole School (Jingle Bells)
5.50pm: Year 456—Walk on—‘Mop Scene’ & ‘Little Brother’
5.55pm: Pre-Prep Xmas Song (Santa Clause is coming to town)
6.05pm: Prep/Year 1 Class Item—‘Bear Hunt’
6.15pm: Year 2/3 Class Item—Poem—‘Snowball’
6.20pm: Year 456—Walk on—‘Bee Sting’ & ‘Squirrel’
6.25pm: Year 2/3 Class Synchronised Swimming
6.30pm: Year 4/5/6—Song—‘Everything is Awesome’ - Auslan
6.35pm: Prep/1—Frozen Song—‘Let it Go’ (Shania Saremo)
6.40pm: Prep/1— Dance—‘Frozen’ theme
6.45pm: Year 4/5/6—Dance—‘Avengers’ theme
6.50pm: Year 2/3—Dance—‘Minions’ theme
6.55pm: School Leaders Dance—‘MTV Awards’
7.00pm: Whole School Dance - ‘Funktown’
7.10pm: Dance Performance by:
James Fenwick & Ngavaine Tearea
7.15pm: Xmas Jokes—456
7.20pm: Farewell and Thank You

P & C Christmas Hamper Fundraiser
All families will receive one $20 book of Raffle Tickets to sell. If you are unable to sell these tickets, please return them to the school. Tickets are $1.00 each. If you are able to also donate a food, toy, or any other suitable item for our Christmas hamper, your assistance would be much appreciated. The more items we receive, the more hampers that we will be able to make. The raffle will be drawn at our Awards day on the 9th of December, 2015.

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 from 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 respectful student who always includes others in play!

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

Raven Harvey
Felicity Gallaher

SILVER CERTIFICATE recipIENTS

ShaniAH Saremo
Ashley McHugh
Mary-Jo Whirisky
Ezekiel Kliese
Jedidiah Ninness

GOlD CERTIFICATE recipIENTS

Brayden Wyatt
Taylah Quilty
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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**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:
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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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: mlto01@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!