Principal’s Message:

Welcome to Week 7 of the school year. We have a lot going on around the place this week. Before I inform you on these events taking place, I would just like to say a special thank you to all staff, students and the wider school community for embracing our new staff members: Darren Everett, Jodie Clarence and Kate Woodhouse. They have all settled in beautifully.

While I am on the topic of staffing, we have a new Teacher, who will be joining our team, Mrs Amanda Vanteinhoven. I am sure everyone will make Amanda feel very welcome. Amanda has been employed on a temporary basis and will commence work this Tuesday 11th March and will work every Tuesday until mid-Term in Term 2. Amanda has worked at our school as a Relief Teacher this year and has spent many years working at schools in the Brigalow Cluster. Amanda Vanteinhoven will be working to support our NAPLAN Intervention Program. The addition of Amanda, sees our staff at Nebo State School grow to 12.

Staff Professional Development

Last week, Teaching Staff at Nebo, had the pleasure of receiving some training from Tia Page, one of Central Queensland’s Pedagogical Coaches on Explicit Instruction. Laura Amiet and myself will also attend Moranbah East State School this Wednesday to capture more of this model in action. Staff will also continue to receive further training and coaching in Explicit Instruction at least once a Term. Explicit Instruction is a Central Queensland and Nebo State School priority, to ensure that all new concepts in the Curriculum are taught explicitly to ultimately enable students to develop greater knowledge and understanding of concepts taught.

Nebo State School teachers are also involved in a new Pilot Project in Reading. This Project is primarily for teachers to develop more in depth knowledge around the Teaching of Reading. Teachers have been undertaking professional development around this. Mrs Lydia Wade is our Reading Pilot Project Coach and she is doing a fantastic job in steering the ship in this department.

Student Leader Induction Ceremony

This Friday 14th March we will have our official Student Leader Induction Ceremony. This will occur at 12.30pm. Ted Malone, the local member for Mirani will be coming along to present all of our Student Leaders with their badges. We will then follow with the cutting of a cake and tea and coffee. It would be great if family members and friends could attend to witness students receiving their badges. Of course all
all community members are welcome to attend.

**Student Council**

I had the pleasure last week of meeting with School Captains and the Student Council for our very first Student Council Meeting. We aim to meet at least once a month and more regularly if needed. What a great bunch of students who had some fabulous ideas. The Student Leaders will be organising a suggestion box for students in the school to submit their ideas. They will also be organising a lunch time games program for the younger students and an Easter Poster Competition, as well as supporting our Spelling Bee Competition.

**Spelling Bee**

A Spelling Bee is being organised for Prep to Year 7 students. Students will be given a list of words before the end of Term 1 and they will be tested on these words early in Term 2. Students will be awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes in each year level and an encouragement award per year level will also be awarded to one student. More information will be communicated soon.

**Parent/Carer/Teacher Interviews**

At Nebo State School we like to keep you informed about your child’s progress the best we can. Weekly Reports are sent home and we communicate in variety of modes on a regular basis. Most parent/s and carer/s have met their child’s teacher and also communicate regularly. It is an Education Queensland requirement that Formal Reports are sent home twice a year. This occurs in Term 2 and Term 4 of the school year.

It is also a requirement that parent/s and carer/s are formally invited to discuss their child’s progress at least twice a year. Although parent/s and carer/s were invited at the commencement of the year to discuss school procedures, with an optional opportunity to privately discuss their child’s learning with their child’s class teacher, each family is being sent another opportunity to have a formal interview this Term.

If you would like to discuss your child’s social and academic progress and/or discuss any concerns you may have, you are being invited to make an appointment to see your child’s Teacher. All Teachers will be conducting Parent/Carer Teacher Interviews during the last week of school, on Tuesday the 1st and Wednesday the 2nd of April. Teachers will organise and send home their own Parent/Teacher schedule for the booking of appointments.

**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen**

A special thanks to Miss Nicole Gomez and Mrs Lorraine Connolly, and the Prep and Year One Students, who have done an awesome job at cooking each Friday. All classes will also soon join in the cooking. Of course cooking in the kitchen is not just fun, but students learn essential skills there, and there are strong curriculum links to Literacy and Numeracy concepts. We are very fortunate at Nebo State School to have been given a grant to help fund the remodelling of our Tuckshop as part of the Stephanie Alexander School program. Soon progress will be underway to refurbish, redesign and construct new kitchen components. If anybody has experience in managing projects of this nature, I would love to hear from you.

**P & C Meeting**

There will be a P & C Meeting this Tuesday 11th March at 2.45 pm in the Arts/Music Room. All community members are welcome to attend.

