FROM THE PRINCIPAL:
I am very pleased to report that the students have continued to settle beautifully into the routines of school. Teachers have been busy establishing routines and expectations and working on pre-assessment tasks with students. This enables solid foundations in identifying key teaching and learning areas; and assists to organise learning goals for students.

Teachers will conduct formal Parent/Teacher Interviews in Term one and three; and formal Report Cards will be issued in terms two and four. If you ever have any concerns about your child, please contact your child’s teacher at the earliest convenience.

Welcome Parent/Carer Information Session
This Wednesday afternoon, commencing at 2.45pm, all parents and carers are welcome to come to the Parade area in our school for a ‘Welcome Information’ session. This is an excellent opportunity to find out what your child will be learning about this year and will provide parents and carers with some information in relation to some key programs and events that our school will be offering. There will also be an opportunity to ask any questions and view the classrooms if you haven’t done so already.

We are asking if all families could please bring a plate of food along to share for Afternoon Tea. Staff look forward to seeing as many people there as possible!

I would like to express my apologies in advance; unfortunately I will not be able to be present on Wednesday afternoon. I will actually be off school this week, due to an injury. Lydia Wade will be in charge in my absence and will read something out on my behalf. I look forward to getting on the mend as soon as possible and returning to school.

Enrolment Information
Our ‘Day 8’ enrolment collection day was last Thursday 5th of February. Our enrolment number of 59 students was entered. Therefore, our staffing allocation should remain pretty much exactly the same as it was last year. If you know of anybody who is interested in attending our great small school, please encourage them to come and make a time for a chat and to have a look around. Just a reminder, that if your child has been enrolled in our school for a while and there are 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.

**BOOSTER Writing and Numeracy**

This week, our year four students commence their first official Booster Writing and Numeracy online lesson. The Booster Impact Project is a targeted intervention strategy aimed at the current year 4’s in Term 1 (our Upper two and Middle two Bands - year 3 students from last year’s NAPLAN). The project is delivered online in partnership with our school and the Brisbane School of Distance Education’s IMPACT Projects Team. Brisbane School of Distance Education (BSDE) offers a range of online extension opportunities and our school has joined with them to offer the Booster – Writing Project in 2015 and the Booster Numeracy Project in 2015. The Booster – Writing Project is an extension program. It is offered to students who are already good at writing. It aims to help them go “from good to great” and should sharpen up their writing skills and develop a greater sense of confidence and achievement in writing. The Booster Numeracy is also designed to improve the numeracy of students already good at Maths and assist them to become better problem solvers. The Booster – Writing and Numeracy Project also provides a great opportunity for students to experience online learning. It includes the chance to connect and collaborate with students from other state schools in Queensland. The project is delivered over 12 school weeks from February to May 2015. Our school is funding this project as part of our ‘Great Results Guarantee funding’. Students attend one web conference per week. Each web conference goes for approximately 60–70 minutes and is delivered by an online teacher from BSDE with support from staff at our school. I am our school co-ordinator for this project and I will be supported throughout this project by Miss Kassy.

**Music**

Last week, students enjoyed their first Music Specialist Lesson with Miss Benson. I must say that several students reported it was their highlight of the day, even their week. It was wonderful to see the smiles on their faces and to hear the piping of recorders filtering across the school grounds last Tuesday afternoon. Sue Benson will continue to come on a fortnightly basis and teach Music. Sue will also be conducting a Choir during lunch time on this day, for any student in years two to six who would like to join. Sue will also be conducting a band for years 4-6 in the afternoon session. I can’t wait to see the students be part of these exciting lunchtime activities, which will enhance their music repertoire.

**AFL**

This Tuesday 10\textsuperscript{th} February, AFL will commence at lunch time. Finlay from AFL Queensland came to parade last Monday and spoke to the children and handed out forms. If you wish for your child to participate forms and money need to be returned as soon as possible. To avoid any clashes between Music and AFL lunchtime activities, AFL will occur on the opposite week to Music.

**Mathletics and Reading Eggs**

Last year, we were fortunate enough to have been successful for sponsorship support from Rio Tinto, which went towards a two year subscription for Mathletics and Reading Eggs. Both, Mathletics and Reading Eggs, are excellent interactive and engaging online programs that are differentiated according to student’s ability. These programs can be used at both home and school and are an excellent way to ensure students are practising their reading and number facts.

A rollover process was required to move students into their new classes, and add any new students and teachers. This rollover process is now complete and all students should now be able to access these programs at both either home or school. Students receive a Username and Password to log into these programs. There is a separate Username and Log in for each program. Students will bring home their log in details for these programs this week. Teachers will provide any necessary information for any student or family who has never used these programs and who requires any extra information.
**Coppabella State School**

This Thursday 12th of February, Coppabella State School will have their water supply services interrupted at their school. The staff and students from Coppabella State School were asked to make alternative arrangements for this day. Therefore, the new principal – Sophia Evans’, and her staff and students will be joining us at school this Thursday. Coppabella staff and students will use, either or both, the Arts/Music room and/or the room at the end of the Prep/1 building for the day. We look forward to having Coppabella State School come and join with us for the day. We are hoping to organise a collaborative game or activity for the students at lunchtime.

**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. Today we had a visit from our local relieving Police Officer ‘Corey’. Corey spoke to the students about the importance of staying safe around roads and staying safe when walking or riding to and from school. If you could reinforce the importance of staying safe around the school and roads, it would be much appreciated.

**Congratulations**

I would just like to inform you, and send massive congratulations to our lovely previous Principal - Fiona Connor. Fiona was successful in obtaining a promotional position as a ‘Small School’s Capability Support Officer’. So, in a nutshell, Fiona provides support to Principal’s. Fiona will be conducting this role in the Central Queensland Region, but in a different shire to us. Our ‘Small School’s Capability Support Officer’ is Phil Wilson, who came and visited us last Thursday. Principal’s highly value this support, as it assists Principal’s to action key responsibilities that are delivered from the Director General to the Regional Director and Assistant Regional Director and through to school Principal’s. I know what fantastic support Fiona was to me in my transition to Nebo State School, so I know how fortunate other school Principal’s will be to have her support. I wish Fiona every success in her new role!

**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**

Please note the P & C AGM meeting has now been postponed until Wednesday 18th of February. Apologies for any inconvenience this has caused. Anybody interested in joining the P & C and fulfilling a P & C executive position can contact the office for an early expression of interest. The P & C meeting is held in the Arts/Music room at 2.45pm.

**Schools Officer, Grounds Position**

The School Officer, Grounds Position was advertised last week in our school 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.

**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 wash my hands with soap before I eat, and after I go to the toilet

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.

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Have a fantastic week!

Kind Regards,

Jennifer Fenwick
(Principal)

TuckShop – every Tuesday
Special thanks to our new Tuckshop Convenor Alyson Cannon and the excellent job she has done in organising our revamped Tuckshop menu, which also shows the healthy schools information regarding foods to eat plenty of, moderately and rarely.
Here is a message from Alyson regarding some Tuckshop Information:

Tuesday 10th Feb: Alyson & Steph
Tuesday 17th Feb: Alyson & Rod with help from either Louise or Steph
Tuesday 24th Feb: Alyson & Rod with help from either Louise or Steph

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

Tuckshop times will be 8:10am till 1:30pm or if you are able to just do from 8:10 until 11:30am this would also be a help to us. Dates to fill for Term 1 will be Tuesday 3rd, 10th and 31st of March:

THANKS
Alyson

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.