Principal’s Message:
Welcome back everyone. I hope you all had a fantastic and relaxing holiday and are set for a very busy Term ahead.

The students’ today, enjoyed their visit with the Life Education Van. The modules that the children were engaged in enabled them to receive valuable information to motivate and empower them to make healthy choices for the future. Thank you to the families who have already paid their $6.00. If you have not yet paid the $6.00 for each of your children, could you please bring it in as soon as possible.

Some of the students also enjoyed a visit to the Nebo Memorial Hall to watch an educational concert by a 37-member Queensland Youth Orchestra conducted by Sergei Korschmin. A variety of short orchestral pieces, some songs with their Soprano Xenia Puskarz-Thomas, and some instrument demonstrations were played. This concert was sponsored by Peabody Energy and admission was free.

Tommorrow, students in year’s 6 and 7 will receive a visit from Michael Post, Head of the Middle Schooling Department from Mirani State High School. Michael will be talking to the students about enrolment processes, orientation days, electives, and Mirani State High School Expectations. This will allow any year 6 and 7 students attending Mirani State High School in 2015, an opportunity to receive valuable information and to ask any questions that they may have about their transition to high school.

This Wednesday the 16th July, the students in Years 4-7 will head off for school Camp to attend Kinchant Dam Outdoor Education Centre. It is anticipated that the students will leave school on Wednesday at approximately 11.30 am and return on Friday 18th July at approximately 2.45 pm. The students will experience camping out in tents; interact with other students from the Brigalow Cluster and the School of Distance Education; and they will attend the Whitsunday Voices Festival in Mackay for two Days, where they will be involved in quality literacy sessions with various author’s. All students’ in Prep-Year 3 and all staff will also attend the Whitsunday Voices Festival on Friday the 18th, July, therefore there will be NO STAFF at school this Friday. Just a reminder that the bus will be leaving at 7.35 am. If your child has not yet returned their Permission form and Medical form to attend, could you please ensure this is brought in to school by this Wednesday, 16th of July, at the very latest. If your form was brought in before the holidays and there is now a change to your child’s medical condition, could you please update these details.
A very big warm thank you once again to the Winchester Foundation Group for their generosity in funding the school to attend these quality events. The Winchester Foundation will be delivering shirts for the children to wear to the Whitsunday Voices on Friday. It is also important to note the generosity of BMC/BHP, who are a key driver in supporting the Whitsunday Voices. BMC/BHP would like to take some photos of students from our school at the Whitsunday Voices Festival, please find attached with this week’s Newsletter a photo permission form. If you could please return this form as soon as possible.

Special congratulations once again to the following students who were successful in their selection to represent the Brigalow Cluster and compete at the Denham Zone Athletics trials at Moranbah East State School during the last week of school last term:

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)

A very big and exciting congratulations to Luke Connolly and Kyle McCarthy who were both successful in being selected for the Denham Zone Athletics team. Luke came third in the multi-event, (which was a Pentathlon combining track and field events) and Kyle came 2nd in High Jump. As a result of their success in these events, both boys have been selected to compete as part of the Denham Zone Athletics team, which will be held in Emerald on the 22nd of July.

Nationally Consistent Data Collection on School Students with a Disability

Just a reminder that our school has been selected to input data this year, as part of the Nationally consistent Data Collection. A parent/carer information letter went home about this towards the end of last Term.

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

**Pre-Prep Commencement**

We have received an overwhelming 15 expression of interest forms regarding our Pre-Prep program for children who will commence their Prep year in 2015. It is not to late if you know of anyone else who may be interested in coming along. This program is for children who will commence Prep in 2015, which is, children who are born between the 1st of July 2009 and the 30th June 2010. This program will commence next Thursday 24th July, from 8.30am-10.30am, and will be run by Mrs Lydia Wade, our current year 2/3/4 teacher. The first Pre-Prep session, will be an information session for parent/s, carer/s and a get to know you session with the children. We are also very fortunate to have Mrs Julie Bishop from Mackay Central Regional Office, who will be coming along to help launch our first program. Julie Bishop has been instrumental in initiating this project across the Central Queensland Region.

It is imperative that all parent/s and/or carers attend with their Pre-Prep child/ren. A sign on sheet will be available for those attending. Each adult will need to sign in for each child that they are responsible for bringing along. Further information about the program will be provided on this day and we look forward to getting this exciting program underway.