**Shave for a Cure**

Lorraine Connolly and two of our students – Neil Connolly and Bradley Duggan, will be raising money for the Leukaemia Foundation by doing ‘Shave for a Cure’. If you could please help support this great cause by assisting with a donation, please send money in an envelope for either Lorraine, Neil or Bradley. Lorraine
and the boys will brave the shave at the Nebo Hotel between 2pm-4pm this Saturday 15th March. What brave and selfless students we have at Nebo State School.

**Supporting Aussie Farmers**
As mentioned in last Week’s Newsletter, it is ‘Aussie Helpers’ week, this week. Aussie Helpers week is to support our Farmers, who are very sadly doing it tough. ‘Aussie Helpers’ week runs from the 10th March through to the 14th March. ‘Aussie Helpers’ have delivered the donation bucket to the school, which is in the school office. Community members are being encouraged to donate a BP/Caltex Fuel Voucher, an IGA Food Voucher, or a donation of cash which will be delivered to drought affected farmers. If you are a Farmer doing it tough, or you know of any farmers doing it tough, you may also like to contact the organisation and let them know, so that all our Aussie Farmers can get a hand.

We have also registered out school for the ‘buy a bale of hay’ program which will also assist drought affected farmers through a free dress gold coin donation. Dates for this will be available soon.

**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. Some students have asked if they can ride their horse. Of course, if this were to happen, the same safety and distance rules should be adhered to. **NO** horses will be allowed to remain at school for the day, so parent/s and carer/s would need to be waiting at the school to immediately take the horse home.

Entries for the Poster Competition to win a bike donated from Pacific National are due TODAY, Monday 10th March. Remember, 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. 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. In lieu of the Parade on Wednesday the 19th March, we will have no Parade next Monday 17th March.

**School Sores/Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease**
We have had a couple of reports of children being infected with School Sores and Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease. Some medical conditions require children to be excluded from school to prevent the spread of infectious diseases among other children and staff, as well as the broader community. Some conditions may require a clearance letter from the Doctor before returning to school, child care, or work. Please read the attached information with this week’s Newsletter around infectious conditions and be sure to notify the school immediately if your child has any of the conditions listed. Your cooperation with this would be greatly appreciated.

**The Arts Curriculum - Music**
On the 13th and 14th of March, Justin Standley will 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 from and that they can be inspired by.
Acting Appropriately
Respect for others is one of the most important lessons that we want to teach our students at Nebo State School. To learn respect children need to be able to see the adults in their lives show respect to each other. It is important that parents/caregivers, as well as school staff, show respect when dealing with each other. It is a way that we create a safe school environment for staff, volunteers, students, parents/caregivers and visitors.

People who enter the school grounds and are hostile or aggressive, this includes using abusive or profane language and threats to school staff or volunteers, students or other parents/caregivers, will not be tolerated.

It is an offence under the Education Act for one adult to insult another adult at a school in the presence or hearing of a student. It is also an offence for a parent to approach and admonish or question the child of another family.

The Education Act provides the Principal with the authority to provide a written direction requiring a person to immediately leave the school premises and not re-enter for a period of time. Conditions may also be placed on a person’s entry to the school premises.

If a member of the school community has an issue or concern the appropriate protocol is to make an appointment with the staff member, outside of student learning times, to discuss the matter in a calm manner. If the matter cannot be resolved the matter should be referred to the principal in the first instance. All members of the school community are asked to abide by these protocols so that schools can maintain a safe supportive environment for our students to learn.

**Students of the Week**

| Prep/Year 1 | Mary–Jo Whirisky         |
|            | Karen Dayes              |
| Year 2/3/4 | Thomas Lockwood          |
|            | Shane Kernohan           |
| Year 5/6/7 | Jacob Drury              |
|            | Bobbie-Jae Squires       |
| Specialist Teacher - Miss Amiet | Ryley Perry-Gilbert |
|            | Danielle Bryan           |
| PRINCIPALS AWARD | Ayla Akensov |

Have a fantastic week

Jennifer Fenwick
TuckShop

Thankyou to Louise, Ian and Nikkita 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 forma nd 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

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.

Research project — Can you assist?

Remember when you believed in anything and everything?

Researchers from the University of Western Australia are investigating children’s ability to detect and avoid potentially harmful social interactions, such as being easily fooled or tricked into doing something. We are looking to see how this develops in children, and when children outgrow this vulnerability.

We are looking for parents of Kindergarten – Year 6 children across Australia to complete an online survey (15 – 20 minutes). Participants will go into a draw to win one of 10 $50 gift certificates to Coles/Myers. To participate go to:

http://tinyurl.com/childsvq

Or for more information please contact Rebecca Seward at (08) 6488 4652

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  
**Cost:** $65 for children aged 5 (in 2014) to 12 yrs old.  
**For more information contact:** AFL QLD Mackay office on 4951 0622  
Or AFL Development Officer Dion Obst on 0424 156 248  

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.