Principal's Message:

As mentioned in last week’s Newsletter, our new Assistant Acting Regional Director, Angela Collins visited our school last week. Angela had a great look around and visited all of the staff and students to introduce herself. Angela was really impressed with the friendliness and politeness of our staff and students and she was really impressed that when she asked students what they were learning about, they were able to communicate their understanding of what they were learning. I look forward to continuing to get to know Angela and being able to share with her our wonderful successes at Nebo State School.

Last week, as part of Rail Safety Week, all students received a visit from Pacific National Supervisor, ‘Kevin Hansen’. Kevin spoke to the students about the importance of staying safe around railway crossings. Kevin also gave all the students a rail safety activity booklet and a rail safe car freshener to take home to parent/s and carer/s. On behalf of our school, I would like to say thanks to Kevin for giving up his time and spreading the rail safety message, and thank you to Pacific National for this fantastic opportunity.
Forms for Upcoming Events
Just a reminder about our upcoming events and permission and medical forms which need to be returned as soon as possible! Some forms for these events have already been sent home and some forms will go home today.

*Year 6/7 – Speaking Competition – Pod Cluster Final – Thursday 21/08. Forms going home today for the students who have been selected.

*Year 567 – Interschool Sport. The first game is this Friday, 22nd of August. 10 students will be selected this week to travel on the bus to play against Walkerston State School. Please be aware that your child may return to school late on this day and alternative arrangements for collecting your child on this day may need to be made. If your child remains at school they will participate in alternate activities and may be selected to play the following week against Marian State School. Excellent behaviour is paramount!

*Whole School excursion to see Wombat Stew at the MECC on Tuesday 2nd September. Permission and Medical forms going home today! Please return these forms, including your child’s $6.00, as soon as possible!

*Prep – Year 2 Sleepover is on Friday 2nd September. If you have not returned your forms, could you please do so as soon as possible!

*Year 567 Reef Guardian Future Leaders Eco Challenge Excursion. Forms coming home today! An early and later departure is also required on this day. This is a free event.

Book Day Dress Up and Activities
I would like to think that we celebrate books and promote the importance of reading always. However, every year there is an annual event, which is an official ‘Book Week’ that is celebrated. This is an opportunity for schools to hold a celebration of books at their school. The official Book Week dates for 2014 are: Saturday 16 August - Friday 22 August. However; our book week celebration will take place on Thursday 28th of August. This Year’s theme is: Connect to reading ~ Reading to connect

Connect to reading is about enjoying the experience of exploring story, and travelling to other worlds. The reflected slogan - Reading to connect, has a broader social meaning, suggesting that reading assists in creating a bond with others. Within the world of the contemporary child, this is also relevant as they read books and they read to connect through a variety of media.

To celebrate our Book Day, students can come dressed up as their favourite book character or come dressed showcasing a cultural dress from another country. Nobody is being asked to go to expense and hire a costume, as you may have items at home that can be used to improvise and create a book character, or culturally flavoured costume. If your child could also aim to bring the book along of the character they are dressing up as.

We will start off with a parade at 8.30am, where students and staff can parade their costumes. We will do something similar as we did for the Easter Bonnet Parade. We will start with the Pre-Preppies and move through to the 567 class. Once each class has paraded their costumes, starting from the undercover area under our Library, they will return to the undercover area to sit as we do in Parade. We will then bring each class one by one to the front and announce a few winners in each class for the best dressed character costumes.

After the Parade, we will be sending small mixed groups of students to share in reading a book together. This will conclude at approximately 9.30am. Students will then enjoy the rest of the day with 4 rotational mixed group activities with each of the Teachers who will select a book to read and/or discuss and an activity to go with it.
The Children’s Book Council of Australia, contains the shortlisted books for 2014, as well as some suggested activities. I will endeavour to see if we can obtain some of these books for our school. Here is the link if you would like to check out the shortlisted books:


Isaac Libraries

What’s happening at the Library?
The Reading Hour is on this Tuesday 19/08 from 6-7pm. Grab a good book and enjoy some reading time. Seniors Week Morning Tea is on this Thursday 21/08 from 10am -11.30am. See the poster attached with this week’s Newsletter.

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 event for us.

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
Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent Nebo State School at the Pod Cluster Speaking Competition to be held at Eton North State School, this Thursday 21st of August, commencing at 4pm.
Congratulations to: Holly Aksenov  
Sam Christensen  
Kyle McCarthy  
Tyler Ware

Adjudicators for this competition are: – Wendy Seivers (Mirani State High School Public Speaking guru) + 2 high school students. Permission forms have been sent home today and need to be returned ASAP. Two students from the Pod Cluster will then be selected to enter the Pioneer Valley Speaking Competition Final, which will be held at Walkerston State School on Tuesday 26th of August at 6.30 pm. Just a reminder that the assessment criteria for this event was sent home several weeks ago and any speeches that go over 3 minutes will be penalised.

A message about Cybersafety and Cyberbullying

Last week, I sent home some information in our School Newsletter about CyberSafety. This week all families will receive a CyberSafety and Cyberbullying booklet, which the Department of Education Training and Employment has recently published. 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. I hope you find this information valuable.

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 wear my hat and I am Sun Safe at all times

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Jayden O’Hanlon
Breanna Everett
Kayla Dayes
Angus Morice
Ryder Baguley
Georgia Wyatt
Jayne Symonds
Sagar Samanta
Dusty Whitehead
Lawson O’Connor
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 P & C Meeting is being held this afternoon. 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 – PASTA NOODLES - $5.00

Thank you to all of the helpers who assist in the Tuckshop each week and a special thanks to Louise, Ann, Debbie and Jodie 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:

19/08:   Steph and Jodie  
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 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**

Thank you to the BMC pathways to Performance Sponsorship program for the opportunity to attend the MECC to see ‘Wombat Stew’!