Well, although we only had a 3 day week at School last week, it certainly was very busy. I would like to first of all thank all of the students and their families and friends, and all the staff who came to the wonderful ANZAC Service held by the Nebo Community last Friday. It truly was a touching and beautiful service and I was so very proud of the behaviour of all of our students. They certainly did Nebo State School proud!

School Captains Lindsay Lockwood and Luke Connolly and Vice-Captains Holly Aksenov & Jacob Drury honour the Nebo ANZAC Memorial sight.
Lest We Forget!
The children were also involved in a variety of activities to commemorate the importance of ANZAC Day. We were very fortunate to have a puppet show at our school to commence the week. The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to the war stories told and were engaged in watching the puppetry. Thanks to Ruth Bethel, Lyn and Jane Deguara, and Monique Bethel for conducting this wonderful puppet show for the children.

It is very important that our future generations of children learn about the history of War and the impacts it has on our country and the lives of so many people. Nebo State School has a rich history and some interesting connections in relation to the effects of the War. Please read the attachment with this week’s Newsletter taken from our 125 year celebration History Book, which includes an honour roll of past students who fought in World War 11 (1939-1945).

We were also very privileged and honoured to receive a pine tree to commemorate the centenary of the Gallipoli landing. We were given the pine tree on behalf of the Nebo RSL Auxiliary Committee. We are very grateful to receive this tree and it was an honour to have Nebo war veteran Bill Bruce come and present the tree to us, along with President of the Nebo RSL Auxiliary Committee Wayne Hungerford and member Pixie McFadzen. Students and staff prepared an area at the front of the school for where the pine tree will be planted. It was decided that due to the sentimental value that the pine tree holds, we felt it best to plant it in a pot and keep it protected in the Greenhouse until it gets a little bigger. This will also allow us to provide some further forward planning into preparing a nice courtyard area where we can create an ANZAC garden. On the official centenary in 2015, we will organise to have our special visitors’ return, where we will conduct a ceremony to transplant the pine tree from the pot to our ANZAC garden and primarily commemorate 100 years since the outbreak of WW1 and the sacrifices soldiers made.

A special thank you to the Country Women’s Association (CWA), for the donation of books for our school Library, which our School Captains accepted on behalf of our school at the ANZAC day service.

**Spelling Bee Winners**

Well done to students for working hard to learn their spelling for the Spelling Bee Competition. Some of the words were very challenging and the students have done a sensational job at trying their hardest to accurately spell as many words as possible. Due to some students in a couple of year levels coming a tie, a tie breaker for some year levels will occur tomorrow. Winners will be announced on Parade next week and Prizes will be awarded to students next week also. All students will sign for their prize money, except for students in years 1-4, a parent will need to sign for and collect their money.
Cross Country
Just a reminder Cross Country is on tomorrow at the Nebo Showgrounds. All Parent/s and Carer/s would have received a form home regarding permission for their child/children to participate in sporting events in Nebo outside the school grounds. It is imperative that this form is returned to Miss Amiet or your child’s class teacher as soon as possible. A Cross Country program of events was also sent home. Please remember that times are a guide only and are subject to change, depending on how long events take?

Students need to arrive at the Showgrounds by 8.30am and meet at the shed on the side of the oval. Teachers will mark attendance before commencing the day’s proceedings. Students will walk back and return to school for a presentation to be held at approximately 11am. Students will be able to have a snack down at the Showgrounds and a 20 minute lunch break will be scheduled for eating after the presentation. **All students must ensure they have their hat and water bottle and appropriate footwear must be worn at all times.**

Touch Football
Best wishes to our Touch Football girls – Natalie Symonds, Emily Bryan and Chloe Simmonds, who made the Denham District Touch Football team and will compete in Emerald today. Thank you to Miss Amiet for organising to take the girls and supporting them with this opportunity.

Congratulations – ‘Shave for a Cure’
Congratulations to Lorraine Connolly, Neil Connolly, and Bradley Duggan who together successfully raised $2457.90 through the ‘Shave for a Cure’ fundraiser. Thanks to everyone who donated and participated!

Important Forms
Just a reminder regarding the return of the following forms that 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.

NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program of Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be from 13-15th May.
Teachers are continuing to prepare students for this year’s testing process. 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, except in instances where a student may be exempt due to a significant intellectual disability. Consultation between the parent/s and carer/s and Principal must take place.

We are in the process of formulating the program for NAPLAN week. All students required to sit NAPLAN will be provided with breakfast at school (toast and/or cereal), however all students are welcome to join in for the week and have breakfast. It will be of the utmost importance that no interruptions are made at all during the week of NAPLAN. Students in years 2, 4, and 6 will work from a different classroom during the testing periods. Further details and information will be sent home next week.

P & C
Just a reminder that there will be a P & C Meeting held this afternoon at 2.45 pm in the Arts/Music building, here at school. All school community members are welcome to attend. It is important that if you have any issues, concerns, suggestions or feedback about the school that is a P & C issue, e.g. Tuckshop, Uniform Shop, Fundraising ideas, etc. please come along and communicate this at the P & C Meeting. If you cannot make it and wish to bring something to the attention of P & C members, you are welcome to send in an Email.
Nebo School Uniforms
Our new School Uniform stock has arrived. So, if you were wanting to purchase new uniforms, you can now pop in and purchase them from our Uniform shop, which runs out of our Tuckshop. Thank you to Sue Rapmund for picking them up from our supplier.

Nebo Supporter Shirts
Thank you to Dee Whitehead for organising the Nebo State School Supporter Shirts and doing up a form to go to the School Community. The shirts look fantastic and are based on our school logo and two sporting teams. The shirts are $52 each and have been made and designed by ‘Big Fish Graphics’ NT. The shirts are sun safe and will not fade. We have two sponsors on each sleeve. Thank you to our sponsors, Mule from ‘Maverick’, Greg Barr and Debbie Brown from ‘Lazy B’ Charolias who kindly paid for the layout and the design for these shirts. Thanks also to Alison Flute photography. A form went home before the school holidays for orders. If you have misplaced your form and would like to order a shirt, please see Sue in the Office for a replacement form. All money raised will go towards the P & C.

Isaac Regional Council Photography Competition
Please see the attached poster for a Photography Competition that the Isaac Council are holding. The competition is open to people of all ages to show off their love for photography by capturing the Isaac region within a theme each year. Winners take home great prizes awarded at the St Lawrence Wetlands Weekend.

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 😊.

Have a fantastic week

Jennifer Fenwick

TuckShop
Thankyou to Jodie and Nikki for working in the Tuckshop last week. Helpers are desperately required for the rest of Term 2. If you can assist at all for a short time on a Tuesday morning, it would be much appreciated. A form was attached with last weeks Newsletter, alternatively see Kassy Hyde to offer your assistance.

Please 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:

29/4/14 Christina and Louise
5/05/14 Nikki and Stephanie
12/05/14 ?
19/05/14 ?

Thanks Kassy