Principal’s Message:

First of all I would like to say a massive congratulations to Lydia Wade for doing a sensational job in looking after the school last week. It was really reassuring to be able to leave the school knowing it was in such capable hands. Personally, last week, it was an intense, but great experience, in being able to attend the Principal’s conference in Gladstone. It was a wonderful opportunity to network with the Director and Assistant Director General of Education, Regional and Assistant Regional Directors, and various other guest speakers and Principal's from across Central Queensland. More importantly, it was an excellent opportunity to learn how to further develop my instructional leadership capabilities and how to improve our school’s performance.

New Pre-Prep initiative for Term 3 2014

I have some very exciting news to announce. Next Term we will be offering a Pre-Prep class at Nebo State School. This program is NOT a Government funded program, but an optional individual school initiative that we have decided to take on board to help prepare our future Prep students for school, with the ultimate goal of improving literacy and numeracy in our early years. Two weeks ago, I met with Julie Bishop, from Mackay Central Regional Office. Julie specialises in assisting schools with Indigenous Education ‘closing the gap’, and increasing student attendance. Julie also spoke with me about the opportunity to run a Pre-Prep program for children who will commence their Prep year in 2015. This program will run one morning, on one day a week (yet to be confirmed) by one of our staff members. Children will need to attend with their parent or carer. This will not be a babysitting service. Smaller children may also accompany their parent and future Prep sibling. More information regarding this will be sent home before the end of this Term, including an expression of interest form.

Report Cards

It is that time of the year when Teachers’ are all busy finalising student assessment and results for Semester One. Of course every day counts and every day our Teachers are making informed decisions either formally or informally. Two weeks ago all of our Teachers met to discuss Reporting procedures and to work through a moderation process. I must say how impressed I was with the professional discussions that we had and the judgements that were made. It was an excellent opportunity to share assessment pieces and discuss our A – E ratings in accordance with the Australian Curriculum standards. It is worth noting that 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 compared to earlier years’ results. For further information on the Australian Curriculum standards visit the online curriculum at 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 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.

**School Photos**

School Photos have been scheduled for this Thursday June 5th. School Photo information is attached with this week’s Newsletter. The day will commence with a Staff Photo at 8am, followed by class and group photos, and then individual and/or sibling photos. The photographer will also be heading out to Coppabella and Valkyrie that day, so it is important that we are organised and running on time. Could you please ensure your child wears their red and green school uniform on this day with white socks please and school shoes or joggers if possible.

**International World Thank You Day**

Just a reminder that next week on Wednesday 11th June, we will be holding our special parade and Morning Tea to thank all or our School and community helpers, either paid or volunteers, which have assisted to make our school a better place. Invitations have been sent out, if you think you should have received one of these and have not, please contact the Office as soon as possible, we would never want to intentionally miss someone we should be thanking. As mentioned in last week’s Newsletter every single person in our school community is appreciated and helps to make our school community a better place. This day however, is an opportunity for students to thank those who have made that extra contribution.

**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. Your feedback is important!

**Athletics**

Our School Athletics carnival will be held on Friday 13th June here in Nebo, and our cluster Athletics carnival will be held on Friday 20th June at Coppabella State School. If you have not returned the expression of interest form that Miss Amiet sent home last week to see how many students would require transport on the 20th June to get to Coppabella State School, could you please do so as soon as possible.

**Important Forms – Still outstanding my some families**

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.
**Student Council**
Student Council will be holding their first School Disco on Friday 13th June. This disco is for Nebo State School Students only and will be from 5.00pm – 7.30 pm. No student will be permitted to leave the disco unless they are being taken home by their parent/carer. If you are organising another parent to collect your child, please inform the office. No child will be permitted to walk home on their own or wander off to the car park on their own to meet somebody. Student’s safety is paramount and I am sure you will all agree and support this procedure. 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**
Just a reminder about the P & C Pie Drive, which is still running. All Pie Order forms and money are due in by to be handed into the School Office by no later than the 4th of June. This way you will be able to receive your pies before the June/July School Holidays.

**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.

**Pumpkins and Honey**
We still have 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 BOG - $5**

Thank you to Louise and Alison 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 Tuesday morning, 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:

- 03/06/14: Jodie and Steph
- 10/06/14: Louise and Narelle
- 17/06/14: Nikki and Deb
- 24/06/14: Louise and Christina

*Thanks Kassy*

**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; 4-year 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*