Principal’s Message:

Last week all staff had the opportunity to receive coaching and feedback around Explicit Instruction practices with Tia Page, our Explicit Instruction Pedagogical Coach. Developing mastery with explicit instruction, is not only part of our school’s improvement agenda, but it is a key priority being endorsed by the Central Queensland Region, as a cornerstone of pedagogy to enhance teaching and learning. Explicit Instruction is best used to develop new knowledge and understanding with students. Explicit Instruction is not a new concept, it has been around for decades and the effectiveness of explicit instruction has been validated again and again in research involving both general education and special education students. Therefore, our staff at Nebo State School are working hard at refining this process. We commenced this process last term and will continue to work with Tia throughout the year to develop and refine our teaching practices. I must say how wonderful it was to receive such positive feedback from Tia, who commended our staff at Nebo State School. Tia observed all Teachers in the classroom and she commented how committed they were in trying to constantly look for ways to improve and refine the explicit instruction teaching and learning process. Tia also said what a lovely feel it was to be amongst our staff and how our school had such a nice positive vibe and culture amongst it. I must say, I was not surprised to hear how awesome our Teachers’ are, and what great staff we have. I truly feel privileged to work with such a fantastic group of people every day.

New Pre-Prep initiative for Term 3 2014

Last week, I announced that next Term we would be offering a Pre-Prep class at Nebo State School. Just in case you missed last week’s Newsletter, 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. A few 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 commence in Week three next term. The Program will run on a Thursday morning from 8.30am -10.30am in our Arts/Music room. Children must attend with their parent or carer. This will not be run as a babysitting service. Smaller children may also accompany their parent and future Prep sibling.
An expression of interest form is attached to this week’s Newsletter. If you have a student who will be attending Prep in 2015, or you know of someone else in the community who has one, could you please spread the word and pass on this information. You can pass on a form or they can either phone or come into the office. The expression of interest form is simply to gauge how many Pre-Preps we may have attending.

**Report Cards**

Just a reminder, that Report Cards will be sent home on Wednesday 26th June and as mentioned in last week’s Newsletter, 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/](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.

**Behaviour**

It is great to see the culture of the school around behaviour striving forward and that all the children are aware of our three school rules:

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible

As you are aware, students over the last two Terms have been receiving gotchas that coincide with our school rules. We have some students that have reached their ‘Bronze’ level of behaviour and they will receive their certificate on parade before the end of the Term. We ordered new certificates which have arrived and they look awesome.

Each week we have also been trying to hone in on a different behaviour focus around the school. This has been communicated each week on Parade and in the classrooms. I will endeavour to ensure this is also communicated in the Newsletter each week.

This week’s focus is: **I always wear my hat and I am Sun Safe at all times!**

We are a sun safe school and the rule ‘no hat no play’ applies. Even though we are coming into the cooler months it is important that all students are continuing to wear a hat. We have two Athletics carnivals coming up and all students must have a hat.

**Sponsorship Success**

It is with much excitement that I announce that I was contacted by Rio Tinto the other day to say that the funding application I had applied for was successful. Nebo State School will be fortunate to receive just under $5000. This money will be used to pay for a 2 year subscription for ‘Reading Eggs’ and ‘Mathletics’ for every student in our school. This will enable students to use these programs at school and for free at home. Both of these online programs are very engaging and have an excellent track record to assist to develop and improve students’ literacy and numeracy skills through an interactive environment.
**International World Thank You Day**
This Wednesday 11th June, we will be holding our special parade and Morning Tea to thank all of our School and community helpers who have assisted to make our school a better place. We will commence with Parade at 9.45am followed by Morning Tea. 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. If you have received one and have not sent your RSVP, could you please let a staff member know or contact Sue in the Office.

**Special Thanks**
It was great to have my son James Fenwick return last week with his friend Tk Patara. Both the boys treated us to a short hip hop dance performance on Parade, which the students thoroughly enjoyed. James did some Hip Hop workshops with our school last Term, and this Term he returned with his friend Tk, who is also from ‘Academy of Brothers’ Hip Hop megacrew. Tk and James travelled to Coppabella State School, Valkyrie State School, Kilcummin State School and finally all the way out to Mistake Creek State School. The children at these schools were treated to some Hip Hop dance workshops. I would like to thank James and Tk for giving up their time and sharing their knowledge and expertise with other schools in the Brigalow cluster and abroad. Collegial relationships with other schools are very important to working together to achieve success in education.

