Welcome back everyone. Hope you all managed to have a rest over the Easter Break and are ready for a busy Term ahead. First of all, I would just like to extend a special thank you to Charley Jones-Prizeman (Place Officer Nebo/Glenden), from the Isaac Regional Council, who gave up her time to come and judge our Easter Poster and Colouring in Competition; and the Easter Bonnets at our Easter Parade last Term.

Congratulations once again to all the students for their efforts and a special mention to our winners:

**Colouring in and Poster Competition Winners:**
Prep/Year 1: Marnie Whitehead  
Year 2/3/4: Connor Drury  
Year 5/6/7: Tyler Ware

**Easter Bonnet Winners:**
Prep/Year 1: Izzy Becker  
Year 2/3/4: Charlotte McGregor  
Year 5/6/7: Callum Jung

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**2014 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 Curriculum

**Upcoming Events:**

**APRIL**
- 22nd – First Day of Term 2
- 23rd-24th – Spelling Bee Competition
- 25th – Anzac Day
- 28th – April – P & C Meeting

**MAY**
- 13th-15th - NAPLAN
P & C Easter Raffle Winners
Thanks to everyone who purchased tickets to try and win of the P & C Easter hampers. Congratulations to the following winners:

1st Prize: Russell Jones  
2nd Prize: Russell Jones  
3rd Prize: Ben Quinn

Thanks and Congratulations to our 5/6/7 Sporting Team
During the last week of school, on Tuesday 1st April, a group of our year 5/6/7 students went to Moranbah State School to try out for the Denham District Soccer team. Thank you to Miss Amiet for organising the students and taking them, so that they could participate in this event. Special thanks also to Mrs Connolly who accompanied Miss Amiet and the students, and for driving the bus there and back. The students all jetted off boiling with enthusiasm and were feeling hopeful after a great result with three our girls making the Denham District Touch Football team last week. Miss Amiet reported that the team spirit and sportsmanship displayed was outstanding. It is with great pleasure that I announce that three of our boys made the Denham District Soccer team and will compete in Moranbah later this month.

Congratulations to: Jacob Drury, Kyle McCarthy and Neil Connolly.

Important Forms
The following forms went home before the holidays and need to be returned as soon as possible: Internet Access Permission and Agreement Form, Photography and Media consent Form, Medical History, and an updated Student Information form. It is of the utmost importance that we have up to date information for all students. If you have not returned these forms, could you please do so as soon as possible. If you have misplaced these forms, please contact the School Office for a replacement form.

Anzac Day
Attached with this week’s Newsletter is a poster regarding our ANZAC Day events for Friday 25th April. It would be great if we could have as many students as possible meeting outside the school to commence marching towards the Nebo Memorial Hall for the ANZAC commemorative events to be held.

Parent/Carer/Teacher Interviews
Thank you to the parent/s and carer/s that came along to the formal interviews with their child’s class teacher during the last week of school. The exchange of information and updates early in the year were informative and worthwhile.
NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program of Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be from 13-15\textsuperscript{th} May. This year the writing genre has not been revealed. Instead, schools have been informed that the Writing Genre 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 2014, 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.

**Spelling Bee**

Our Spelling Bee competitions will be conducted this week, on the 23\textsuperscript{rd} and 24\textsuperscript{th} 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 5-7 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.

**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.
P & C
There will be a P & C Meeting held on Monday 29th April at 2.45 pm in the Arts/Music building, here at school. All school community members are welcome to attend.

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?

Pumpkins and Honey
We have plenty of pumpkins and honey available for sale in the Office. Feel free to pop by and purchase a delicious jar of honey and/or a pumpkin 😊. Thanks to the Connolly/Cook family for coming in over the holidays and picking the pumpkins!

Congratulations
Congratulations to Shanara Paton, one of our previous Teacher-Aides who had a baby boy a couple of weeks before the holidays. His name is Michael Paton, sounds like somebody famous right? We wish Shanara all the best for her future.

Have a fantastic week

Jennifer Fenwick

TuckShop
Thankyou to Jodie and Nikky working in the Tuckshop today. Helpers are desperately required for Term 2. If you can assist at all for a short time on a Tuesday morning, it would be much appreciated. Please fill in the attached form with todays Newsletter.

Please use the green form when ordering Tuckshop. 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 2:

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