Principal’s Message:
It seems hard to believe that at the end of this week, we will be half way through Term 3. It is amazing how quickly time flies by. We certainly have some exciting events coming up this term.

First of all, I would like to inform everyone, that we have been assigned a new Assistant Regional Director, who will be responsible for overseeing the supervision, of my Principal duties, and our school. Most of you would be familiar with the fact that Mr John Wessel was previously our Assistant Regional Director, who used to look after our school, as well as many other schools in the Brigalow and Pioneer Valley Clusters. Due to the volume of schools that John had to supervise, a new Regional Director has come on board across the Central Queensland Region and some of the boundaries of what Assistant Regional Director looks after what schools has changed, to ultimately provide more support to school Principals. John Wessel was impressed with the progress our school had made this year and he wishes all staff, students and the wider school community, the very best of luck for the future.

Our new Assistant Regional Director is Jeff Munce. Mr Munce is currently on leave, and his replacement who will be acting in this position is: Angela Collins. Angela Collins comes to this position with a wealth of knowledge and experience regarding the successful functions of how effective schools should operate. Angela will be visiting our school from 1.30pm – 3.00pm today. I look forward to showing Angela the progress our school has made over the last six months and I am sure she will think our school is just as fantastic as John did and as I do.

Success with another Grant
It is so fantastic to be given opportunities to apply for funding to support our school. As you are aware, this year we have already been successful in receiving three grants. I am just so very grateful, as I’m sure you are, for this wonderful support of our school.
So far, we have received:

- $5000 from the BMac Group to go towards Information and Communication Technologies.
- $4000 from Rio Tinto to pay for a 2 year subscription for Reading Eggs and Mathletics for all students in our school.
- $3000 from BMC/BHP to support an Interschool Sport program for the Year Five, Six and Seven students.
In Term One, I also applied for an opportunity for our school to receive funding from BMC/BHP, as part of their Pathways to Performance Sponsorship program and in conjunction with the Mackay Entertainment Convention Centre (MECC), to help support our whole school to attend an Arts performance to see the Wombat Stew Musical at the MECC.

The BMC Pathways to Performance program is an initiative of BHP Billiton Mitsui Coal (BMC) and the Mackay Entertainment & Convention Centre (MECC) which recognises a barrier to schools attending theatre and associated educational programs, the distance that needs to be travelled and the cost of funding the travel whether by bus and/or train.

We are very fortunate to have received $970 to pay for two buses to transport our students to see this production on Tuesday, 2nd of September. There will still be a cost of $12.50 per student per ticket to see this production. I am asking if all families could please pay $6.00 for each of their children to attend this production and the school will pay the remaining &6.50 per ticket. I am sure you will agree, that $6.00 per child to see the Wombat Stew Musical in Mackay is an absolute bargain.

**Wombat Stew is an Aussie Musical** from Garry Ginivan Attractions, Australia’s leading producer of musical theatre for children and following the highly acclaimed national tour of *Possum Magic* in 2013 comes another tour of a highly acclaimed Aussie musical for families and kids.

First published in 1984, *Wombat Stew* is a modern day phenomenon in children’s literature and has sold more than 400,000 copies Australia wide. Written by Marcia K Vaughan, with illustrations by Pamela Lofts, the simple story of a dingo who catches a wombat and decides to make wombat stew, has been cleverly developed into a “true-blue-dinky-di-big-Aussie-musical” complete with blobs of mud, very fine feathers, creepy crawlies, flies, gumnuts and a big bubbling billy can!

This new Australian musical has been adapted for the stage by the highly acclaimed team of Gary Young (writer/director) and Paul Keelen (original score). Gary and Paul are highly skilled professionals and have the distinct honour of winning the highly prestigious Pratt Prize for Musical Theatre, not once but twice, including the inaugural prize in 2002 for their musical *Sideshow Alley*.

With a cast of 6 multi-talented performers, *Wombat Stew - The Musical* is a “mouth-watering” combination of story-telling, mime, music, dance and puppetry, which is bound to be the highlight of children’s theatre for 2014 and well into the future.

