Principal’s Message:

It’s hard to believe we have just two weeks of Term 1 left, and I must say, what an awesome week we had last week. The whole school thoroughly enjoyed our ‘Ride2School’ Day, last Wednesday. Watching the children ride in on their bikes and scooters and then partake in a healthy breakfast was a fantastic way to start the day. Students then received some valuable safety messages about the importance of wearing a helmet when riding. This was then followed by a safe ride obstacle course on the oval, and a closer look at an Ambulance and Police vehicle. Of course the suspense of who won the ‘Poster Competition’, and ultimately the Bike was on everyone’s minds.

A big congratulations to Year 7 student, Callum Jung. Callum is now the proud owner of a new bike, new helmet, and a gift pack of Isaac Council goodies.
Of course this day would not have even been possible without the combined efforts of all involved. I would like to once again acknowledge and thank the following people for the part they played in making this day a huge success.

**Special thanks to:**
- Our Isaac Council representatives: **Scott Riley** (Acting Chief Executive Officer) and **Charley Jones-Prizeman** (Place Officer Nebo/Glenden)
- Pacific National Representative who donated and presented the winning bike: **Andrew Geddes** (Operations Superintendent Nebo Train crew depot)
- **Joy** – our wonderful local Ambulance Officer
- **Dan** – our awesome local Police Officer
- **Alex McPhee** – local SES Controller
- **Ben Quinn** – (parent who shared his story of a recent motorbike accident)

Thanks also to Laura Amiet for setting up the Safe Ride obstacle course with the help of Alex who brought all the road signs in, and to all our wonderful parents who helped prepare the healthy breakfast. Of course, the day would not have been successful without the fantastic staff and well behaved children of Nebo State School 😊.

**‘Harmony Day’ – ‘National say no to Bullying Day’**

Last Friday was a sea of orange, the official Harmony Day colour. Students were treated to an ‘Artslink’ ‘Stamp out Bullying’ performance to start the day. Students then participated in 4 rotational activities in mixed year level groups. It was so wonderful to see the older students helping the younger students with activities. Students helped prepare and cook some healthy foods (which we all ate later, yum), they participated in some cooperative sporting games, participated in some harmonious singing with musical accompaniment, and created a harmonious art piece. Thank you to all the staff and students for a
fantastic day and to all the parents that assisted with the cooking. The behaviour of all students was truly commendable!

‘National Closing the Gap Day’
We didn’t have too many people attend, but thanks to those parents that did attend our special Afternoon Tea last Thursday, to mark the ‘National close the Gap’ day. ‘National Close the Gap Day’ has been central in getting Australian governments to prioritise Indigenous health over the last few years. This in turn has led to declines in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander infant and child mortality. Thank you to one of our Indigenous parents – Nikkita, for cutting the cake to honour this special day. Thanks also to Louise Cook for making this delicious cake.

Parent/Carer/Teacher Interviews
Just a reminder 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. Appointments are essential and an invitation to indicate your preferred day and time will be sent home today. Forms must be returned by this Friday the 28th of March at the very latest. Every endeavour will be made to give each interviewee their first preference; however in some situations this may not be possible.

Spelling Bee
Just a reminder about our Spelling Bee competition for Prep to Year 7 students. Students will be given their list of words, this Friday 29th March. 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. 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. Students will be awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes in each year level and an encouragement award per year level will also be awarded. 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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**Student Council**

The Easter Colouring in Activity for the Prep to Year three students and the details for the Poster Competition for Years 3–7 will go home today. Entries are due in on Tuesday 1st April. The winning entry for each Year level will be drawn at our Easter Parade, Thursday 3rd of April.

**Supporting Aussie Farmers/Aussie Helpers/Buy a Bale Free Dress Day**

Aussie Helpers week will now be collecting the bucket they dropped off on Friday 28th of March, so there is still time to make a donation. If you would like to still donate, please drop in a BP/Caltex Fuel Voucher, an IGA Food Voucher, or a donation of cash which they will deliver 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. Anybody that would like to receive a receipt for their donation can be issued one. Aussie Helpers will bring a receipt book when they pick up the bucket.

