Principal’s Message:

What an intense week, last week was for our students in Years 3, 5, and 7, and for our staff. I would like to commend our students for the effort they all put in towards NAPLAN, they all tried their absolute best and that’s all we wanted them to do. A special thank you to our staff who have worked tirelessly to prepare all the students for this process. Thank you to our amazing Teacher Mrs Wade, the awesome Miss Amiet and of course a mention must also go to Mrs Van tienhoven who assisted with a handful of numeracy sessions with the students. Thanks also to Miss Gomez and our Teacher-Aides for their assistance with the years 2, 4, and 6 students. I feel so very blessed to work with such wonderful staff. We simply have a fantastic team here at Nebo State School!

A very special thank you must also go to our P & C representatives, and our lovely parents who made all the students breakfast for three mornings last week. Thank you to Lorraine Connolly, Jodie Clarence, Kassy Hyde, Jade O’Connor, Louise Kliese, and Stephanie Wieland, who gave up their time each morning and made and served the children breakfast. The children were all so very grateful to enjoy breakfast with their friends at school.

Indigenous Artist

Today and Friday this week we are very fortunate to have a special guest visiting our school. Arthur Conlon, or better known as ‘Deadly Arthur’ will be working with staff and students to paint some Indigenous wall murals throughout our school. Students will need to wear an old paint shirt or Art smock before painting. We have some paint shirts available at school, however children are welcome to also bring their own in from home. This message was also communicated to students last week.

Arthur is a very experienced Indigenous artist and comes to us highly recommended. It is important that students learn not only about visual art concepts, but also develop an understanding of Indigenous culture.

Having Arthur come also coincides with National Reconciliation Week. National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is celebrated across Australia each year between 27th May and 3rd June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the Reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 Referendum and the High Court Mabo decision. The week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can

Upcoming Events:

MAY
- 19th – P & C Meeting
- 19th & 24th Deadly Arthur – Indigenous Artist visiting
- 22nd – Under 8’s Day
- 24th Nebo Rodeo
- 26th-30th – Jennifer at Principal’s Conference

JUNE
- 5th – School Photos
- 9th – Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
- 13th – Nebo Athletics Carnival and Student Disco 5.00pm-7.30pm
- 19th – Mackay Show Holiday
- 20th – Brigalow Athletics
join the national reconciliation effort. The 27th May marks the anniversary of Australia’s most successful referendum. The 1967 referendum saw over 90% of Australians vote to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognise them in the national census. On the 3rd June 1992, the High Court of Australia delivered its landmark Mabo decision. This decision legally recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special relationship to the land—that existed prior to colonisation and still exists today. This recognition paved the way for land rights called Native Title.

The Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs are holding a School Photo Competition for classes in years 5-7 to showcase a photo of reconciliation. The theme for this year is ‘Let’s Walk the Talk’, focusing on turning past conversations into actions.

What fantastic timing to have Deadly Arthur visit and engage in some Indigenous painting, and with more than 10% of our school students either Indigenous and/or Torres Strait Islander, makes sense that we may as well take a snapshot of our collaborative painting and send it in.

**Under /Eight’s Day**

**Thank you to Miss Gomez for organising our under 8’s Day.** Under 8’s day commences this Thursday 22nd May at 8.40am and concludes at 10.20am. There are five twenty minute rotations for the students and their younger siblings and friends to be involved in. Miss Gomez has organised the children into 5 groups. The following rotations will take place on Thursday with the following staff members:

- **Miss Gomez**
  - Activity: Cooking
  - Area: Prep/One Classroom

- **Mrs Wade**
  - Activity: Music
  - Area: 234 Classroom

- **Miss Amiet**
  - Activity: Wacky races
  - Area: Oval

- **Mrs Connolly**
  - Activity: Bubble painting and water play
  - Area: Outside Prep/One Building on grass

- **Mrs Clarence**
  - Activity: Salt Dough – make a creature to bake
  - Area: Kitchen/Tuckshop

**Important Forms**

Just a reminder that we are still waiting on forms from some families to be returned. These forms 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.
Whooping Cough

Just an important courtesy message, to let you know that we have had a report of Whooping Cough reported from a member of the Nebo community. One of our student’s relatives has been diagnosed with Whooping Cough (Pertussis). Please be on the lookout for symptoms of Whooping Cough. Attached with this Newsletter is a Queensland Health Information Fact Sheet about Whooping Cough. Anybody diagnosed with Whooping cough needs to seek medical treatment and should be excluded for a period of 5 days with Antibiotics or 21 days from the onset of coughing.

Student Council

Our Student Council will be organising their first School Disco on Friday 13th June. This disco is for Nebo State School Students only and be from 5.00pm – 7.30 pm. The Disco will take place in the under covered area adjoining the tuckshop. There will be a $2 entry fee for each student who attends; this money will goes towards the Student Council funds. The Tuckshop will be selling drinks and hot food on the night as well. The theme for the disco is a Fluoro/neon theme. Nothing like a splash of colour on Black Friday.

P & C

There will be a P & C Meeting at 2.45pm today in the Arts/Music Room. All community members are welcome to attend. Also, don’t forget to order your pies for the P & C Pie Drive.

Book Fair

Thanks once again to Lorraine Connolly for doing a great job with organising our Book Fair and the Colouring –in competition. A special thanks to Sonia Bennett who gave up her time to come and judge the Colouring-in competition. The following winners – boy and girl from each class, are:

P/1: Karen Dayes and Braden Wyatt
2/3/4: Jayne Symonds and Sagar Samanta
5/6/7: Natalie Symonds and Luke Connolly

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

Music Stars Program

The Music Stars Guitar and Keyboard program is meant to commence on Tuesday this week. We are still awaiting further information regarding the students who are participating and what time their lessons will be. Apologies more information regarding this hasn’t been able to be provided as yet.

Nebo Rodeo

Don’t forget about the Nebo Rodeo this Saturday 24th May. Hope to see lots of familiar faces there!

Pumpkins and Honey

We still have a couple 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
# Students of the Week

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## TuckShop -

**TUESDAY SPECIAL (THIS WEEK) – SPAGHETTI BOLOGNAISE - $5**

Thankyou to Louise and Steph for working in the Tuckshop last week. Helpers are still required for the rest of Term 2. If you can assist at all for a short time on a Tuesdaymorning, it would be much appreciated.

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:

19/05/14 : Jodie and Narelle

26/05/14 :

**Thanks Kassy**