We are also hoping to visit the Art Gallery and have lunch in a nearby park. Permission Forms, including a request to pay $6.00, and Medical forms will be sent home soon.

**Thank you to the BMC pathways to Performance Sponsorship program for this opportunity!**

**Rail Safety Visit**

National Rail Safety Week is held from August 11-17. Railway lines, rail tracks and level crossings are found in many of our local neighbourhoods and communities. As such it is important that children have the knowledge and rail information to keep themselves safe. This year, Pacific National has developed a new school program designed to communicate to children about the dangers of playing around railway tracks. This Thursday, 14th of August, we will be having representatives from Pacific National come and do a Rail Safety talk with children. The whole school will have a rail safety visit from 8.30 am – 9.30 am, followed by a talk to the Pre-Preppies and Prep and Year Ones.
As part of this program, a local train driver will be coming to the school, and will talk about rail safety, touching on:

- their job as a train driver
- always using the railway crossings and obeying the red lights and warning sirens
- playing in a safe place away from the rail tracks

**Glenny Palmer Poetry Workshops**

On Thursday 11th September, we are fortunate enough to be able to have some Poetry Workshops with Glenny Palmer. Glenny is a Writer, Comedian and Performance Poet. Glenny has received a swag of Poetry awards, she has released her own CD, appeared on TV, presented at various functions, entered numerous competitions both nationally and internationally and conducted outback tours and workshops. We are very fortunate to have Glenny who will engage the Prep – Year 3 students in a 20 minute interactive Poetry workshop and the year 4-7 students in reading and writing poetry workshops for approximately 90 minutes. Special thanks to Lorraine Copping from the Isaac Council for organising this even for us.

**Reef Guardian**

As our school is a Reef Guardian School, we will be having an Eco friendly day for the whole school on the 18th of September, where all students will be involved in a range of hands-on activities at our school, supported by the Team at Reef Guardian. The years 5, 6, and 7 students have also been given an opportunity to attend the Mackay Future Leaders Eco Challenge (FLERC) event to be held on Wednesday 3rd of September. This is a free event for students. The 2014 Future Leaders Eco Challenge (FLEC) will give Reef Guardian students and teachers the opportunity to participate in hands-on activities focused on improving the health and resilience of the Great Barrier Reef, supporting healthy ecosystems and working towards making our school and community more sustainable. This year’s Mackay FLEC will be held at a Wetland Walkabout, Keilys Road, Slade Point this year. Activities will have an environmental theme focusing around the wonderful resources in that local area to help explore biodiversity. Permission and Medical forms will be sent home soon. Please note, that year 5, 6, and 7 students who attend, will need to be at school early, as the bus will be leaving at 7.30am on this day. The school will fund the cost of the bus to attend.

**Art Auction**

Just a reminder that our Art Auction will be held on Friday the 12th of September. **We are still in desperate need of recyclable items that children may be able to use on their hats.** Although the hats will be made at school, it would be excellent if you could please discuss ideas with your child. The idea is to think outside the square and create a Wearable Art themed ‘Mad Hatters’ hat. Just a reminder regarding the sort of items you may like to contribute towards your child’s and/or another child’s hat:

- Bottle caps/ lids
- Lolly/ Chocolate wrappers
- Buttons
- String/ Ribbon
- Labels off jars and bottles
- Material scraps
- Cut-outs from old magazines
- Cut-outs from old newspapers
- Corks
- Soft drink can tabs
**Pioneer Valley Speaking Competition**

All students’ in year’s 5/6/7 are completing a Persuasive Speech, as part of their English Assessment this Term. However, each year our Year 6 and 7 students are invited to have an opportunity to be part of the Pioneer Valley Speaking Competition. On the 18th August, the Year 5/6/7’s will present their Persuasive Speech in class, as part of their Assessment towards English this Term. A decision will be made re: the two selected Year 6 and/or year 7 students on this day that will be given an opportunity to represent the school at the Pod Cluster final. Our Pod Public Cluster competition is being held at North Eton State School on Thursday 21st August (Week 6) at 4pm. Adjudicators are – Wendy Seivers (Mirani State High School Public Speaking guru) + 2 high school students. Paperwork will be sent home on Monday the 18th August for the selected students and will need to be returned ASAP. Two students from the Pod Cluster will then be selected to enter the Pioneer Valley Speaking Competition, which will be held at Walkerston State School on Tuesday 26th of August at 6.30 pm. Any speeches that go over 3 minutes will be penalised. Information regarding this event was sent home to the year six and seven students.