Don’t forget about our Free Dress day on Friday 28th March. Students are encouraged to come to school dressed like a farmer. Students will need to bring a gold coin donation in, and all money will assist our drought affected farmers.

**The Arts Curriculum - Dance**

On the 24th and 25th of March, James Fenwick will be visiting Nebo State School to engage the students in the teaching of Dance. James has a wealth of knowledge and experience, including previous dance teaching, competing at National and International level competitions and recently appearing in ‘Timomatic’s’ video ‘Everything’s Allowed’. As James is my son, I had to declare James as a conflict of interest and get approval from the Education Department. This has been approved and James will teach here at Nebo and come back in June to teach other schools in the Brigalow Cluster. The students are all very excited, and I am also excited to have James share in the wonderful Nebo community. I am sure you will all make James feel very welcome.

**Daily Mercury Tokens**

We are trying to win the Daily Mercury competition to get 10 new iPads for the school. If you have a token from the Daily Mercury Newspaper, could you please drop it in to the school office.

**Honey & Pumpkins**

Don’t forget if you need a pumpkin or alternatively would love to buy some delicious fresh honey, we have pumpkins and honey for sale. I recently had the pleasure of picking up 30 litres of honey from John, our community Bee Keeper. Special thanks to Kerrie and Allison for preparing the honey into jars for sale. Your help is always appreciated. Honey and pumpkins are available for purchase from the Office.
Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease
There have been recent reports of numerous children in the Nebo community who have contracted Hand, Foot and Mouth disease. Fact sheets on Childhood illnesses and infections were sent out a couple of weeks ago (If you require another copy please see Sue in the Office). It is important that if your child is suffering from this condition that they do not come to school at all until they are out of the infectious stage. The same applies if you have younger or older children who do not attend the school, but may be accompanying other students. If they are infectious, they should not be in the school grounds. Your cooperation with this would be greatly appreciated.

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Have a fantastic week

Jennifer Fenwick

TuckShop (Tuesday Only)

Thankyou to Christina and Louise 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:

25/3/14 Ian & Nikita
1/4/14 Nikki

Thanks Kassy
VALKYRIE STATE SCHOOL is hosting its very first HAWAIIAN DANCE PARTY!

**When:** Friday 28th of March  
**Where:** Valkyrie State School  
**Time:** 6.30pm – 8.30pm  
**Who:** Students from Valkyrie, Coppabella, Mackenzie River and Nebo State Schools  
**Cost:** $5 – entry, sausage in bread and a popper  
**Theme:** Hawaiian Dance Party – come in your best Hawaiian clothes and dance the night away

If you require any information please contact the school on 49507 126

**Professional Guitar & Keyboard Tuition at School**

We have an amazing opportunity to offer professional guitar and keyboard tuition to students starting in Term 2, 2014. The program is run by Music Stars – Australia’s leading provider of school music tuition. Music Stars provides:

- Group guitar and keyboard tuition  
- Caters for all grades & music levels  
- Weekly 30 minute sessions  
- Convenient! Lessons at school!  
- Very Affordable! $110 per term  
- 70% less then out-of-school lessons + early bird & family discounts available  
- End of year reports and certificates  
- **Guitars and keyboards supplied for use during lessons**

**Registrations Close Soon!**

Please register online via [www.musicstars.com.au](http://www.musicstars.com.au) Fortnightly and monthly payment options are available. If minimum numbers are not met the program will not be able to run.

**More Information**

If you require more information or would like to discuss the program in more detail please contact Music Stars directly using the information below.

**Phone:** 1300 889 179  
**Email:** info@musicstars.com.au  

We hope you can support this program!
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

Are you Interested in a Hosting an Exchange Student?

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 2014. Our students from Argentina, Italy, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Finland, France, the Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, Thailand, and South America are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

"Wonderful - joyous - heartfelt. An absolutely wonderful idea and so beneficial for all involved, from family to school friends. We truly feel Enrico is another member of our family."
Marie - host mother of Enrico (Italy)

Hosting Is Fun! Find Out more!
Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. To help you make this important decision, contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Sylvia Kelly
Manager – Inbound Exchange Programs
Phone: 1300 884 733
Email: info@wep.org.au

Online: http://www.wep.org.au

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.