**FROM THE PRINCIPAL:**
Welcome to week five of the school year. It seems hard to believe that as we come to the end of this week, we will be half way through term one. Teachers have been very busy over the last five weeks assessing students to identify their strengths and weaknesses, to enable them to be able to identify key areas for teaching and learning; and to assist them to organise learning goals for students. By the end of this week, students will receive their learning goals from their teachers and these will be shared with you at home.

Weekly Reports are continuing to be sent home by teachers. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who have been signing these and returning these each week. This is a fantastic way to keep you informed of the key concepts that your child is learning about each week and to keep you informed about your child’s effort and behaviour.

**Staffing**
Our staffing for 2015 has been confirmed. We will be welcoming a new teacher to our staff – Miss Kerri-Anne Dowland. Kerri-Anne will be working each Thursday over the next ten weeks. Kerri-Anne has been employed under our Great Results Guarantee funding. Kerri-Anne will be providing some intensive teaching support to our year 3 and 5 students. Kerri-Anne will also work with some other students individually across the school. Kerri-Anne also works part time at Slade Point State School.

The rest of our staffing remains unchanged:

**Principal:** Jennifer Fenwick, with Lydia Wade as Acting Principal when Jennifer is absent

**Administrative Officer** – Sue Rapmund (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday am)

**Cleaner:** Nga Brumm

**Grounds Officer:** TBC

**Prep/1: Teacher** – Cherie Jones and Teacher-Aide – Lorraine Connolly

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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:**

**FEBRUARY**
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Swimming commences
- 26<sup>th</sup>–27<sup>th</sup> – Jennifer at compulsory Principal’s Conference
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Clean-Up Australia School’s Day
- 26<sup>th</sup> – ARD Brendan Smith visiting

**MARCH**
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Ride2school day
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Harmony day & National Day of action against Bullying and Violence day’
- 26<sup>th</sup> – ARD Brendan Smith visiting
2/3: Teacher – Lydia Wade and Teacher-Aides – Jodie Clarence and Kate Woodhouse


Swimming support Teacher-Aide: Kerry Cook

Learning Support Co-ordinator: Jennifer Fenwick. Head of Special Education Services – Suzannah Nicholls (based at Moranbah) Learning Support Teacher Aide: Kate Woodhouse. (Note: Kate is currently overseas supporting her fiancé in an international bull riding competition). We wish Sam, Kate’s fiancé the very best of luck. Speech Language Pathologist – Haley Moran – based at Beaconsfield.

School Leadership Positions
Last year, we had extra leadership positions at our school, due to having a double cohort of children completing their last year of primary school.

This year our school leadership positions will be as follows:

- Two School Captains
- Two Sports Captains – (one for each sporting house
- Two Student Council Leader positions.

The School and Sports captain positions will come from the year six cohort only; and the Student council positions, can come from either year five or year six.

Applications for these positions will go home tomorrow and are due in by Monday the 2nd of March. Students will then need to prepare their speeches in preparation for them to be delivered the following week. My apologies that this process is slightly behind where I would have hoped it to originally be, as besides being off work with an injury (mind you I am still working from home), I really wanted our year six students to experience the GRIP leadership conference, (which they went to last week), to ultimately enable them to develop further knowledge and understanding of what it means to be a good leader.

Swimming
Swimming commences this week with Miss Amiet, who is an accredited Aus Swim coach. Teacher-Aides are also assisting, and if there are any parent helpers, who are able to assist with swimming, particularly with the younger grades, please see Miss Amiet as soon as possible. Permission and medical forms must be returned to enable your child to be able to attend swimming. If there are any changes to your child’s medical situation, please inform your child’s teacher or Miss Amiet as soon as possible.

Classes are swimming on the following days and times:

Prep 1 class will be swimming Tuesday morning 9:30 – 10:30
2/3 class will be swimming Tuesday afternoon 1:15 – 2:15
4/5/6 class will be swimming Wednesday afternoon 1:15 – 2:15

Please ensure your child has all of their swimming gear ready to go.

Clean-Up Australia Schools Day
This Friday the 27th of February is clean-Up Australia Schools Day. Mrs Wade will be co-ordinating some time on Friday for the students to help our school environment and do some extra tidying up. Mrs Wade will ensure that the students are given gloves to use when picking up rubbish and that students are not entering any areas where it is overgrown. Just to let you know also, that besides a new grounds officer ready to be appointed, I have been negotiating with the department to enable someone to come in and do a major one off clean-up of our school grounds. Hopefully this will occur as soon as possible.
Isaac Council Library and Competition
This week all classes at our school will be visiting the Isaac Council Library. Last year, some of our students and their families joined the Isaac Library. If you are a new family to our school, it is an Isaac Council requirement that a form be filled in by parents and caregivers to join the library, as the library does not borrow books out to children under 13 years of age without parent/caregiver permission.

We have some spare forms in our Office and the Isaac Council also has forms. It is also a requirement that photo identification is shown. If you are interested in joining the Library and are unable to get there, you can photocopy your Licence or Photo I.D and attach with the form for your child to return. Please do not send your original identification with children. There is no obligation to join or borrow a book; however it is free, and an excellent opportunity for your child to access some fantastic books and resources.

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
Please note the P & C AGM meeting has been postponed until further notice. This is because we are waiting on statements from the auditor; and I have been informed we need to have received these statements before the AGM meeting can be held. 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.

School Officer, Grounds Position
The School Officer, Grounds Position has now closed. All applications will be considered by the Principal and applicants will be informed of the outcome.

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 put my rubbish in the bin and keep our school and the environment clean

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.

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.
### Students of the Week

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Have a fantastic week!

*Kind Regards,*

_Jennifer Fenwick_

(Principal)

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**TuckShop — Every Tuesday**

Here is a message from Alyson regarding some Tuckshop Information:

Hi all,

Just a reminder to all parents to please look at the _white_ tuckshop price list as there has been a price increase on some items and we are still getting people paying on the _green_ tuckshop price list. We have given the 2 weeks but will now be asking that the new prices are paid. All days for this term have now been filled. Thank you to all those who have helped so far. A big thanks to Steph and Louise for helping me to find my feet this term.

- **Tuesday 24th Feb**  Alyson & Rod with help from Louise
- **Tuesday 3rd Mar**   Alyson, Dina McKay & Vicki Soremo
- **Tuesday 10th Mar**  Alyson & Tui Graham
- **Tuesday 17th Mar**  Alyson & Rod
- **Tuesday 24th Mar**  Alyson & Rod
- **Tuesday 31st Mar**  Alyson & Louise

**THANKS**

Alyson
Valkyrie State School Easter Concert

Valkyrie State School are holding an Easter themed Disco Concert at their school on Friday the 27th of March. Nebo State School students are invited. The cost of entering the disco is $6.00. For any enquiries please contact Valkyrie State School. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Looking For Volunteer Host Families

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2015. Our students from Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Italy, and the Netherlands are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon. Please see the attached flyer.

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