FROM THE PRINCIPAL:
Welcome to week seven. I trust all of our students and families are well and are comfortably settled into school routines. Teachers have reported that all students have been highly engaged in the teaching and learning process and that students are making steady progress towards improving learning outcomes. This week we have some important events occurring at school.

Student Leadership Positions
Firstly, students who applied for a school leadership position, will present their speeches this Thursday morning at 8.45am in the Prep/Year 1 room. Any parents and carers of students vying for a leadership position are welcome to attend. Lydia Darr will be facilitating this event and I will be phoning in via teleconference to listen to the students deliver their speeches. I would like to wish all students trying to obtain a school leadership position the very best of luck. Once students have completed their speeches, a private ballot will occur, where students in year’s two through to six, and staff will vote. Student votes will then be counted in the presence of a representative from either the P & C or a school community representative nominated by our current P & C. The announcement of our two new School Captains, two Sports Captains, and two Student Council representatives, will then occur later next week.

National Ride 2 School Day
The Isaac Regional Council in conjunction with Pacific National, are hosting a ‘National Ride 2 School Day’ competition for 2015. Students are encouraged to submit entries for a Poster Competition. Students must include this message in the entry: ‘Always wear your helmet when riding, scooting or skating’, and entries must be the students own work. Students have the opportunity to win a bike and helmet package kindly donated by Pacific National. Entries are due in on Friday 13th of March, 2015. The lucky winner will then be announced on a parade, with a date to be confirmed. The winner will be presented with their bike by Charley Jones-Prizeman (Place Officer (Nebo/Glenden; Isaac Council Corporate Development); and Andrew Geddes (Pacific National Operations Superintendent Nebo Train crew depot).

Children are also being encouraged to ride to school this day. Of course, it is all about safety, so it would be expected that any child riding to school would be wearing a helmet. If you live a long way from the school and are concerned that it may not be safe for your child to ride that far, perhaps you could drive your child.
part of the way, and drop them off in a safe spot not too far from the school.

To help celebrate and promote this day, we will be also hosting a healthy breakfast for students on Friday morning, commencing at approximately 8.00am. Special thanks to the P & C for organising this breakfast! We will then follow with a special parade, where Joy Cooper from the Nebo Ambulance, and Constable Martin Benson will deliver some safety messages to students. Students will then be able to participate in some safety activities, in which Miss Laura Amiet in conjunction with Alex McPhee (our local SES controller), will also be organising a bicycle safe ride activity for students in our school grounds.

I am sure this will be an enjoyable day for students, where they will not only have fun, but they will receive some very important safety messages.

**Author Visit**

Next Monday the 16th of March, our school will be receiving an author visit from Queensland Author and Publisher Mark Svensden. Mark initially grew up in central Queensland and has a vast array of qualifications, including being awarded a Master of Creative Writing at the Queensland University of Technology. Mark has always been involved in writing. He writes poetry for children and adults, young adult novels, novels for younger readers and picture books. He has also written libretti (for Elena Kats-Chernin’s two Rockhampton Symphonies) and plays, Right Where I Belong, and an adult novel titled, Tears of Glass. He also writes reviews for the Courier Mail newspaper and teaches creative writing to children around Australia. We are very fortunate to receive a visit from Mark next Monday, where he will share his passion of reading and writing and encourage and immerse students in some creative writing.

**National Close the Gap Day, Harmony Day and National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence**

‘National Close the Gap Day’ is on Thursday the 19th of March. ‘National Close the Gap day’ has been central in getting Australian governments to prioritise Indigenous health over the last few years. This in turn has led to declines in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander infant and child mortality.

Harmony Day (21 March) celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Friday the 20th of March, is officially ‘National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence’. This annual day provides a focus for all schools to say ‘No Way to Bullying’, and to strengthen their existing everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time.

Next Friday, the 20th of March, our school will acknowledge these three important days. Our school students are encouraged to wear orange on this day. Students will be involved in a variety of rotational activities that promote inclusiveness, cultural diversity, tolerance and respect.

**Cybersafety Workshops**

To support ‘National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence’ and this national initiative, the Queensland Department of Education and Training (DET) will host a series of interactive online Cybersafety workshops for parents, teachers and students titled "Mind your step". Brett Lee, creator of Internet Education and Safety Services (INESS) and DET’s Cybersafety team will facilitate six online workshops from 10 – 20 March 2015. Staff, students, and parents are encouraged to join in.

Here is the link for the workshop information and registration for any parents who may be interested in joining in on these web conferences:

Isaac Council Library

Students will be visiting the Isaac Council Library this Wednesday morning. If your child has a book to return, could you please assist to remind your child to bring it on Wednesday. If your child is yet to borrow a book and they would like to, don’t forget to collect a form from either the school office or the Isaac Council. Visits to the Isaac Council are scheduled fortnightly. **Special thanks to Megan Christensen for supporting our school to attend.**

The Isaac Council Library is also hosting a Teddy Bear’s Picnic this Tuesday the 10th March. There are two sessions.  
Session 1: 8.30 a.m.  
Session 2: 10.30 a.m.

If you would like to take your toddler along to enjoy this event, I am sure it will be a great morning had by all. Don't forget to bring your Teddy!

Pavers

If you are interested in obtaining any pavers, our school has some pavers which we are happy to give away for a small donation. These are the pavers that were ripped up from the front school entrance and are currently sitting around the big shed on the oval. If you are interested in obtaining these pavers, please contact the Office as soon as possible. Nobody is to touch or collect the pavers without prior approval. Pavers will be given away on a first in, first served basis and you will need to make an arrangement to load and collect them yourself.

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

The P & C have now received the official financial statements back from the Auditor. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for Monday 16th of March, 2015. If you are interested in fulfilling a P & C executive position, please come along to this meeting, which will be 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 wear my helmet when riding, scooting or skating

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 and as it is extremely hot at the moment, please encourage your child to drink lots of water and stay hydrated.
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)

**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.

Tuesday 10th Mar  Alyson & Tui Graham  
Tuesday 17th Mar  Alyson & Rod  
Tuesday 24th Mar  Alyson & Rod  
Tuesday 31st Mar  Alyson & Louise

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.

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Thank you to civeo (nee The MAC) for their Sponsorship support with ICT