Principal's Message:

Last week, we launched our Pre-Prep program and what a fantastic first morning it was. Our Pre-Prep program is designed for children who were born between the 1st of July 2009 and the 30th of June 2010. We received a massive 15 enrolments for this program. The purpose of this program is to assist to get students ready for their first year of school, in 2015.

This program being offered at Nebo State School aims to:
- engage children in a safe and supportive environment where they get to know and play with other children their own age
- learn some basic routines to assist to transition them into their first year of schooling
- learn some early foundation literacy and numeracy skills to assist them to enter their first year of schooling with greater prior knowledge
- Inform and communicate with parents to develop a greater awareness and understanding of the requirements for their child entering Prep.

I would like to officially thank and welcome all of the parent/s and carer/s and children who came along last Thursday morning to Nebo State School. I hope that you have a great time with your child every Thursday and that you find the program fun and of benefit to you and your child.

I would also like to extend my thanks to Mrs Julie Bishop and Mr Phil Wilson from Central Queensland Regional Office in Mackay, who both came along to be part of our Pre-Prep launch and who both stayed and played with some of the children. Julie has been instrumental in helping to support us getting this program off the ground and we are very grateful for her help.

In addition, I would like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Lydia Wade. The presentation that Mrs Wade put together for the Pre-Prep program last Thursday morning was truly fantastic. I would like to acknowledge and thank Lydia for all of her time and efforts.

The Pre-Prep program will continue to be facilitated by Lydia each Thursday and all those attending are so very fortunate to be in the hands of such an experienced, dedicated, and outstanding Teacher. Of course, Lydia will continue to collaborate with Mrs Monique Bethel who is completing her final leg of her Professional Practice, being an Internship. Lydia and Monique will continue to ensure that the best learning outcomes for the year 2/3/4 class are achieved.
Mrs Julie Bishop and Mr Phil Wilson from Central Queensland Regional Office entertaining the Pre-Prep children

Mr Phil Wilson entertaining the Pre-Prep children and Mrs Lydia Wade in the background presents our Pre-Prep program to the parent/s and carer/s.

2014 School Opinion Survey
Just a reminder that the online annual School Opinion Survey closes on the 3rd August. 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. All families, school staff and a representative sample of students are 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. The survey is anonymous, so don’t worry you cannot be identified by the responses that you provide. Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey were sent home with students last week. If you did not receive your form to complete this survey or you have misplaced the form you had, please contact me for a replacement form.

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. Details regarding the collection of this data have been included in several previous school Newsletter’s, including a separate letter regarding this process, which was sent home just before the term two school holidays. If you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.
**Sport**
Special mention to Luke Connolly and Kyle McCarthy who competed for selection in the Denham Zone Athletics team last Tuesday in Emerald. Both boys finished fourth in their events. Luke got 4th in the Multi-Age Athletics event and Kyle got 4th in High Jump. Although the boys didn’t make the Central Highland’s team this time round, they tried their absolute best and demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship.

**School Camp**
We will have some more school camps coming up this year. The Year 3’s will be having a camp with a destination yet to be decided. The Prep, Year One and Year Two’s will be having an overnight camp out at school later this Term. The year 5,6 and 7’s have an opportunity to attend school camp at the Tallebudgera Beach School on the Gold Coast in November, Term 4. Last term, I made some enquiries to see if we could get the students in the upper school into this very popular camp. We were placed on a waiting list, as this camp is extremely popular across many schools in Queensland. This is due to the strong curriculum links it has, the activities that it offers and of course location. During the last week of school, last term, I received a phone call to say that there was a spot for us. This is very exciting, as Tallebudgera is sometimes booked out years in advance. After discussing this camp with our P & C last week, we are very fortunate that our P & C has offered to pay for all of the students flights. A truly generous offer of kindness, which will significantly reduce the cost for families to attend. Thank you so much to our wonderful P & C.

Information for the year 5,6 and 7 students in relation to attending this camp will be sent home this week.

**Art Auction**
This term we will be having an Art Auction as our main school fundraiser. The Art Auction theme is a ‘Mad Hatter’s Tea Party’, showcasing ‘Wearable Art’. The hat will be made at school, and made using a hat template which Mrs Wade has organised. The hat will require the use of recyclable materials. Please find attached with this week’s Newsletter further information, including the sorts of recycled materials that we need to be brought in from home. Your assistance with this would be very much appreciated.

**Behaviour**
It is always important to remind students of our school rules: ‘Be Safe’, ‘Be Respectful’, and ‘Be Responsible’. If you ever have any suggestions or feedback regarding our whole school behaviour plan, I would love to hear from you.

Our behaviour focus this week is:

*I transition quietly when moving with my class around the school*

Congratulations to the following students who have attained their ‘Bronze’ level of behaviour and received their certificate on parade today.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

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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.

P & C
Our first P & C Meeting for the Term was held last Monday 21st, July. Thank you to those of you who were able to attend. Just to give you a thumbs up; a School Working Bee has been organised for Sunday 31st of August. The P & C are looking for any volunteers that may be able to help on this day. The purpose of this working bee will be to clean out and organise all of the sheds at school and the school Tuckshop. Any unwanted items will either be offered to those who would like them or disposed of in the appropriate manner. If you are able to help on this day, please see one of our P & C members. A big thank you to Louise Kiese and Steph Wieland for starting to clean up some items from our Tuckshop area and organising some of these items into our Arts/Music room. Thank you both so much!

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Kind Regards,

Jennifer Fenwick
TuckShop -

**TUESDAY SPECIAL -- SPAGHETTI BOLOGNEISE**

Thank you to all of the helpers who assist in the Tuckshop each week and a special thanks to Louise and Charlotte who assisted last week. Thank you to those of you who returned your form, offering to assist in the Tuckshop this Term, your help is greatly appreciated.

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:**
- 29/07: Louise and Narelle
- 05/08: Caroline and Nikki
- 12/08: Debbie and Jodie
- 19/08: Steph and Louise
- 26/08: Nikita and Nikki
- 02/09: Charlotte and Louise

*Thanks Kassy*

**MSHS Junior Secondary Transition 2015**

Mirani State High School will distribute enrolment packages to the Pioneer Valley cluster feeder primary schools during visits in Weeks 9 & 10 of this term (Term 3). Below are the enrolment interviews and orientation day dates for students transitioning to Mirani SHS:

**Enrolment Interviews**
- Year 8 (current Year 7) Weeks 4 and 5 of Term 4 (27th Oct-9th Nov).
- Year 7 (current Year 6) Weeks 7 and 8 of Term 4 (17th Nov-30th Nov).

**Orientation Days**
- Year 8 (current Year 7) Wednesday December 3rd
- Year 7 (Current Year 6) Thursday December 4th

Parent information sessions will be held at Mirani State High School at a date yet to be confirmed. The date of these sessions is dependent on the completion of the construction of the new building as the school currently does not have a space large enough to conduct the sessions.

**eKindy Message**

The waiting list for eKindy 2015 is now open.

Any families with children who may be eligible for eKindy in 2015 (i.e. 4 by 30 June 2011), can add their child’s name to the eKindy 2015 waiting list. Families will be contacted directly when registrations open. Information about eKindy (including eligibility criteria) and the waiting list form can be found on the eKindy web page: https://brisbanesde.eq.edu.au/Ourschool/eKindy/Pages/ekindy.aspx Information has recently been added to this page, about ‘eKindy in small schools’.
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