Principal’s Message:
The first week of Term 3 is complete and what an extremely eventful and busy week it was. The students thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Life Education visit last Monday, where they received some very valuable and worthwhile health messages. Then some of the students were later entertained at the Nebo Memorial Hall, by The 37-member Queensland Youth Orchestra conducted by Sergei Korschmin. Both of these events were fantastic; however one of the major highlights of the week was undoubtedly the ‘Winchester Camp’ for the years 4-7 students and the ‘Whitsunday Voices Literature Festival’.

I would like to first of all say thank you to Miss Laura Amiet and Ms Lorraine Connolly for attending and supporting the students at the Winchester Camp. The students thoroughly enjoyed the camp. They camped out in tents; interacted with students from the Brigalow Cluster Schools and Distance Education Schools; and were involved in a range of sporting and team building activities, from orienteering, to rock climbing, just to name a few. The students’ then attended the ‘Whitsunday Voices Literature Festival’ for two days, where they were then joined by our whole, school who attended on the Friday. Thank you to all of our staff who attended this fantastic event to support the younger students to also experience first-hand, the opportunity to engage with a variety of highly regarded authors. It was an inspiring opportunity to listen to the journey that these authors took in becoming an author and to also learn some valuable tips on how students could also become their very own future author. To top it off, students also had an opportunity to meet one of their favourite authors and get a book signed by one of these authors too.

Morris Gleitzman signs one of our new school library books at the Whitsunday Voices Literature Festival
I would like to extend my congratulations to the students who attended camp and to all the students’ who attended the Literature festival on their outstanding behaviour. Furthermore, I would once again like to thank Beryl Neilsen and the Winchester Foundation group. Without the generosity of Beryl Neilsen who is the backbone of the Winchester Foundation Group, the opportunities for our students to experience these events at no cost to families, would not be possible. Beryl Neilsen and the Winchester Foundation not only paid for all the students to attend camp and the Whitsunday Voices Festival, including the hire of all the buses, but they provided every student in our school with a Winchester Foundation Shirt and fed every student and every staff member all meals, snacks and drinks while in attendance at these events. This is truly a very kind and remarkable token of support and generosity, which, I am sure you will all agree, we should all be extremely grateful for.

Thank you Beryl Neilsen and the Winchester Foundation Group!
Last, but no the very least, a very special mention to Layton Jung for his excellent behaviour and efforts at these events and a big thank you to Kassy Hyde for her help and support too!

Staff Update:
We welcome back Mrs Monique Bethel who is completing her Professional Practice Teaching Internship program at our school. Monique will continue to work on Mrs Lydia Wade’s class for Term 3. Mrs Wade will continue to collaborate with Mrs Bethel with teaching and learning programs that the year 2/3/4 students will be involved in. Lydia will also launch the Pre-Prep program this Thursday the 24th July. Sue Rapmund will be off on Recreational Leave until August 22nd. Sue will be travelling overseas to visit her daughter and we wish her a safe and relaxing holiday. The Department of Education has not issued a replacement person for Sue’s part-time position. We will see how we travel without this position and keep our fingers crossed we do not get too snowed under. So, therefore, if you are phoning the Office and you are looking to leave a message, Sue will not be there to receive it. If you could please leave a message on the school answering machine and we will endeavour to return your call as soon as possible. If it is urgent, please phone on the School Mobile Phone on: 0477 394 701. Next Wednesday the 30th of July, I will be travelling to Brisbane for the Queensland Association of State School Principal’s Conference. This conference will focus on School Leadership and improving student outcomes. There are a variety of International and National Speakers; and a variety of workshops to be involved in. Mrs Lydia Wade will be in charge in my absence.
Pre-Prep Commencement
Our Pre-Prep program, commences this Thursday 24th of July at 8.30am. All parent/s and carer/s have been contacted. It is not too 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.

