Principal’s Message:
Welcome to week 8 of Term 3. Last week, I communicated the fantastic NAPLAN results that our school had received. I would also like to inform you that our school was also mentioned in a Courier Mail article as one of the most improved schools in the Central Queensland region, for NAPLAN 2014. It is truly very overwhelming, but a grateful and humbling experience to receive this recognition and to be part of such a dedicated and outstanding group of teaching staff. I would like to once again acknowledge the magnificent efforts of all staff, students and their truly amazing and supportive parent/s and carer/s. Positive collegial partnerships between home and school, amongst teaching staff and very importantly between students and teachers all help to benefit the whole teaching and learning process. Thank you to everyone who played an important part in helping our school achieve great success. All students’ NAPLAN Reports were sent home last week.

Last Thursday, was the final for the Pioneer Valley Public Speaking Competition, at Walkerston State School. I had the pleasure of watching Kyle McCarthy present his Persuasive speech. Although Kyle didn’t win, he did an absolutely fantastic job. Unfortunately due to illness, Sam Christensen was unable to attend and compete in this competition. I would like to congratulate both Sam and Kyle for reaching the Pioneer Valley Primary Schools, Public Speaking Competition Finals. Congratulations to the winner Will Riches, from Mirani State School. Special thanks to Bruce Torrens from Mirani State School who organised and chaired the competition, and to the adjudicators: Michael Post (HOD Junior Secondary Mirani SHS) and Michael Hurley (Deputy Principal Walkerston State School) for giving up their time to judge and support this competition. There certainly are some very talented young people in the Pioneer Valley Cluster and perhaps some future politicians too!
Book Day
Our Book Day celebration last Thursday was a great day had by all. The students have a wonderful day dressing up and sharing in a variety of activities celebrating books. Thank you to all who made the effort to come dressed as their favourite book character or with a culturally flavoured costume to celebrate the theme of ‘reading to connect, connect to reading’. It was great to see the creativity of some handmade costumes put together through a variety of recyclable materials and by thinking outside the square.

We started off the day with a parade of students showcasing their costumes. Some special prizes were handed out to two best dressed costumes in each year level, an encouragement award, and an overall boy and girl winner for the best dressed costume. Special thanks to the lovely Charlie Prizeman-Jones from the Isaac Council who gave up her time to come and be our special book costume judge.

After our parade we all went out to the oval and shared some reading in mixed ages and ability groups. The day then continued with four literacy based rotational activities, all involving reading. Students had an opportunity to: play a sport game ‘Rob the Nest’ with Miss Amiet, which had a literacy twist included; engage in dramatic role play reading with Miss Gomez; have some fun reading clues with a treasure hunt with Mrs Bethel and Mrs Wade, and create a ‘Wanted Poster’ about a villain with myself. Here is a snapshot of our day.

Our lucky winners were:
Pre-Prep: Dominic Ganzer and Ashley McHugh
Prep: Patrick Morice & Jayden O’hanlon
Year One: Reuben Kliese & Indy Baguley
Year Two: Angus Morice & Sagar Samanta
Year Three: Connor Drury & Halayna O’Connor
Year Four: Letysha Goode & Emma-Lee Bryan
Year Five: Phoebe O’hanlon & Andre Kernoohan
Year Six: Jacob Drury & Natalie Symonds
Year Seven: Holly Aksenov & Luke and Neil Connolly
Interschool sport 567
We played our second Interschool Sport game last Friday at Eton State School against Marian State School. Marian State School brought two teams, so our students played two shorter games against each team. We had our first win, 3-1 and 2-1. The students were very well behaved and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship. Thanks again to Miss Amiet and Mrs Connolly for accompanying our students and to Miss Gomez, Miss Kate and parent/s who supervised our remaining year 567 students, in supporting them to cook with the Prep/year One students. The students made some yummy pumpkin scones, carrot biscuits, and cauliflower and zucchini fritters, which were enjoyed by all. I would also like to extend thanks to Michaela Jones for supporting the students to do some gardening and for supplying the school with more seeds which the students planted, last Friday afternoon.

Events and Excursions this week:
Just a reminder about our excursions this week. Firstly, all consent forms must be returned in order for your child to be able to attend. Medical forms were sent home separately last week. If your child has a medical condition that we need to be aware of, please return the medical form ASAP. If you do not return the medical form, it will be deemed that your child has no medical issue or concern that we need to be aware of for any of our excursions occurring this week. If you have misplaced any forms and require another, please contact the office immediately. If you are still yet to pay your child’s $6.00 to see Wombat Stew, if you could please do so as soon as possible.

Whole School excursion to see Wombat Stew at the MECC on Tuesday 2/09/14
The whole school will be attending our excursion to see Wombat Stew on Tuesday 2nd September. Please note, therefore, there will be NO TUCKSHOP this Tuesday. Your child will need to take lunch, afternoon tea, and a water bottle as per normal. Itinerary for the day and approximate times is as follows:

*Bus x 2 departs at 9am
*Bus arrives at the Mackay City Centre Precinct at approximately 10.15am
*10.15am – Drink and Toilet stop at the MECC
*10.30am – 11am – Tour the Art Gallery
*11am – 11.30am – Lunch
*11.30am – Prepare children for Wombat Stew – toilet stop, bag drop off at MECC etc.
*12pm – 12.55pm Wombat Stew
*1pm – Afternoon Tea and Toilet Stop
*1.20-1.30pm – Depart MECC
*2.30/2.45pm – Arrive at School