![James and Tk sharing their Hip Hop knowledge with the Brigalow cluster](image.jpg)

**Athletics**
This week we have our school Athletics carnival and events. On Thursday afternoon we will be having Long Jump events at the school, if you wish to come and watch your child, please feel free to come along. On Friday 13th June we will have our annual athletics carnival down at the showgrounds. As per cross country, if all students could be at the showgrounds ready to start at 8.30am. The Tuckshop will be selling snacks and drinks on this day; however children need to ensure they have their own lunch.

We then have our Brigalow Cluster Athletics carnival on Friday 20th June at Coppabella State School. It would be great to have as many students and parents there to attend. Could you please let Miss Amiet know how your child is getting to Coppabella State School, if you haven’t done so already? The preferred option is if you could please take and pick up your own child, but if this is not possible, a bus will be available, however it is only a small bus. If your child is travelling with another parent, then that parent must get a form from the Office and fill in their licence and vehicle details. Coppabella State School will be operating their Tuckshop on this day.

You will find further information about the schedule of athletics events in the program that Miss Amiet sent home last week. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Miss Amiet or the School Office. Just a reminder for both carnivals, that students’ should have extra water to drink and be wearing their hat at all times. Although we are officially in winter, the importance of being sun safe at all times is vital.
Winchester

The Winchester Foundation is a group of volunteers working together to make a difference to support children who live in rural and remote areas. At the heart of this group is a lady by the name of Beryl Neilson who is generous enough to want to use some of her own money to help students in the outback with enriching experiences. I have been speaking with Judy Harris and Ruth Bethel who are also affiliated with the Winchester Foundation. The Winchester Foundation will be funding a camp for the years 4-7 to attend Kinchant Dam Outdoor Education Centre from the 16th July to the 18th July. Forms to attend this camp will be sent home within the next few weeks. Students in years 4-7 will engage in a range of outdoor activities with children from other schools in the Brigalow Cluster and they will camp at Kinchant Dam for two nights.

The Winchester Foundation group is also funding the whole school with a Winchester Foundation shirt and is also funding the whole school to attend the Whitsunday Voices Festival in Mackay on Friday the 18th July. A bus will pick up the students from Kinchant Dam to take them to the festival and a bus will also stop and pick up the Prep-year 3 students and staff attending on Friday the 18th of July. This will mean that students will need to be at school earlier on this day and will be back a little late. The tentative proposed time for leaving on Friday the 18th of July is approximately 7.35 am and the bus is anticipated to be back by 2.45pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to have a day out in Mackay and witness first hand some exceptional authors. Further information regarding this will be sent home soon.

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! Please also be mindful that if you have an issue or concern coming to the school directly, rather than discussing on Social Media is desirable. Please find attached with this week’s Newsletter an article from the Department of Education and Training and Employment.

Student Council

The Student Council School Disco is on this 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 attend; this money will goes towards the Student Council funds. The Tuckshop will be selling drinks and hot food on the night as well. Please find attached a Disco price list for food they are selling on the night. The theme for the disco is a Fluoro/Neon theme. Nothing like a splash of colour on Black Friday!

P & C

Thanks again to Steph for all her hard work around organising the Pie Drive. Just a reminder that the P & C will be selling hot food, snacks and drinks at the School Disco this Friday night and snacks and drinks at the Athletics carnival on Friday.

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.

**Have a fantastic week**

Jennifer Fenwick

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**Students of the Week**

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**TuckShop –**

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

Thankyou to Jodie 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:**

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; 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

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Tiffiny Hall

Chris Morphew

Tiffiny and Chris will be presenting a series of book talks and workshops during the Festival, so don’t miss this great opportunity and book your student sessions now. For the full Whitsunday Voices 2014 program of authors and events, visit www.whitsundayvoices.com.au. For all session bookings, please contact Anna De Luca on 07 4969 2076 or email ade@was.qld.edu.au.