Principal’s Message:

Wow, well it seems hard to believe that half of the first Term has gone already. All Students and Teachers have been working hard to plough through some diagnostic assessment to inform the teaching and learning process. This week, Teaching Staff will be issuing each child with their learning goal for this Term, which will be based around Reading. Don’t forget to also check out your child’s weekly Report Card. These have been sent home, each week for the last few weeks, and we hope that this assists you to stay informed. Thank you to the parent/s and carer/s that have signed and returned these each week.

Staffing
Thank you to all of the applicants who applied for the position of Teacher- Aide and Grounds Person, and to those applicants who were successful in obtaining an interview for the position of Teacher- Aide. The standard of applicants was impressive and I would encourage anybody who was unsuccessful this time round, to not give up on their goals and dreams. A special thanks to Mrs Lydia Wade who assisted with the Interview processes and Mr Phil Wilson (small schools project officer) for his input and advice.

It is with great pleasure that I announce and welcome, the following three new Staff Members to our fantastic team at Nebo State School.

Grounds Person: Darren Everett
Teacher – Aide: Jodie Clarence (3 Days per week)
Teacher – Aide: Kate Woodhouse (2 Days per week)

I am sure you will also make them feel very welcome.

Great Results Guarantee
The Great Results Guarantee that I recently put together, re: how the additional funding at Nebo State School is to be used to improve the literacy and numeracy levels of students at Nebo State School, to enable them to meet the National Minimum Standards in Naplan (apart from students placed on an Individual Learning Guarantee), was reviewed and approved by the Assistant Regional Director, John Wessel. This document has now been submitted to the Director General of Education: Dr Jim Watterston. Thanks to everyone for their support, and to those who contributed their thoughts and opinions.
**Student Leaders**
On Friday 14th March, student leaders will officially be inducted as our new school leaders for 2014. Ted Malone, local member for Mirani, will be coming to present the student leaders with their badges. The Student Leader ceremony will commence at 12.30pm and we will cut a cake to honour and acknowledge our student leaders. Please feel free to come along and support the students and stay for a cup of tea or coffee, and a piece of cake.

**Newsletter**
Over the weekend I decided to change the format of our Newsletter slightly. Hope you enjoy the new format and find it easy to follow. You will see I have included our School Motto and School Rules, our 2014 Focus Areas, as well as dates for any upcoming events. If you have any feedback regarding this, it would be more than welcomed.

**Supporting Aussie Farmers**
We are probably all aware that our Aussie Farmers are very sadly doing it tough. We have been approached by an organisation called ‘Aussie Helpers’, you may have seen some of their Story on ‘Sunday Night’, last night. Aussie Helpers have asked for the support of Nebo State School community during what will be known as ‘Aussie Helper’ week in our region, from the 10th to the 14th of March. Community members are being encouraged to donate either a BP/Caltex Fuel Voucher or an IGA Food Voucher, which will be delivered to drought affected farmers. Aussie Helpers will organise for a donation bucket to be delivered to the school soon.

We are also in the process of organising a ‘Free Dress Day’ with a country and western flavoured theme where students will be asked to donate a gold coin on the day, as part of the ‘buy a bale of hay’ program which will also assist drought affected farmers.

**National Ride to School Day**
Isaac Regional Council in conjunction with Pacific National, are hosting a ‘National Ride2School Day’ for 2014. Children are 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 would not be deemed safe for your child to ride that far, perhaps you could drive them a part of the way, and drop them off in a safe spot not too far from the school.

Students have an opportunity to enter a Poster Competition and win a bike donated from Pacific National. Each student will bring home their entry form today. Students must include this message in their entry: ‘Always wear your helmet when riding, scooting or skating’; and their entry must be their own work. All entries are due in to the school office by the 10th MARCH at the very latest, and Isaac Regional Council will announce the winners between Wednesday 19th March and Friday 21st March.

To help celebrate and promote this day, we will be also hosting a healthy breakfast for students on Wednesday 19th March. We will then follow with a special parade, where Police will attend to discuss ‘Safety when Riding’. A representative from the Isaac Council will also be in attendance and will be giving away some free items. Miss Laura Amiet will also be organising a safe ride activity for students in the school grounds.