Year 567 Reef Guardian Future Leaders Eco Challenge Excursion – Wednesday 3/09/14
This Wednesday 3rd September, our Year 567 students will head off to Slade Point for the Future Leaders Eco Challenge. Just a reminder that there will be an early departure time from school and a late arrival.
back to school on this day. **It will be parent/s and carer/s responsibility to make arrangements for dropping their child off early and picking them up later that day. Deb will NOT be using the bus to do two runs that day.** Itinerary and approximate times for the day are as follows:

**7.20 am:** Depart Nebo State School  
8.30am: Reef Guardian Registration/check students consent or medical problems – toilet break  
9.00am: Introductions>Welcome to Country/opening of event – Logistics/housekeeping – split group into 2 – Kate Finch  
Activity 1 - (Two Sessions – Group 1 and Group 2) - 2 hours each  
9.10 – 11.00 am: Group 1: Tour of Wetland –  
11.00am -11.10am: Group 1: Barra Feeding – Barra Fish Cycles

9.10am – 9.20am: Group 2: Barra Feeding – Barra Life Cycles  
9.20am – 11.10am: Group 2: Tour of Wetland

11.10am: Morning Tea – (15 mins)  
Activity 2 - (Two sessions- Group 1 and Group 2) 30 mins each  
11.30am: Group 1: Pest Fish Tilapia  
Group 2: Management of pest Aquatic Plants

12.00pm: Group 1: Management of pest Aquatic Plants  
Group 2: Pest Fish – Tilapia  
12.30pm: Lunch and toilet break – GBRMPA to provide lunch – 30 mins Activity 3 - (2 sessions – Group 1 & Group 2 - 40 mins each)  
1.00pm: Group 1: Bird watching and Biodiversity  
Group 2: Seed collecting for biodiversity

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Group 1: Seed collecting for biodiversity

2.10pm Thank you to partners and certificates  
2.20pm Depart back to school.  
**3.30pm** Approximate arrival at Nebo State School

**Prep – Year 2 Sleepover is on Friday 5th September** -  
All forms for this event should have been returned by now. The Sleepover will commence at 5p.m. on Friday, 5 September 2014 and continue until the following morning at 7:30am, Saturday 6 September 2014. **Students must be picked up from school promptly at 7.30am.** A full program of activities and meals will be provided and supervision will be undertaken by school staff.

**Father’s Day Stall**  
The Student Council will be holding a Father’s Day Stall this Thursday 4/09 and Friday the 5/09 at lunch time. If you would like your child to purchase a gift for a special dad, grandad or a special father figure in their lives, gifts can be bought on both these days. Gifts range in price from $2.00-$10.00.

**Staff Professional Development**  
This Friday 5th September, Tia Page our Explicit Instruction Pedagogical Coach will return to work with staff. Explicit Instruction is a Central Queensland Regional expectation and staff are expected to build their capability in this area to enhance the teaching and learning process. We look forward to having Tia at our school this Friday.

**Art Auction Postponed**  
The ‘Mad Hatter’s Wearable Art Auction will be postponed until Friday 18th of October. Due to this being quite a large task for students we have decided we did not want to rush it, as we would like the students to produce quality hats. Therefore, we have moved the event to this date: 18/10/14. Just a reminder that if you have any items you would like to contribute towards your child’s and/or another child’s hat, we would love any of the following items brought in:

- 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

**Colour Fun Run**
Our Colour Fun Run will be held on Friday 12th of September from 1.30pm – 2.30 pm. Forms and sponsorship information went home last week. Money raised will go to much needed sports equipment for our school.

**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 going to be the same as last week, as we still have several students not packing away items when finished. It is also important that students do not bring their own toys from home to school to play with, as we do not want to see anything special broken or go missing: Our focus is:

I am respectful and pack school play equipment away when finished

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

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

**BRONZE CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS**

| Natalie Symonds |
| Andre Kernohan  |
| Chloe Simmonds  |
| Benita Verran   |
| Halayna O’Connor|
| Hope Ware       |
| Mary-Jo Whirisky|

**SILVER CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS**

| Patrick Morice |
| Karen Dayes   |
| David Whitehead|
| Marnie Whitehead|
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.

Students of the Week

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Kind Regards,

Jennifer Fenwick

NO TUCKSHOP THIS TUESDAY – DUE TO OUR EXCURSION

Thank you to all of the helpers who assist in the Tuckshop each week and a special thanks to Steph and Nikki who assisted last week. 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:

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](https://brisbanesde.eq.edu.au/Ourschool/ekindy/Pages/ekindy.aspx) Information has recently been added to this page, about ‘eKindy in small schools’.

**When can my child attend kindergarten?**

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**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 – Closed till further notice**

**PLEASE NOTE:** THERE WILL BE A MEETING FOR ALL INTERESTED COMMUNITY MEMBERS AT THE NEBO MEDICAL CENTRE THIS THURSDAY 4/09 AT 4PM.

**THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE YOUR SAY. WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE, E.G SPEECH SERVICES, AND PHYSIOTHERAPY ETC?**

**IF YOU ARE A NEBO STATE SCHOOL PARENT AND ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING JOY COOPER WILL BE AT NEBO STATE SCHOOL AT APPROXIMATELY 2.30PM TO TALK AND/OR ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE. ALTERNATIVELY ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU HAVE, YOU CAN POP ON A PIECE OF PAPER AND DROP INTO THE OFFICE AND THESE WILL BE FORWARDED ON!**

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

Thank you to **Rio Tinto** for their Sponsorship support with Literacy and Numeracy for our school.

Thank you to **bhpbilliton (BMC)** for their Sponsorship support with Interschool Sport

Thank you to **civeo** (nee The MAC) for their Sponsorship support with ICT