I would like to congratulate all students for the excellent job they have done in settling back into the routines of school. I visited all of our classrooms twice last week and spoke with students and teachers. I must say that the classrooms were buzzing with enthusiasm from both the teachers and students. All students were very enthusiastic about being back at school and about learning; and their behaviour was nothing short of impressive. Thank you to all of our parent/s and carer/s for doing such a wonderful job, to support your children in making the transition back to school. In addition, a very big thank you to our wonderful staff at Nebo State School for all of their efforts for the commencement of the Term. We certainly have very positive and dedicated staff at Nebo State School, who are committed to supporting your children and helping to enhance and improve their learning outcomes.

**Enrolment Information**
Our ‘Day 8’ enrolment collection’ day is this Thursday 5\textsuperscript{th} of February. I will confirm our school numbers, including staffing next week. However; at this stage our numbers are sitting very close to what they were last year, so I do not anticipate there to be too much change to our staffing at this stage. If you do, however know of anybody who is interested in attending our great small school, please encourage them to come to our school to make a time for a chat and to have a look around.

If your child has been enrolled in our school for a while and there are any changes to your family unit that we need to be aware of, could you please update this information as soon as possible. This includes, changes in address, telephone numbers, employment, emergency contacts, medical information, and any court orders, etc. It is vital that we have all information updated, so we can best support you and your child’s needs.

Last week, I communicated the new change to Prep enrolments, I will include this Information again just in case you missed it!

**New Change to Prep Enrolments**
On the 27\textsuperscript{th} November 2014, two changes regarding early entry to Prep came into effect. Firstly, state school principals, rather than their supervisor, will make decisions about early entry to Prep. Secondly, principals may now consider enrolling a child early into Prep who turns five between 1 and 31 July in the year of proposed attendance if the principal is satisfied that the child is ready for education after...
considering the child's attributes. This change provides a one month period of flexible early entry to children who are considered developmentally ready for school. The attributes principals will take into account are: aptitude and ability, social and emotional competence, physical development, and level of knowledge and understanding. Parents are not required to provide any formal assessment conducted by a psychologist or other professional. Any family who thinks that they have a child who may be ready and who would surpass the criteria are encouraged to make contact.

Music
Our Music Teacher, Ms Sue Benson will commence her Music lessons this Tuesday 3rd of February. Ms Benson will take each class for a 45minute Music lesson every fortnight. Ms Benson also works as a Music Specialist at both Dundulla and Northview State School. Ms Benson has over 20years experience in teaching Music and is very passionate about small country schools and is excited to be coming to Nebo. Ms Benson will also be organising some music activities during break times on the day she visits too!

AFL
This Monday, we will have Finlay from AFL Queensland coming to visit our school on Parade. Finlay will be coming to talk to the children about the AFL program that they will run in our school this term. Finlay has said that the program will be offered on a Tuesday. I have requested another day, as we will have music activities offered on a Tuesday and if the children wish to do both, I do not want the events to clash. Finlay will gauge how much interest there will be and if several students want to do both programs, then Finlay will look at organising the AFL program on the opposite week to Music.

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.

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.

P & C
Anybody interested in joining the P & C and fulfilling a P & C executive position can contact the office for an early expression of interest. Our first P & C meeting for the year will be held next Monday the 9th of February in the Arts/Music room, commencing at 2.45pm. All current positions will become vacated and an opportunity arises for a new executive committee to be elected. Of course current members are encouraged to reapply; however new members are more than welcome.

Schools Officer, Grounds Position
Darren Everett has been employed as our school grounds person on a casual basis over the last 12mths. Due to work and family commitments Darren is unable to continue in this role. I would like to thank Darren for all of his efforts and the great job he has done; and say how grateful we are to have had Darren fulfil this role over the last 12 months while trying to juggle his primary employment and family commitments.