**The Arts Curriculum - Music**
On the 13th and 14th of March we will be having Justin Standley visit Nebo State School. Justin will be engaging the students in a program of Music. It is always important that students have access to quality artists that they can learn form and who they can be inspired by.
**Snakes**
There have been two recent reports of a brown snake being spotted in the school. We have had a Snake Catcher come and have a look around to see if it can be caught and placed in its own environment away from the school, but it is yet to be found. Hopefully it has well and truly moved on. Students have been spoken to about the dangers of snakes and their safety. Any assistance in speaking with your children to reinforce this message would be greatly appreciated.

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**Students of the Week**

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**PRINCIPALS AWARD**

Lindsay Lockwood

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**Have a fantastic week**
Jennifer Fenwick

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**TuckShop**
Thankyou to Jodie and Stephanie for working in the Tuckshop last week.

Please use the green price list for tuckshop from now on. We are still looking for Helpers to help in the tuckshop, so if you could help please full out the roster form and hand it into the office, or please see and let me know. Everything on the menu is available through both breaks except for icecreams, which are only available during the second break. Nutella’s, Cupcakes and drinks are available over the counter for both breaks.

**Roster for Term 1:**

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Thanks Kassy
**Bookclub**

Book Club will be sent home today and is due back Monday 10th March

**P & C**

As Easter is nearly upon us again, we have decided to run an Easter Raffle Hamper. If you are able to donate any items eg: easter eggs, tin food, biscuits, soft drink etc, towards this Hamper that would be greatly appreciated. All donated items can be left at the school office. Thank You for your support.

**NEBO BOWLS CLUB INC**

Fun Bowls Day March 22nd starting at 3pm, $5 per entry, Sausage sizzle & prizes to be won. Come along and have a fun filled afternoon.

**Are you Interested in a Hosting an Exchange Student?**

World Education Program (WEP) Australia; is an independent not-for-profit student exchange organisation. They are looking for volunteer host families in the school community who would like to extend their family with an older overseas brother or sister and to introduce their children to a different culture. Please see the attached Newsletter for further information.

**Mackay Softball Association**

Mackay Softball Association invites parents to get their kids active and playing a great sport whilst making new friends and social groups. All the clubs welcome new players for the 2014 season commencing in May.

All upcoming Softball Sign on days for adults and children are held at the Mackay Softball Fields, Beaconsfield Road, Andergrove. Come along to any of the days for more information and sign on.

Dragons: 2nd March 2pm – 4pm  Contact: Noreen 4942 7606

Angels: 8th March & 15th March 10am – 2pm  Contact: Chub 0416 432 988 or Linda 0427 114 955

Hawks: 16th March 2pm – 4pm  Contact: Cheryl 0428 182 248 or Kim 0420 309 905

Anne Street Estate is an affordable residential land release developed in partnership between Isaac Regional Council and the Australian Government.

Lots range in size from 600 – 1540 m2 with power, water and sewerage. **Each lot attracts a cash rebate of up to $54,129.** Contact Isaac Regional Council today to see how this could be your new home site or lifestyle investment. Sue Johnson Ph: 4983 4768 / 0417 253 673 to discuss.
NAB AFL Auskick is the Australian Football League’s key introductory program for primary school-aged boys and girls and their families. Through our WEEKLY COACHING PROGRAM, you’ll learn the skills of the game through appropriately modified activities and rules, play football in a fun and safe environment, and make plenty of new friends too!

Over 1800 participants were involved in the Auskick program throughout Mackay and the Whitsundays in 2013! Participants will enjoy 8 weeks of AFL coaching (fully accredited coaches), and receive fantastic benefits which include: 2014 AFL Auskick backpack, Football – Size 1 Green (boys) + Purple (girls), cap, pump, footy cards, footy card album, Footypedia, rainbow shoelaces, AFL essentials guide and insurance!! Your local AFL club affiliated to your school is the Pioneer Power with juniors from U7s to U13s.

Nebo SS NAB AFL Auskick Centre
Sign on & 1st Session: Tuesday 11th Feb, 2014
Time: 10.45pm – 1.20pm during Lunchtime (every TUES for 8 weeks)
Venue: Nebo State School Oval
For more information contact: AFL QLD Mackay office on 4951 0622
Or AFL Development Officer Dion Obst on 0424 156 248
Visit www.aflauskick.com.au to register online!

FYI - Students will be grouped according to age/ability. For the first time, Preps will have their very own introductory Auskick group (spaces are limited)! Also, students in year 3-6 can join the advanced AFL group