FROM THE PRINCIPAL:
Welcome back everyone. Hope you all managed to have a rest over the autumn break and are ready for a busy term ahead.

First of all, I would like to extend a vote of thanks in reference to a couple of events held during the last week of last term. A very big thank you to all of the parents and caregivers who attended parent/teacher interviews to discuss the progress their child has made throughout term one. Communication is a two-way process and working together with our families to support students is always a school priority. If you were unable to make a parent/teacher interview this time round, hopefully you always feel informed about your child’s progress with the weekly reports that are sent home each week.

If your child is in prep or year one, Miss Cherie Jones was scheduled to conduct her Parent/Teacher Interviews this Wednesday and Thursday. Unfortunately, Miss Jones has had to postpone her Parent/Teacher Interviews until next Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th April. If you had a time booked for Wednesday or Thursday this week, your interview will be the same time next week. If there are any issues with this, please contact Miss Jones to reschedule an alternative time.

Special thanks to all the families who came along to our Easter Parade. Apologies that our music teacher, Ms Sue Benson was unable to be present. We look forward to organising a special parade this term, where the students can showcase what they have been learning in Music with Ms Benson. Our Easter Parade however; did showcase the wonderful hats that the children made. Special thanks to Charley Jones-Prizeman (Isaac Council Community Place Officer Nebo/Glenden), for giving up her time to come and judge our Easter hat competition at our Easter Parade. The students all did a sensational job on their hats and one boy and girl from each class was awarded a prize.

Congratulations to:
Prep/Year 1: Ashley McHugh and Payton Graham

Year 2/3/4: Hope Ware and Shane Kernohan

Year 5/6/7: Chloe Simmonds and Tanatswa Zvirikuzhe
Thank you to our P & C for organising the P & C raffle, in which ---was raised for the school.

Congratulations to our Easter raffle winners:

Mad Sal
Nanna Lloyd
Charli Lloyd
Glenn (Pacific National)
Buffie
Dusty Graham

And last, but by no means the very least, special thanks to James Fenwick for coming and teaching some Hip Hop Dance workshops to the students, who absolutely loved it. Our whole school dance is well and truly underway and we look forward to performing it throughout the year and at our end of year Christmas Concert.
ANZAC Day
This Saturday the 25th of April, we mark a century of service and sacrifice, encompassing all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations in which Australia and New Zealand have been involved. The centenary will be the most significant period of commemoration in our nation’s history.

On 25th of April this year, Australians will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the landing of Australian and New Zealand troops on the Gallipoli peninsula in 1915. In this significant year, we as a whole school and community, will come together to commemorate and honour the service of all Australian Defence force personnel.

Please find attached with this week’s Newsletter a special memento for each family that our school has purchased. Each family has a pack of ‘Flanders Red’ Poppy seeds to commemorate the Gallipoli 100th anniversary. Also attached is a flyer regarding the Nebo ANZAC Day program for Saturday 25th April. It would be great if we could have as many students as possible meeting at school, in full school uniform to commence marching towards the Nebo Memorial Hall for the ANZAC. If students could please be at school by no later than 10am, so we can organise them for their marching.

Spelling Bee
Our Spelling Bee competitions will be conducted this week, on the 23rd and 24th of April. Good luck to all students participating. Winners will be announced next week and prizes will be awarded the following week. All competition winners in Prep to year 4 will need a parent/carer to accept and sign for the prize money on their behalf. Students in year’s 5-6 will accept and sign for their own prize money. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please contact the office as soon as possible.

School Cross Country
This Friday the 24th of April, our school will be holding our annual Cross Country. All students need to be at the Nebo Showgrounds by 8.30am. Students may wear their sporting house colours. Miss Amiet will send home a letter with further details about this event.

NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program of Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be from 12-14th May. This year, once again the writing genre has not been revealed, but will either be a Narrative or a Persuasive. All students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to sit the NAPLAN tests. However, there are some instances where students may be exempted from one or more of the NAPLAN tests or marked absent (for the purpose of the tests) or withdrawn from the tests. The National Protocols for Test Administration provide the framework for understanding student participation.

Here is some information taken directly from the NAPLAN website:
Exemptions
Exemptions may be granted for students with a language background other than English or for students with a disability. In both cases, schools need to discuss the proposed exemption with the student’s parent/carer and gain their permission prior to the testing period.
Students with disability
Adjustments are provided to students with disability to support access to the tests and encourage maximum participation. Students with significant intellectual disability and/or those with significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests may be exempted from sitting the national tests. This is determined after consultation has occurred between the principal and the relevant parent/carer, and if it is decided the student is not able to access the tests with adjustments.
Withdrawals
NAPLAN tests are a routine part of the school calendar. However students may be withdrawn from the testing program by their parent/carer if there are religious beliefs or philosophical objections to testing. This is a matter for consideration by individual parents/carers in consultation with their child’s school. A
formal application in the manner specified by the relevant Test Administration Authority (TAA) must be received by the principal prior to the testing.

Absences

Students are considered absent for test purposes in the following instances:
• they did not sit the tests because they were not present at school when the test was administered;
• they were unable to sit the test as a result of an accident or mishap; or
• they were at school but were too ill to participate.

Principals are encouraged to enable the participation of students who were absent on the day of the test but who return to school within the week scheduled for NAPLAN testing.

It would be great to see maximum participation of students doing NAPLAN in 2015, however if your child has a significant intellectual disability that would affect their capacity to complete the NAPLAN tests, please contact your child’s teacher or the Principal as soon as possible. A form must be completed by the child’s parent/carer for exemption and/or withdrawal procedures.

Funky Beats Music

Funky Beats Music Guitar and/or Ukulele lessons will commence this week. While there is no obligation to take part in this program, sounds like it is a great program to be involved with. Lessons will be conducted once a week during school time, at this stage on a Wednesday! If you would like to have your child involved, please contact the Office to obtain a form for your child to participate.

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 respectful, responsible, and safe Nebo State School student

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.

P & C

Our next P & C meeting will be held on the 27th of April at 2.45pm in the Arts/Music room. All welcome to attend. If you cannot make the meeting and have a suggestion you would like to share, please feel free to pop your suggestion in the P & C box located in the School Office.

Just a reminder regarding the P & C pie drive, all money and pie orders are due in by the 8th of May.

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 – now operating every TUESDAY & FRIDAY
This term Tuckshop will be on as per normal on
Tuesday this week and will commence on a Friday in
week 2 – Friday 1st May

Here is a message from Alyson regarding some Tuckshop Information:
I would like to advise 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’s or Friday’s in the tuckshop. I will be in need of one person for each of the dates available.

Term 2 Dates

Tuesday 21st April Alyson & Steph
Tuesday 28th April Alyson & Susie
Tuesday 5th May Alyson & Susie
Tuesday 12th May Alyson & Rod
Tuesday 19th May Alyson & Rod
Tuesday 26th May
Tuesday 2nd June
Tuesday 9th June Alyson & Rod
Tuesday 16th June Alyson & Rod
Tuesday 23rd June

Friday 1st May
Friday 8th May Alyson & Rod
Friday 15th May
Friday 22nd May
Friday 29th May Alyson & Rod
Friday 5th June Alyson & Rod
Friday 12th June
Fridays 19th June
Friday 26th June Alyson & Rod

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.