FROM THE PRINCIPAL:
Welcome to week six. First of all, although beyond my control, I would just like to apologise that I have not yet been able to return to Nebo as I had hoped. I am hoping to receive a clearance from the doctor as soon as possible, so that I am able to return. I have of course, with permission, been working from home to ensure that I am delivering key messages and supporting staff and our school the very best I can. Of course, Lydia Wade is highly capable in overseeing the school and she has been doing a fantastic job. I am truly grateful for all of her support. Lydia and I have consistently been communicating and I am sure you would agree that everything is continuing to be run efficiently.

Great Results Guarantee
Last week, I submitted our ‘Great Results Guarantee’ agreement, which needs to be approved and endorsed by the Director General of Education. All schools must complete an agreement that commits them to guarantee that every student will either:
• achieve the National Minimum Standard for literacy and numeracy for their year level
• or have an evidence-based plan, developed by the school, in place to address their specific learning difficulties.

The agreement must outline how each school will use the additional funding to improve student performance and schools have the flexibility and autonomy to decide how the funding should be spent. State schools enter into an agreement with the Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE), while Independent Public Schools establish an agreement with the School Council. Agreements are published on school websites so that parents and other members of the community can see how this funding is being used. Student performance is measured throughout the year and schools are required to demonstrate how the extra funding is helping to maximise learning outcomes for all students.

Our school was allocated $18, 500 under this year’s Great Results Guarantee funding. As discussed with the P & C last year, with the allocation of this funding for 2015, this money would be used to continue to support the strategic direction of the school and to help to drive the school’s explicit improvement agenda. The ultimate goal being to support students and improve literacy and numeracy outcomes. Once this document has been endorsed, it will be uploaded on to our school website. Please find attached with this week’s school Newsletter, some further information about the Great Results Guarantee.
**Staff Professional Development**

This week, we have several staff attending professional development. Today, Monday the 2\textsuperscript{nd} of March, we have Cherie Jones, who has attended some professional development in Mackay to develop further knowledge and information of Central Queensland teacher expectations and priorities. On Thursday the 5\textsuperscript{th} of March, we will have Cherie Jones, Lydia Wade and our new intervention teacher Kerri-Anne Howland, attending ‘7 Steps for Writing Success’ professional development in Mackay. Miss Amiet previously completed this professional development last year, so she will be remaining at school on Thursday. Miss Amiet will contact Mrs Wade or me, for any advice or issues that may arise at school on Thursday.

This writing professional development is extremely popular and equips teachers with excellent knowledge and understanding around helping children improve their writing. Attending professional development provides excellent opportunities to enhance knowledge and skills and is a Departmental expectation. All teachers who are absent for professional development this week, will have planned work for their classes which relieving teachers will administer.

**Schools Officer, Grounds Position**

Thank you to those who applied for the position of Schools Grounds Officer. We only had a small number of applicants apply, but appreciate those who submitted their Curriculum Vitae. I would like to announce and congratulate that Kerry Cook has been awarded this casual position for 2015. Kerry is already a staff member at our school, in the position of our swimming support teacher-aide, and her role will now extend to the Grounds Officer position. Kerry will commence this position next week, due to SES commitments in assisting the Rockhampton community with cleaning up the aftermath of Cyclone Marcia. Kerry therefore, will be absent from swimming this week too. Special thanks also, to the large number of parents who have supported our school with swimming. We hope to see many of you there again this week, and we look forward to Kerry returning next week and can’t wait to see the positive impact she will make to enhance our school grounds.

**School Maintenance**

Speaking of school grounds, I was so happy to see the improvement of the area at the front entrance of the school and between the school and the Principal’s house. When Mrs Wade sent the photos through, I couldn’t believe the difference. I have been in negotiation with the department regarding the removal of the pavers from this area and I must say it looks so much better. If you haven’t had a chance to get into the school in the last week, here is a snapshot of the work that has been done!

![Snapshot of work done](image)

We have a lot more work scheduled to be coming up in and around our school over the next couple of months, so watch this space. Some exciting school maintenance improvements are coming our way 😊
Leadership Positions
Applications for student school leadership positions were due today. If your child was applying and their form was left at home today, they may bring in their form by tomorrow at the very latest. Students need to prepare their speeches for parade, with a date and time to be confirmed for the delivery of these speeches one day next week.

School Sponsorship
A couple of weeks ago, I applied for a school grant/sponsorship with ‘civeo’ (nee the Mac Group), to go towards our school’s ICT’s. I was very excited to receive an email last week informing me, that this application had been successful. Our school will receive a bonus $5000, thanks to ‘civeo’. I would like to thank ‘civeo’ for their support. Last year, ‘civeo’ also assisted our school with ICT support with a sponsorship of $5000 too. Last year’s money was used to go towards the upgrade our school server, which cost approximately $7000. This was an unexpected breakdown. At this stage, the money that we will receive from ‘civeo’, will be used to go towards the purchase of a portable interactive smartboard. This will assist with professional development activities and the flexibility of using a whiteboard in areas where we are currently unable to access one.

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.

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 play safe on the gym equipment and in the playground

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.
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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,

I would like to make mention of the wonderful manners that we have been hearing from the students collecting their tuckshop orders. So thank you to you all. All dates for tuckshop this term have now been filled. Thank you to all of the helpers for your hard work.

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**THANKS**

Alyson
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.

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St Brendan’s College Year 7 2016 Discovery Day

St Brendan’s College invites all Year 6 boys to come and experience a day in the life of a Year 7 Student

Where: St Brendan’s College

When: Year 7 2016 Discovery Day

will be held on

Wednesday 18th March 2015

9.00am to 2.30pm

For more information please contact

Kylie Hedges on 49 399 485

Email: hedgesk@sbc.qld.edu.au

R.S.V.P: 11th March 2015

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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