**A message about Cybersafety and Cyberbullying**

The internet, mobile phones and instant messaging provide wonderful opportunities for children to learn, be creative and socialise online. However, the online environment also provides numerous opportunities for harm to be caused to children. Our school is aware of the risks to children in the online environment and this message is to advise you of our efforts in respect of keeping your child cybersafe and what you can do as well.

The Department of Education, Training & Employment takes practical steps to prevent students from accessing inappropriate websites on the Department’s network, including using web filtering software to block websites such as Facebook and YouTube when at school.

The school recognises that students access these types of sites via personal electronic devices and home networks. No school student will face disciplinary action for simply having Facebook or other website membership (the school is not responsible for monitoring your child’s compliance with website membership rules). The school accepts that, if used safely, such websites offer students opportunities to learn and communicate. However, when used inappropriately, such sites can become hurtful and dangerous places.

There are a number of potential cybersafety risks for students online. These include accessing inappropriate content, compromising personal information and cyberbullying. Cyberbullying occurs when technology, such as email, mobile phones, chat rooms and social networking sites such as Facebook, are used to verbally or socially bully another person. This could include sending or posting abusive, threatening, humiliating or harassing messages, images or videos.

It is unacceptable for students at our school to engage in cyberbullying, or other inappropriate online behaviours. Our school’s Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students and ICT Acceptable Use Agreement provide written guidelines on acceptable online behaviour by students. If an online incident impacts on the good order and management of the school, the school may impose disciplinary consequences for the behaviour. This could include suspension and/or exclusion in serious cases. In serious cases the school may also report an incident to the police.

You should note that the school cannot impose disciplinary consequences where the behaviour in question does not negatively impact upon the good order and management of the school. For example, where cyberbullying occurs between a student of this school and a student of another school outside school hours, this school will not become involved. This is primarily a matter for parents and/or the police to consider and resolve.
It is recommended that you help your child to engage in safe online activities and highlight the importance of appropriate online behaviour. Help your child to take steps to block anyone who makes them feel uncomfortable, harassed or bullied. The school recommends that you do not respond online to any inappropriate behaviour directed at your child on your child’s behalf. Such steps are unlikely to improve matters and may in fact inflame the situation.

If your child is connected to any social networking site, reviewing their ‘friends list’ may help you manage their safety and reduce the risk of them associating with inappropriate contacts.

You should check that your child is accessing sites that are age appropriate. For example; Facebook's statement of rights and responsibilities requires a user to be at least 13 years of age to create an account. For information from Facebook about how to report under age accounts for removal go to: https://www.facebook.com/help/parents

To assist you, provided below are websites containing advice and resources:

http://www.staysmartonline.gov.au

The Department has recently published the document Cybersafety and Cyberbullying – A Guide for Parents and Caregivers. This guide provides important information for parents about cybersafety and cyberbullying. It suggests what action parents and caregivers can take if their child is the target of, or is responsible for inappropriate online behaviour. The guide is available at:


Please remember, as a parent you play an important role in helping your children have safe and positive experiences online.

If you have any concerns and would like to discuss further I invite you to make an appointment to discuss the matter with me.

**School Visitors**

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 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 needing something from our Office, if the Office is unattended, please see a staff member at one of the classrooms. Under no circumstances should any parents, 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 to keep everyone safe.
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 stay safe and walk on the concrete at all times.

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 next P & C Meeting is: Monday 18th of August. All community members are welcome to attend. Don’t forget 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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Kind Regards,

Jennifer Fenwick
**TuckShop**

**Tuesday Special - Spaghetti Bolognese - $5.00**

Thank you to all of the helpers who assist in the Tuckshop each week and a special thanks to Caroline and Nikki 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:**
- 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

**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’.

**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 – Please support the Medical Centre before it closes down**

**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**