Principal’s Message:
By now, all families would have received information from their child’s class Teacher, regarding what curriculum components will be a focus for Term 3. Staff at Nebo State School are committed to ensuring that students are engaged in the teaching and learning environment and that they are working to develop the necessary knowledge and skills to equip them for lifelong learning.

Weekly Reports will continue to be sent home each week. Please remember to sign these and return them to your child’s class teacher. Parent Teacher Interview’s will be held during the last week of this Term. Of course if you have any concerns, please contact your child’s class Teacher at the earliest convenience.

Principal’s Conference
Last week, I had the pleasure of attending the Queensland Association of State Schools Principal’s Conference, in Brisbane. This was a fantastic opportunity to interact with other Principal’s in Queensland and listen to some National and International Keynote Speakers discuss Leadership and improving school and student outcomes. It is professional development opportunities like these, that enable me to continue to build my leadership capabilities. Thank you to Mrs Lydia Wade for doing a wonderful job, as always, in looking after our school in my absence.

2014 School Opinion Survey
Thank you to all of the parent/s, staff and students who have participated in the online annual School Opinion Survey. The survey was due to officially close on the 3rd August, however the closing date has now been extended until this Friday the 8th of August. The School Opinion survey is an anonymous survey designed to obtain the opinions of others and to help schools identify what they do well and what they need to improve. In order to have a report prepared on the opinions of others, we need a required number of responses in each of the stakeholder categories. We currently require more parent/s and carer/s to complete this survey. If I could please encourage you to complete this survey before Friday, it would be greatly appreciated. If you have misplaced the information regarding this that was sent home last week, and you require the access details to complete this, please see either myself, or one of the staff members to obtain the necessary details.

Student Attendance
Just a reminder that every day counts! Frequent absenteeism can have a huge impact on a child’s learning outcomes. It is important that children come to school...
every day. If there is a reason why your child is regularly missing school, then please see your child’s teacher and/or myself, so we can work together to look at productive options on how we can improve your child’s attendance.

Regular attendance by each child is necessary to maintain continuity of learning. Parents must assume responsibility for the regular attendance of their children. Please schedule family holidays in the Education Queensland school holiday timeframe, to ensure your child is not disadvantaged with their learning. Every day of absence could contribute to gaps in your child’s learning. In circumstances where children may require extra work due to extended unforeseen absences, please contact the school for assistance.

Please see the table below for how absenteeism can impact upon learning!

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In the event of your child being absent, please:
(a) Contact the school by phoning 07 4950 5211
(b) Email admin@neboss.eq.edu.au OR
(c) Send a note or Absentee Slip to the class teacher regarding the absence.

If this notification is not received your child’s absence will be marked as unexplained and you may be requested to provide further information on their absence.

**School Visitor’s**
From time to time we have wonderful people, such as parent/s and friends of our school who come in to the school grounds to assist with helping out. From helping out in the classroom, to helping out with tuckshop or perhaps with our school grounds, all help is very much appreciated. However; please note, it is a Department of Education requirement that all visitors assisting to help with anything at school must sign in. A Sign-in Book for visitors exists in our school office. If you are coming to do something in the school grounds, please ensure that you have first of all have permission, and secondly, please inform a staff member that you are here. It is important that we know who is on the school grounds at all times, and the purpose of their visit.

If you come to help out at the school or you are requiring assistance or something from our Office, if the Office is unattended, please see a staff member at one of the classrooms. Under no circumstances should any parent’s, friends or members of the Nebo State School Community be trying to obtain things from the Office without a staff member present. It is important that everyone adheres to these procedures in order to follow school and departmental policies and, ultimately that everyone is kept safe.
**Code of Conduct for School Students Travelling on Buses**

Last week I received some information regarding a revised Code of Conduct for students travelling on school buses. The information received was for all stakeholders (students, parents, carers, bus drivers, bus operators, schools, the Department of Transport and Main Roads and conveyance committees (where applicable). The code applies to all primary, middle and secondary students in Queensland who use buses either to travel to and from school, or for other school-related activities, for example, school sports, excursions and camps.

While the vast majority of students behave appropriately on school buses, from time to time, a small number of students behave inappropriately and this can affect the safety and comfort of the journey for fellow passengers. The code clarifies expected standards of school student behaviour and provides a framework for the management of misconduct. The aim of the conduct is to ensure safe and responsible school bus travel for all passengers, including bus drivers. For most students this will not require any change to their current behaviour. The effectiveness of the code depends on successful collaboration with all stakeholders, to reinforce messages about acceptable code of conduct on the bus and to facilitate the effective implementation of the code. (Code of Conduct for School Students Travelling on Buses, Department of Transport and Main Roads, July 2014).

