FROM THE PRINCIPAL:
Welcome to week three of term two. Just a reminder that ‘Every Day Counts’ at school.

Every day counts is a state wide initiative that aims to assist in improving student attendance at school through a shared commitment by students, parents, caregivers, schools and the community to improve students’ attendance at school.

To do this, ‘Every Day Counts’ promotes four key messages:

*all children should be enrolled at school and attend on every school day
*schools should monitor, communicate and implement strategies to improve regular school attendance
*truanting can place a student in unsafe situations and impact on their future employability and life choices
*attendance at school is the responsibility of everyone in the community.

School Attendance – Every Day Counts

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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:
APRIL

MAY
- 12th, 13th & 14th of May – NAPLAN TESTING
- 18th – Science Day
- 21st & 22nd – Arthur Conlon (Deadly Arthur – Indigenous Arts & Cultural Activities)
- 23rd – Nebo Rodeo
Regular attendance by each child is necessary to maintain continuity of learning. Parents must assume responsibility for the regular attendance of their children. Please schedule family holidays in the Education Queensland school holiday timeframe, to ensure your child is not disadvantaged with their learning. Every day of absence could contribute to gaps in your child’s learning. In circumstances where children may require extra work due to extended unforeseen absences, please contact the school for assistance.

In the event of your child being absent, please:
(a) Contact the school by phoning 07 4950 5211
(b) Email admin@neboss.eq.edu.au OR
(c) Send a note to the class teacher; including prior to a planned absence if you know your child will be away.
If this notification is not received your child’s absence will be marked as unexplained and you will be requested to provide further information on their absence.

**NAPLAN**

*The National Assessment Program of Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be NEXT WEEK, 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. Consultation between the parent/s and caregivers and the Principal must take place.

It is a regional expectation that schools throughout the year also allow other year levels to re-sit previous NAPLAN tests. We have decided that as our year three and five students are required to sit the 2015 tests, except for those students who have been made withdrawn or exempt, all other year levels from year two up, will do a resit of the 2014 tests. What content of assessment is provided in NAPLAN is taken from the Australian Curriculum and enables teachers to look for any gaps in student learning across key learning curriculum areas.

All students required to sit NAPLAN will be provided with breakfast at school (toast and/or cereal); however all students are welcome to join in for the week and have breakfast. It will be of the utmost importance that **NO INTERRUPTIONS** are made at all during the week of NAPLAN between 8.30 am and 11.00 am, unless it is an absolute emergency. Your co-operation with this is much appreciated.

On Tuesday 12th May, the lunch bell will not sound until 11.00am, instead of our usual 10.30am, to cater for the completion of both the Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation test, and Writing test. Students will be able to have a snack and a short break at approximately 9.30 am on both these days.

**Teacher-Aide Position**

Applications for a temporary casual teacher-aide position to work approximately 5 hours per week in a learning support role at our school closed last Friday. Thank you to all those who submitted a resume. I would like to officially congratulate our newest staff member to Nebo State School – Mrs Jade O’Connor. Jade was successful in obtaining this position and I am sure you are all just as delighted as we are to have her on board as our new Teacher-Aide at Nebo State School.

**You Can Do It Performance**

This Wednesday, we have a special performance coming to school, called ‘You Can Do It’, this is a School Performance’ visiting tour. The cost of the performance is $5.00 per child. If you have not paid your money to the Office, if you could please do so as soon as possible. If each child pays their $5.00, there will still be a difference for the total cost of this performance, which the school will pay for.
Mother’s Day Stall
This Thursday 7th of May and Friday the 8th of May, our Student Council is running a Mother’s Day Stall. Gifts are available for purchase from the Tuckshop area between $2.00 through to $7.00 at lunch time on each of these days. So, to all the dads and grandads out there, if you would like your child to come and purchase a gift, please allow your child or grandchild to come along with some money to buy that special gift for mum or grandma. I would like to also take this opportunity to wish all of our beautiful mums and grandmothers a very happy Mother’s Day. Hope you all get showered with extra love and attention.

Student Leader Ceremony
This afternoon, we have our official student leader ceremony, to officially present our student leaders with their badges. We invited Anne Baker, the Isaac Council Mayor to come and present our student leaders with their badges, in which she accepted our invitation. I received a phone call just before school finished last Friday afternoon, to say that an urgent meeting had been called today at the Isaac Council with all 8 Isaac Region Division Councillors. Therefore, there is a possibility that Anne Baker may be running a little late, as she has to come from Moranbah. If anything happens that prevents Anne from attending our meeting an apology has been put forward and she will send the lovely Charlie Prizeman-Jones, as the Isaac Council representative in her absence. We all hope Anne Baker will be able to make our ceremony and we will wait until this afternoon to see what happens. I look forward to sharing some photos of our student leaders in next week’s Newsletter.