**Behaviour**

Staff will be revisiting behaviour expectations at Nebo State School to commence Term three. It is always important to remind students of our school rules: ‘Be Safe’, ‘Be Respectful’, and ‘Be Responsible’. In particular after a break from school, a timely reminder is quite often needed. It is important that children are aware that when leaving the school grounds to attend other events that school rules still apply. We do, I believe have a very well behaved group of students at Nebo State School; however any student who displays inappropriate behaviour while on school camp or on a school excursion, e.g. ‘Whitsunday Voices’, may result in having their outing shortened and their parent or carer contacted to collect them from the specified venue.

Our behaviour focus this week is:

**I use good manners at all times!**

**Assistant Regional Director Visit**

On Tuesday 24th of June, John Wessel, our Assistant Regional Director from Central Queensland Regional Office, visited our school. John visited the teacher’s in their classrooms and met with myself to discuss my journey as Acting Principal so far. It is with much gratitude that I share with you that John was really pleased with the progress our school has made in the last 6 months. John commended staff for their professionalism and the brilliant job they were doing at working towards improving student outcomes. I would also like to acknowledge our hard working staff; they are simply just that, brilliant. Furthermore, I would like to acknowledge the fantastic team we have here at Nebo State School, besides great staff, we have great students, parent/s and carer/s and of course the wider school community is just awesome. It was very reassuring to have such positive feedback from John Wessel. To the contrary, we can never
become complacent, and therefore we will continue to work collegially to strive towards driving an explicit improvement agenda, which ultimately aims to improve student outcomes to develop lifelong learning.

**Expression of Interest**
If you are ever interested in volunteering your time (class helper, Tuckshop, cooking, gardening) please let your child’s class teacher know. If you also possess skills and attributes and are interested in being considered for any future employment position that may become available at our school (Teacher Aide, Administration, Groundsperson, etc.), please submit a Resume to me and/or contact me to let me know of your interest.

**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.

**P & C**
The first P & C Meeting for the Term will be held next Monday 21st July, in the Arts/Music Room at 2.45 pm. All parent/s and carer/s and friends of Nebo State School are welcome to attend.

**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.

**Best Wishes,**

Jennifer Fenwick

**Junior Secondary Transition Mirani SHS**
Exciting changes await our school as 2015 marks the first year that Year 7 will be a part of Mirani State High School. This means that next year, we’ll be welcoming both Year 7 and 8 students into our community.

Many of you will recall making that transition with your children over the past few years, and we’re focused on providing as much support as possible to the students coming across from our local primary schools. Especially with the double cohort expected next year.

The students starting in Year 7 and 8 here next year will be a part of Junior Secondary for Years 7, 8 and 9, along with those students currently in Year 8. The Junior Secondary model we have developed will best support the academic, social and emotional needs of students who are in these early years of high school.

We’re really looking to our whole community to welcome and support the students coming across to our school next year. We’ll be holding information sessions later in Term 3, which will be a great opportunity to showcase our community and our Junior Secondary model. The dates for these sessions will be announced in the near future.

If you have any questions or concerns on the transition of Year 7, please contact Michael Post at Mirani SHS on 49667111.


**TuckShop -**

**TUESDAY SPECIAL – STARTS IN WEEK 2**

Thankyou to all of the helpers who have assisted in the Tuckshop throughout last Term. If anybody can assist in the Tuckshop for Term 3, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please find attached with this week’s Newsletter an expression of interest form for helping out in the Tuckshop this Term.

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 3:** 15/07/14: Jodie and Christina

*Thanks Kassy*

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**NEBO MEDICAL CENTRE**

**AS OF 14/7/2014**

**Dr Fred Bott & Dr Zool Hudda**

will be working alternate months to ensure continual doctor availability.

**Dr Sid O’Toole & Dr Rob McCartney**

*Occupational Physicians* will be visiting regularly.

*We also of course have our friendly, competent nurses*

*We would love for you to come and support us*

**Call 49 505301 or visit 2 Kemmis St NEBO 4742**

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**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.

For the full Whitsunday Voices 2014 program of authors and events, visit our website [www.whitsundayvoices.com.au](http://www.whitsundayvoices.com.au)