Information pertaining to parents and students was sent home to families last week! If you have any questions or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Interschool Sport**

This term, we have something different occurring for the year 5, 6, and 7 students at Nebo State School. We will be commencing Inter-School Sports with schools from the Pioneer Valley Cluster. Late last Term, I applied for a grant through BMC/BHP to be able to action this opportunity. I am very pleased to announce that this grant application has been successful. I am so very grateful and would like to publicly thank BMC/BHP for their wonderful support of Nebo State School.

Last term, I made contact with Bruce Torrens from Mirani State School to see if our school could be involved in the Interschool Sport competition that operates in the Pioneer Valley cluster. Here, at Nebo State School, we are part of two clusters, ‘The Brigalow Cluster’ and the ‘Pioneer Valley Cluster’. We are very fortunate to have been given the go ahead to be involved this Term. It does mean however; that we need to travel each week. Students will have the opportunity to not only engage in physical activity, but they will have the opportunity to learn the rules of the sport they play. Games will be umpired every week and this will allow the students to learn vital team sports skills. Students will also have an opportunity to collaborate with students from the Pioneer Valley Cluster schools. The students will be transported via the community bus and will play against Walkerston, Mirani or Marian State School, every Friday for three weeks this Term.

Mrs Connolly will be driving the bus and Miss Amiet will be attending as the supervising Teacher. Due to the fact that the bus will only have enough room to seat 10 students, students will need to rotate each week. It is imperative that students, who represent the school, display exemplary behaviour, demonstrate outstanding sportsmanship and not only adhere to our School Rules, but the Pioneer Valley Code of Conduct for Sport. Those students, who don’t play on a Friday, will be involved in other curriculum-based activities at school with Miss Gomez and Miss Kassy, e.g. cooking, gardening and they will also be involved with some buddy activities with the younger students.

To have the opportunity to be involved in this sports competition and to give the students the opportunity to develop some real world based skills, is truly I believe, a wonderful learning experience for all students'.
Head lice
We have also had several reports of Head Lice. If you could please be vigilant and check your child’s hair regularly, it would be much appreciated. If head lice is found it must be treated straight away to avoid passing it on to someone else. Please see the information sheets on head lice coming home with your child today.

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 take pride in wearing the correct school uniform

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.

Book Club
Just a reminder that Book Club orders are due in today! So if you have Book Club, it is not too late to bring it in this afternoon.

P & C
Our P & C approved in our last meeting for the purchase of some new cooking equipment for our School Tuckshop to go ahead. These items have now been purchased. Thank you to our P & C members and helpers who organised this. The children and the school will benefit greatly from this. Just a reminder about our School Working Bee, which 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 and the P & C will also be organising a sausage sizzle for all the helpers.
## Students of the Week

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| PRINCIPALS AWARD | Reuben Kliese |

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**Kind Regards,**

Jennifer Fenwick

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**TuckShop**

**TUESDAY SPECIAL – PASTA NOODLES**

Thank you to all of the helpers who assist in the Tuckshop each week and a special thanks to Louise and Narelle 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:**

- 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
- 09/09: Mikaela and Jodie
- 16/09: Christina and Louise
MHS 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](https://brisbanesde.eq.edu.au/Ourschool/ekindy/Pages/ekindy.aspx) Information has recently been added to this page, about ‘eKindy in small schools’.

Dear Principals.

**KINDY FUNDING**

Is your child eligible for Kindy and not attending because of cost? QKFS Plus Kindy Support is a new funding scheme to reduce costs for families. QKFS Plus Kindy Support replaces the Health Care Card and multiple births subsidies and extends support to include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

To be eligible for QKFS Plus Kindy Support a family must either:

* hold a current Health Care Card, Veterans Affairs Card or Australian Government Pension Concession card with automatic Health Care Card entitlements, OR
* identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (or have a child who does), OR
* have three or more children, of the same age, enrolled in the same year.

QKFS Plus Kindy Support will be provided directly to services to help reduce out-of-pocket expenses for eligible families.

Please contact your local Kindy to talk about your costs for enrolling your child.
Nebo Roadsafe Rest Stop
The Nebo Roadsafe Rest Stop will be operational from 19th September to 6th October during the hours of 6am till 10pm. If you are able to volunteer your time or donate some snack items, please contact Thelma on 0438128352 or email: dtstory@bigpond.net.au

Mackay Sugar Safety Message
The sugar mills are crushing; please be aware of cane trains and trucks. Mackay Sugar urges all motorists to be alert when approaching cane train crossings – look out for cane trains; stop at the flashing lights, it’s not worth the risk! Children – don’t play on cane train bins; near cane railway tracks, or on cane transport roads - it’s not safe! For all community enquiries, please contact Mackay Sugar on 4953 8300.

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