The position of School Officer, Grounds, is now available at our school. This is a casual position, consisting of between 3 - 5 hours per week every Term.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please read the position opportunity and role carefully, which is attached to this week’s Newsletter. All applicants must submit their Resume to the Office by no later than Tuesday 10th of February at 4pm. If you have any queries regarding this position please contact the Principal.
**School Sores (Impetigo)**
A report has been made in relation to one of our students having school sores. School Sores can be highly contagious. Students must not attend school until they have been treated with antibiotics for at least 24hrs. Please see the fact sheet from Department of Health on School Sores and other infectious diseases and time out required.

**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 this week is:

**I always wear my hat outside when playing**

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.

### Students of the Week

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Have a fantastic week,

Kind Regards,

Jennifer Fenwick
TuckShop – commences this Tuesday 2/02/15

Tuckshop is held once a week, on a Tuesday and starts tomorrow. Our new Tuckshop Convenor Alyson Cannon has organised a new Tuckshop menu, which shows the healthy schools information regarding foods to eat a lot of, moderately and rarely.

Everything on the menu is available through both breaks except for icecreams, which are only available during the second break. Nutella’s, Cupcakes and drinks are available over the counter for both breaks.

If you can assist at all for a short time on a Tuesday morning, to assist with Tuckshop, it would be much appreciated. For further information about our Tuckshop, please see the attached information with this week’s Newsletter.

Message from Joy Cooper (Nebo ambulance)
‘Welcome to another year of fun with horses’.
On the 7th of February at 12.30pm at the Pony Club grounds Nebo, we are having a BBQ lunch/sign on day without horses due to weather conditions. All are welcome to attend. After the sign on there will be an AGM and then a general meeting. If you would like to place anything on the agenda please forward on to me.

General Meeting Agenda
- Gymkhana in March
- Discussions with council over Artie Bloggs/grounds
- Setting dates for visiting instructors

If you know anyone who may be interested please feel free to pass on.

Cheers,
Jopy Cooper (Nebo Ambulance – 38 Reynolds Street – Ph: 49505400)

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
Schools Officer, Grounds Position – Casual – Nebo State School 2015

This opportunity involves:
• Contributing to the efficient and effective operation and environment of the school by providing a high level of grounds care support to the Principal.
• The primary role of the position of Schools Officer, Grounds is to ensure that the grounds of the school are maintained in a neat, tidy, safe and hygienic manner. The Schools Officer, Grounds also has a role in contributing to the beautification, enhancement of appearance and safety of the school’s grounds.

The role is not limited to, but may include:
• Preparation, marking and general care of all outdoor sporting facilities
• Planting, watering and care of trees, shrubs, gardens.
• Care of lawns and gardens, including regular mowing and the use of appropriate insecticides and fertilisers where necessary (in accordance with occupational, health and safety (OHS) guidelines and procedures)
• Order and/or collect general grounds care supplies and materials as authorised by the Business Services Manager/Principal.
• Ground improvement and enhancement activities.
• Other grounds care duties, consistent with the duties and responsibilities of the position as directed by the Principal.
• Preparation and maintenance of school ovals by way of regular mowing, watering and soil maintenance (with reference to the OHS guidelines and procedures).
• Regular servicing and general maintenance of grounds care equipment i.e. mowers, brushcutters, tractors (as per manufacturers’ service manuals).
• Cleaning - Coordination of removal and/or disposal of rubbish as required.

The successful applicant must:
• Have or be willing to obtain a ‘working with children’ Blue Card. The Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000 requires the preferred applicant to be subject to a working with children check as part of the employment screening process.
• Actively participate in consultation and communication with supervisors and management regarding health, safety and wellbeing issues and comply with all provisions of the relevant workplace health and safety legislation and related health, safety and wellbeing responsibilities and procedures developed by the department.
• Support the strategic direction of the school and the department
• Apply Workplace Health and Safety standards especially on the use, application and storage of petrol, LP gas, insecticides, herbicides, fertilisers and chemicals.
• Develop positive working relationships with team members while also having the capacity to work with limited supervision.
• Display personal drive and integrity
• Have the ability, or the skill to rapidly acquire the ability, to use and maintain grounds care equipment and materials.
• Demonstrate effective interpersonal, written and oral communication skills.

All applicants must submit their Resume to the Office by no later than Tuesday 10th of February at 4pm.
If you have any queries regarding this position please contact the Principal.