Spelling Bee  Money Collection
Just a reminder, that prize money is available for collection this week from either Sue Rapmund or Jodie Clarence this week. All students will sign for their prize money, except for students in years 1-4, a parent will need to sign for and collect their money. We will present the winners with their certificates on parade next week.

The following amounts of money and movie tickets for the encouragement award winners, are available for collection:

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Thank you to the P & C Committee for their generous donation of movie tickets awarded to one student in each year level for the encouragement award.
School Sores
Just a reminder, that we have had recent cases of School Sores in our school. A letter was sent home a week ago regarding this. Please be vigilant in keeping a look out for any signs or symptoms of school sores, also known as Impetigo, and ensure that you seek medical treatment for your child. In the event that your child has school sores, they must not attend school until they have received antibiotic treatment for a minimal 24-48hrs, depending on the severity. Upon returning to school, school sores must also be covered until the blisters have dried out. If you require any further information about this please contact your local doctor. Information regarding regarding School Sores, outlining what it is, signs and symptoms and treatment was sent home a couple of weeks ago. I will reattach for your perusal. If your child has School Sores, or any other infectious disease or illness, please contact the school as soon as possible so we can continue to keep the communication between home and school transparent.

HONEY – IT’S BACK
Don’t forget to pick up some delicious honey from the Office, straight from the Bee Hives. Honey is $6.00 per container. Thank you so much to Mark McKay, who is now looking after our bee hives, and who spent time over the weekend organising and bottling our honey. Our bee hives were kindly donated from our previous bee keeper, John McIlvenna. Thanks to John McIlvenna for all his previous efforts in looking after our bee hives, it is much appreciated. All funds from the bee hives go towards our school P & C.

School Grounds
Just a reminder, that unless prior permission has been sought, nobody should be entering the school grounds outside of school hours on weekends. Anybody entering the school grounds outside the normal scheduled school hours is risking being prosecuted for trespassing. Our school has had a few recent spates of destructive behaviour in and around our school buildings and grounds. If you see anything, or anybody acting suspiciously outside of normal school hours, please contact School Watch on: 131 788; or Policelink on: 131 444. Alternatively, in the event of an emergency, contact 000.

Book Fair
Book Fair is on this week and set up in our Arts/Music room. If you would like to purchase a book you’re your child to read, please pop along to the Arts/Music room after school this week.

Funky Beats Music
Funky Beats Music Guitar and/or Ukulele lessons will continue 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 respect all property at all times
(individual, school and other people)

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

QSchools App and Newsletters
Please find some information regarding the QSchools app, which lets you connect with our school and get up-to-the-minute information, such as school newsletters that are uploaded on our website. It is available for free download from iTunes Store, google Play, Windows store and windows Phone Store.

If you would also like to be on our mailing list to receive our school newsletters via email, could you please let Sue Rapmund, our administrative officer know and provide your email address, so that we can email you our newsletter.

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.

Students of the Week

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Specialist Teacher - Miss Amiet

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BRONZE CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Ayla Aksenov
Karen Dayes
Andre Kernohan
Darcy Schrag
Dusty Whitehead
Brayden Wyatt
Tanatswa Zvirikuzhe

Happy Mother’s Day to all the beautiful mothers and grandmothers in our school community! Hope you all have a fantastic day on Sunday 9th May!

Have a fantastic week!

Kind Regards,

Jennifer Fenwick
(Principal)

TuckShop – now operating every TUESDAY & FRIDAY

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 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 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.

Hi Everyone,

The Australian Breastfeeding Association Raffle is on again and I'm selling tickets.

**Tickets are $2 each or a book of 10 tickets for $20.**

The raffle will be drawn on 19\(^{th}\) June 2015 (All Prize winners are notified by mail and results published in The Australian on 26/06/2015) and includes the following prizes:

1st Prize: Ultimate Family Holiday valued at $20,000 OR Gold Bullion valued at $20,000

2nd Prize: $10,000 Shopping spree (Wish Gift Card)

3rd Prize: $5,000 Shopping spree (Wish Gift Card)

4th Prize: $3,000 Bunnings Voucher

5th Prize: Apple iPad 128GB Wi-Fi /Cell MH1G2X/A Gold valued at $1,000

6th Prize: $1,000 Red Balloon Voucher

The Australian Breastfeeding Association has been supporting mothers on the breastfeeding journey since 1964. We are Australia’s largest breastfeeding information and support service with over 200 local support groups and over 1000 volunteer breastfeeding counsellors nationwide.

Each year the Australian Breastfeeding Association conducts a Raffle. This is our only major fundraiser. The proceeds of the raffle assist us to provide counselling and support services to mothers and babies around Australia. For more information, please visit [www.breastfeeding.asn.au](http://www.breastfeeding.asn.au).
If you would like to buy a ticket or two there is a box of tickets on the desk in the school office or catch up with me and I can sort you out.

Thanks for your support,

Kate Drury

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