Principal’s Message:

Well, it seems hard to believe that this is the last week of school before the Term Comes to a close. First of all, in reflecting on last week, I would like to congratulate our school on the amazing job we all did at the Brigalow Athletics carnival. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along and supported the day. A special thanks to Deb Wanoa for volunteering her time and transporting the students on the bus to and from Coppabella. Thank you to our wonderful staff for all of their efforts in preparing our students’ for this carnival, particularly Miss Amiet for the brilliant job she did in skilling our students’ up and preparing them for the day.

Our Brigalow Athletics day was not all about going there to win, but more importantly, it was about giving the students an opportunity to collaborate with children from other schools, having fun and having a go. Our students did our school proud. Behaviour and participation from all who attended was excellent. And, oh my goodness, how well did we do 😊 How wonderful to come home with so many achievements, medals and trophies and memories to last a lifetime.

Nebo State School Sports Captains hold up our winning trophies and Nebo State School Brigalow District Age Champions
Congratulations to all of our staff, parent/s and carer/s and very importantly our amazingly talented students on the brilliant job you all did! Special congratulations to the following students for achieving these special awards and achievements.

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Special mention to Sue Rapmund for giving up her time to come help our for the day, and to Shane Wilkie and Amanda van Tienhoven from Coppabella State School for co-ordinating such a fantastic District Athletics carnival. The 2015 Brigalow Athletics Carnival will be co-ordinated by our school next year and held in Nebo.

Special congratulations to the following students who have made it to compete at the Denham Zone Athletics trials at Moranbah East State School on Thursday:

Tyler Ware: (Shot Put and High Jump)
Luke Connolly: (100m, 200m, 800m, Long Jump, Relay)
Kyle McCarthy: (100m, 200m, 800m, Long Jump, High Jump, and Relay)
Jacob Drury (High Jump)
Danielle Bryan: (100m, 200m, High Jump, and Relay)
Phoebe O’hanlon: (200m and Relay)
Nationally Consistent Data Collection on School Students with a Disability

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability. All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.

In 2013, 10% of Queensland state schools participated in the first year of implementation. In 2014, two thirds of Queensland schools will participate and all schools will be collect data from 2015. Our school will be involved in the nationally consistent collection of data this year.

Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:


Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly. I have also included a Parent/Carer Fact sheet with this week’s Newsletter to assist you to understand this process.

NAIDOC

NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920’s which sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians.

NAIDOC Week is held in the first full week of July. It is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society. All Australians are encouraged to participate in the celebrations and activities that take place across the nation during NAIDOC Week.

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander day is officially celebrated during the school holidays from the 6th July – 13th July. Therefore, our school will be engaging students in NAIDOC activities this Wednesday 25th June. Students will be placed into groups of four across ages and year levels and will rotate through 4 x 30 minute NAIDOC activities relative to Literacy and The Arts.
**New Pre-Prep initiative for Term 3 2014**

We have received approximately 13 expression of interest forms for our Pre-Prep program for children who will commence their Prep year in 2015. Children who will commence Prep in 2015, are children who are born between 1st of July 2009 and the 30th June 2010. If you know of anyone else who may be interested, all forms need to be returned to the school before the end of this Term. This program will be running commencing in Week 3, on a Thursday morning from 8.30am-10.30am.

This program will be run by Lydia Wade, our current year 2/3/4 teacher. Lydia will be running this program as not only is she a highly skilled teacher, but she will have time in her timetable to co-ordinate this program. This is because, Monique Bethel will be teaching Lydia’s class next Term, as she is completing an ‘Internship’ at our school. Lydia will still be there to observe and guide Monique; however, due to the late stage that Monique is at in her Graduate Teaching Career, and the fact that she will graduate this year, means Monique is more than capable and in accordance with Education policy allowed to be with a class unsupervised. Hence, it is a feasible option to release Lydia for the two hours each week in Term three to co-ordinate our Pre-Prep class.

**Report Cards**

Just a reminder, that Report Card’s will be sent home this Thursday 26th June. Here is a reminder of how to understand the rating given for your child’s Report Card. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or your child’s class teacher.