2014 School Opinion Survey
The School opinion Survey is undertaken each year by the department’s State Schools Division to obtain the opinions of parents/caregivers, students and school staff about important aspects of schooling. The survey is designed to help schools identify what they do well and what they need to improve. The online annual School Opinion Survey starts this week. All families, school staff and a representative sample of students (year 5) will be invited to take part. If I could please encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what our school does well and how our school can improve, it would be greatly appreciated. Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey will be sent home with students this week. This will include the website and log on details you will need. The School Opinion Survey is open from the 21st July and closes on the 3rd August.

Reading Eggs and Mathletics – Rio Tinto Sponsorship Success
Last term I announced that we were successful in obtaining a grant from Rio Tinto to receive just under $5000, to pay for a 2 year subscription for ‘Reading Eggs’ and ‘Mathletics’ for every student in our school. Thanks once again to Rio Tinto for this wonderful opportunity and their support. 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. Students will have an opportunity to commence using these programs this week. Teachers will be taking students to the computer lab, so they can begin to explore these programs. Username and Password details for students will also be sent home this week, so that students can benefit from using these programs for free at home. If you have any questions about either of these programs, please see your child’s class teacher. In advance, here are the website addresses for each of these programs if you would like to find out more information:

Reading Eggs: www.readingeggs.com.au
Mathletics: www.mathletics.com.au

Nebo State School Website
We have a new website for our school. This website has been created and is facilitated by the Department of Education Training and Employment. Miss Nicole Gomez and myself are the website administrators and are undergoing training to use this website. We are limited to a certain number of functions and capabilities with the template we have chosen, based on a zero cost factor. We will continue to explore further options and make changes and any improvements where we can. Our school Newsletter’s and upcoming events are being uploaded on to this website. Thank you to Miss Gomez for assisting to do so. I have also uploaded the latest School Annual Report for your perusal. Our school web address can be found on our school newsletter and is: www.neboss.edu.au
Music Stars
An expression of interest was sent out in Term one for a keyboard and guitar program that was being run by Music Stars to commence last Term. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control, this program will not be able to be offered at Nebo State School at this point in time. My apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Nationally Consistent Data Collection on School Students with a Disability
Just a reminder that the collection of data for the Nationally Consistent Data Collection for students with a disability from our school will be inputted and then submitted on the 1st of August. 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.

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.

Behaviour
Staff will continue to revise behaviour expectations at Nebo State School for Term three. It is always important to remind students of our school rules: ‘Be Safe’, ‘Be Respectful’, and ‘Be Responsible’.

Our behaviour focus this week is:

I am organised by having all of my learning tools ready for 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, Grounds person, 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.

School Leader Shirts
The year 6 and 7 student’s school leader shirts have arrived, and I must say they look fantastic. Thanks once again to Louise Kliese for doing the hard yards in organising these for us.

P & C
The first P & C Meeting for the Term will be held this afternoon, 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.

Good Luck
Good luck to Luke Connolly (Multi-Age event) and Kyle McCarthy (High Jump) who will compete for selection in the Denham Zone Athletics team tomorrow in Emerald.

Honey
We are getting low on honey to sell; however I have dropped off our buckets to hopefully be refilled. Fingers crossed we may get some more honey soon. We must thank John McIlvenna for his generosity in obtaining this honey. John is in his 80’s and it is a difficult job to risk his own safety to obtain honey from the bees for our school. John is unsure due to his age and other commitments how long he can continue doing this? Fingers crossed we are able to obtain some more honey in the near future; otherwise we may need to look for another bee keeper and/or move the bee hives. Special thanks to John for all his efforts 😊

Students of the Week

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Kind Regards,

Jennifer Fenwick
TuckShop -

TUESDAY SPECIAL -- PASTA NOODLES

Thank you once again 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. Thank you to Jodie and Christina for assisting in the Tuckshop last week and to those who returned their expression of interest form for helping out in the Tuckshop this Term. It is not to late to bring your in if you have not returned it as yet.

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:  
21/07/14: Louise and Charlotte  
28/07/: Louise and Narelle

Thanks Kassy

Enrich Your Home With A WEP Exchange Student
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting Australian families to experience another culture within their own homes by becoming volunteer host families. If you are interested, please see the attachment with this week’s Newsletter.

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: 49 505 301 or visit: 2 Kemmis St NEBO 4742