FROM THE PRINCIPAL:
Welcome to week nine of the school year. I would like to say how great it is to be back, and to see all of the staff and students and their smiling faces. A big thanks, once again to Mrs Wade for the exceptional job she did filling in for me and for the excellent communication and updates that she provided me with. A big thanks also to all the staff for the excellent job they always do in working as a team, and for always being supportive and go the extra mile when needed. Thank you parents and carers, for your patience and understanding. Rest assured, due to the excellent communication amongst our staffing team; and the fact that I was also still supporting staff in running the school from home, means I can come back knowing exactly where we have been and exactly where we are heading.

School Leaders
Congratulations once again to all of our year 5 and 6 students who applied for a leadership position. They all did a fantastic job at delivering their leadership speeches and more importantly, an excellent job at offering to make such proactive contributions towards our school, in continuing to be good role models. All votes were tallied and recorded in the presence of Lydia Wade, Jodie Clarence, and our community representative, Louise Kliese.

I must say that this year’s voting was extremely close, including a tie; and therefore a decision has been made to award an extra school captain and student council position for 2015. This ultimately means also, that nobody will miss out on the opportunity in leading our school! As the well-known idiom says ‘many hands make light work.’

Congratulations to the following students:

2015 School Captains:
Danielle Bryan, Andre Kernohan and Phoebe O’hanlon

2015 Sports Captains:
Chloe Simmonds (Denison) and Tanatswa Zvirikuzhe (Cooper)

2015 Student Council Leaders who will join our leadership team above:
Emma-Lee Bryan, Letysha Goode and Bayden Lloyd

We will have a special ceremony to acknowledge our 2015 school leaders and present them with their badges as soon as possible!
National Close the Gap Day, Harmony Day and National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence
Last Friday our school acknowledged ‘National Close the Gap Day’; Harmony Day; and ‘National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence’

Students wore orange, the colour of peace and harmony and started the day off singing a range of cultural songs on Parade. Each class sang, followed by representatives from our school choir. All students then participated in a range of rotational activities involving cultural music and dance, Arts and Crafts and sporting games with a cultural flavour. All students were very well behaved and demonstrated the core values of inclusivity, tolerance and respect. Congratulations to everyone in our school who participated and assisted to make this day a success. Special thanks to Miss Amiet for organising the ‘Getting along shirts’.

Here are a couple of photos from the day:

Students get ready for team building activities with Miss Amiet
Reuben Kliese and Blake Everett in their Getting along Shirt

Assistant Regional Director Visit
This Thursday afternoon, our school will receive a visit from our new assistant Regional Director, Brendan Smith. Brendan will be coming to have a look around our school and have a chat with myself to discuss the strategic direction of our school. I look forward to sharing the wonderful things that our school has been doing and is continuing to do to improve the learning outcomes of students.

Take the Lead Aspiring Leaders Visit
This Thursday, our school will host four aspiring leaders from the ‘Take the Lead’ aspiring leaders program. The ‘Take the Lead’ program is the same program I was selected for and completed a couple of years ago. The ‘Take the Lead’ program is a highly regarded program run by the Department of Education and Training. This program initiative aims to identify and select high performing teachers and leaders and train them to become future Principals, primarily in remote and rural settings. We will have four aspiring leaders this Thursday who will visit and tour our school, classes, and have a chat with teachers and myself. We welcome, Andrew Orr, Janna Hyrapetian, Sarah Warner, and Cara Viel to Nebo State School. I am sure they will find this experience as rewarding as I did.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Parent/Teacher Interviews will be conducted next Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st of March. This is an excellent opportunity for you to come and meet with your child’s teacher and discuss the progress they have made throughout Term one. Parent/Teacher Interview Forms have been sent home. Interview times are scheduled for 15 minutes each. Please indicate your preferred day and time. Teachers will endeavour to give you your first preference where they can.
**Spelling Bee**

Our school will be conducting a Spelling Bee competition for Prep to Year 6. Students will be given their list of words by the end of this week. Students will then have the last week of school, the holidays and a day or two in week Two, Term 2 to learn their Spelling. Students will sit their Spelling Bee Tests on the 23rd or the 24th of April, depending on year level. Students in each year level will be awarded with a Participation Certificate. Prizes and Certificates will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each year level. An encouragement award will also be awarded to a student in each year level. This student may not necessarily be the best speller, but someone who tries really hard in demonstrating a great effort with improvement in Spelling. If there is a tie, there will be a Spelling Bee play off, using a number of words that will not be revealed to students. Students will have the following number of Spelling Words and Prizes awarded:

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**NAPLAN - Upper Two Bands extension program –**

Our year four students have absolutely loved the extension program that they have been involved in this Term. As part of our ‘Great Results Guarantee’ funding, our school has paid for students in year four to be part of an extension program in Writing and Numeracy in conjunction with the Brisbane School of Distance Education. This program was designed for students who were already good at writing and numeracy. The year four students produced excellent results in NAPLAN in 2014 and this targeted initiative is a way of keeping those students engaged and extending their knowledge and understanding in these areas. The students complete an hour lesson in Writing and Numeracy with an online teacher and with support from staff at our school. I would like to extend a special thanks to Kassy Hyde and Kate Woodhouse who have filled in supporting these students, in my absence. Reports have it, that the students have been highly engaged in this program and have been continuing to produce great results in these areas. I plan to continue engaging students in offered programs throughout the year and ensuring the school funds this program under the Great Results Guarantee Funding.

![Image](image1.png)

*Ryder Baguley, Halayna O’Connor and Georgia Wyatt enjoying their extension program via Web Conference*
**Funky Beats Music**
If you are wanting your child to participate in the ‘Funky Beats’, music program to be taught Guitar or Ukulele lessons, then your form needs to be returned by this week at the very latest. Expression of interest forms were sent home last week. If you have misplaced the form, please contact the Office. Just a reminder that, there is no obligation to take part in this program and that this program is at a cost to parents and carers.

**P & C**
Due to no positions being filled last week, our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for today, Monday 23rd of March, 2015. If you are interested in fulfilling a P & C executive position, please come along to this meeting. It 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 am a good friend and include others in play and I am a good friend others want to include

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.

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**Students of the Week**

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**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.
**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.

**Have a fantastic week!**
*Kind Regards,*

*Jennifer Fenwick*
*(Principal)*

**TuckShop – every Tuesday – thank you alyson for doing a Fantastic Job!**

**Tuesday 24th March**  Alyson & Rod

**Tuesday 31st March**  Alyson & Louise

**Here is a message from Alyson regarding some Tuckshop Information:**
I would like to advise of the dates available for term 2. If anyone wants to help in term 2, then please feel free to come and see me on Tuesday in the Tuckshop. I will be in need of one person for each of the dates available.

**Term 2 Dates**

**Tuesday 21st April**  Alyson & Rod

**Tuesday 28th April**  Alyson & Rod

**Tuesday 5th May**  Alyson & Rod

**Tuesday 12th May**  Alyson & Rod

**Tuesday 19th May**  Alyson & Rod

**Tuesday 26th May**  Alyson & Rod

**Tuesday 2nd June**  Alyson & Rod

**Tuesday 9th June**  Alyson & Rod

**Tuesday 16th June**  Alyson & Rod

**Tuesday 23rd June**

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

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