Report Card results are based on the new content descriptors and year level Achievement Standards from the Australian Curriculum, and as such may not be reliably comparable to earlier years’ results. For further information on the Australian Curriculum standards visit the online curriculum at [http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/](http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/)

Over recent years, parents, students and teachers across Queensland are gradually becoming more familiar with a 5-point scale (e.g. A-E) process for reporting in all schools. The new system schools are using refers to attainment standards called “benchmarks of achievement” or “criteria.” So what makes an “A”, “B”, “C” etc. is predetermined by a scale of achievement and by making an overall on balance judgement of what a student can do independently at their year level. Any student, who shows evidence of meeting a particular level, deserves that benchmark grade. This is what you could consider the new difference for a “C” really means: A ‘C’ means this is where the students should be at in accordance with their year level Achievement Standards. This also means it can be harder to obtain an ‘A’ or a ‘B’ rating. Receiving an ‘A’ or a ‘B’ does not just go to the top students in each class. Any student who obtains an ‘A’ or a ‘B’ is deemed to be working beyond their year level descriptors in a variety of contexts independently.

Several weeks ago all teachers’ met to engage in professional development and discussion and share samples of work across the school to assist to determine judgement’s about what an A-E might look like in accordance with the new standards. If you have any questions or concerns regarding, this Semester’s reporting process, please feel free to make contact with either myself or your child’s class teacher.

**Behaviour**

How fantastic our school behaviour has been and continues to strive to be, in contributing towards creating a positive school culture correlating with our ‘Be Safe’, ‘Be Respectful’, and ‘Be Responsible’ rules.

Congratulations to the following students who have attained their ‘Bronze’ level of behaviour and received their certificate on parade today.
CONGRATULATIONS TO:

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Some students will achieve their ‘Bronze’ level this week, and they will be presented with their certificates early next Term.

Our behaviour focus this week is:

I respect the environment and place my rubbish in the bin

Winchester and School Camp
Just a reminder about the forms that went home for the Winchester Foundation Camp at Kinchant Dam for the year 4-7 students from 16th -18th July and the Whitsunday Voices Festival for the whole school on the 18th July. These forms were due to be returned today. If you have not done this, could you please fill in and return these forms as soon as possible.

Year 4-7 need to return: (Permission form to attend the camp including travelling by bus; Parental Consent and Medical form -including any allergies; signed consent of reading and understanding the overall camp program and activities; the optional dietary requirements form).

The excursion to the Whitsunday Voices Festival for the Prep-3 requires these forms to be returned: (Permission Form to attend the excursion, including traveling on the bus, Medical Form). Reminder the bus is anticipated to leave at approximately 7.35am and return at 2.45 pm.

It is imperative that these forms are returned before the end of the Term. If these forms are not returned completed, unfortunately your child will not be able to attend.

Assistant Regional Director Visit
This Tuesday, the 24th of June, John Wessel, our Assistant Regional Director from Central Queensland Regional Office, will be visiting our school. John will be visiting the teacher’s in their classrooms and meeting with myself to discuss my journey as Acting Principal so far. I am looking forward to meeting with John and sharing our school journey and improvements at Nebo State School over the last Semester.
School Watch
With the holidays commencing next week, we need you to watch for crime around our school. If you see anything remotely suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number without delay: 13 17 88

Feedback/Open Door Policy
If at any time you have any feedback on how to make our school a better place, or you have any questions or concerns you may wish to discuss, please remember I have an open door policy and I would be more than happy to meet with you. From time to time, as mentioned in last week’s Newsletter the Department of Education and Training and Employment, may recommend information to be sent home. Attached with this week’s Newsletter is a parent/carer factsheet in relation to the data being collected in relation to the ‘Nationally Consistent Collection of Data’.

P & C
Anyone interested in attending the P & C Meeting, it will be held today in the Arts/Music Room at 2.45 pm. If you ordered pies from our pie delivery, your child should have brought them home today. Thanks once again to Steph and the P & C for organising this.

Tutoring
Does your child need Tutoring? Is your child struggling with English and Maths? Have you considered getting some extra assistance? Is so, then look no further! Kate Woodhouse has commenced a tutoring program. This is a private program Kate is offering; this is not a school endorsed program. If you are interested, then please contact Kate on: 0437 931 602

Woolworths Reminder
Don’t forget if you shop at Woolworths and would like to try and get your groceries delivered, to jump on their website and register Nebo as a suburb requiring delivery. The more people that do this, even if you like to drive in from time to time and get your groceries, the more it will help others who would like their groceries delivered.

Honey and Lemons
We still have honey available for sale in the Office. Feel free to pop by and purchase a delicious jar of honey. Nga, kindly brought in some lemons, if you would like to grab a lemon or two, please feel free to grab a couple and place a small donation in the box. Thank you and thank you Nga.

Thank You and Happy Holidays
In closing off this week’s Newsletter and Term two, I would like to thank each and every member of our school community for their contributions. Your efforts and interest in our school and Nebo State School’s students’ education is much appreciated. On behalf of all of our staff, thank you, and we wish all families a safe and happy holiday.

See you on the 14th July!

Best Wishes,

Jennifer Fenwick
Students of the Week

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TuckShop –

**TUESDAY SPECIAL (this week) – Pasta noodles- $5**

Thankyou to Nicki and Deb for working in the Tuckshop last week. Tanks to all of the helpers who have assisted in the Tuckshop throughout the last Term. IAf anybody can assist in the Tuckshop for Term 3, your ehlp would be greatly appreciated, please see me or leave your name at the Office.

Please remember to use the green form when ordering Tuckshop. Everything on the menu is available through both breaks except for ice-creams, 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: 24/06/14: Louise and Christina

Thanks Kassy

2015 Junior Secondary Transition

As part of Mirani State High School’s junior secondary transition process a representative from Mirani SHS will visit our school within the first two weeks of next term (Term 3). The representative will explain the enrolment process, scholarship application process and other information relevant to your child’s transition to secondary schooling. This will be followed up later in the year by another visit. Additionally, parent information sessions will be held at Mirani SHS at a date yet to be set. Information regarding the parent sessions will be sent out A.S.A.P. (Michael Post -HOD – Middle Schooling -Mirani SHS).

Sacraments

A parent information night for the Sacraments will be held on Tuesday 22nd July from 6:30 – 7:30 in St John’s School Hall, Anne Street, Walkerston . This meeting is for those parents who may be interested in their child receiving the sacraments. To participate in this home based program the children need to be in year three or older. (Andrea Pinkard - Co-Ordinator - Walkerston/Eton Parish - Sacramental Team.)
NEBO MEDICAL CENTRE offers bulkbilling to all children under the age of 16 years. Some of the services that we can offer your children are: Immunisation catch up; 4year old health checks Asthma management plans, as well as holding selected prescription medications.

We also have a selected range of over the counter medications for children such as: LiceBuster; Panadol for children; Hydrolyte; Wart off; Ventolin puffer; Epipen etc etc

Call in and see us at 2 Kemmis Street or phone 49 505301

WHITSUNDAY VOICES ‘EAT MY WORDS’
16-19 JULY 2014

Now in its 11th year, Whitsunday Voices continues to provide quality, fun-based educational opportunities for students of all ages, creating a life-long love of reading for the youth of Mackay and surrounding regions.

“Humour and Humanity”

Presented by Morris Gleitzman

Morris Gleitzman needs no introduction. He has written for television, stage, newspapers and magazines, but is best-known for his hugely successful children’s books, including Two Weeks with the Queen, Bumface and Once. He is known for his tough subjects, presented in a humorous and offbeat style.

Morris writes stories that explore how young people encounter a complex and problem-filled world. Love and compassion are just as important in his work as conflict and confrontation. In this forum Morris will talk about stories, what our culture needs from its fiction, and how stories equip young readers with a range of skills and personal resources.

The Educators’ Forum is a must for teachers, librarians and parents who share Morris’ passion to inspire and prepare our young readers and writers for the world.

Pansy Wood Centre
Whitsunday Anglican School
4pm – 6pm
Thursday 17 July 2014
$35 includes refreshments

Don’t miss this amazing opportunity and make your booking now for the 2014 Whitsunday Voices Educators’ Forum. Contact Anna De Luca on 07 4969 2076 or email ade@was.qld.edu.au.

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