Principal’s Message:

Welcome to week three of term four. What another great week we had last week. All staff were very busy receiving some fantastic training around Explicit Instruction with our wonderful Explicit Instruction Coach Tia Page. Tia and I observed all Teachers delivering their Explicit Instruction lessons, and Tia of course observed my lesson too. I would like to say how impressed both Tia and I were, with the enthusiasm, efficiency and professionalism that all staff demonstrated. You should all feel very confident that every day your children are in such capable hands, as we truly have outstanding Teachers here at Nebo State School. Tia worked with all staff over the last two weeks, including Teacher-Aides. This is Tia’s last time at our school, as Tia will be moving to the Sunshine Coast to commence work in a different region in 2015. On behalf of everyone at Nebo State School, I would like to thank Tia for all of her amazing support and wish her all the very best for the future. We are yet to be informed on the outcome of a replacement for Tia’s position for 2015.

Last week we also had the pleasure of visiting the ‘Queensland Ambulance’ open day at the Nebo Ambulance Station. The children received some vital safety messages. They had an opportunity to view the ambulance and understand the type of equipment it carries and for what purpose. They got to meet ‘Ethan’, a real life sized human mannequin, who was a pretend patient, and the students had an opportunity to receive some excellent information and learn some basic CPR. They even had an opportunity to practise some resuscitation techniques, primarily in the form of applying compression. The students finished off the day donating a gold coin and receiving a sausage sizzle with a popper. I would like to extend a special thanks to Joy Cooper for organising such a wonderful day in our community and for inviting our school to come along. Special thanks to Andrew and Stuart and all of the other Ambulance Staff and SES volunteers who made the day so educationally enjoyable for our school.
Swimming
Swimming is well and truly underway. This week due to Mrs Wade and the Year three’s being on Camp. The Prep/Year One’s and Year Two and year Four will be swimming Wednesday afternoon (tomorrow). If your child is in one of these year levels, could you please ensure they have all of their swimming gear.

Art Auction
Just a reminder that our Art Auction is on this Friday the 24th of October commencing at 5.30 pm, in the Nebo Hall. The students have all been working very hard on their hat designs. Don’t forget to bring a plate of food along to share. All funds raised will be going towards our School Camps.

School Camp:
The year three’s, along with Mrs Bethel, Mrs Wade and Jade O’Connor left for their camp this morning. They are staying overnight at Kinchant Dam Outdoor Education Centre. The year three’s will participate in some activities there, and head off to Sizzler’s and Bowling. The year three’s will return from camp tomorrow afternoon.

It is less than two weeks away until the year 5/6’s head off to camp. If you are wanting to pay your remaining camp money, remember that this can be handed in to the school office or paid directly into the school bank account. Here are the details, please don’t forget to put your surname as a payment reference

The details for this are:
Commonwealth Bank of Australia
BSB: 064-707
Account Number: 00090845

Just a reminder, that it is the parents and carers responsibility to have their children to the airport on Sunday 2nd November and to collect them on Friday 7th of November. Children need to be on time in order to check luggage in. Any medication your child requires will need to be placed in a sealed bag and named. The medication must be in the original box with label, with your child’s name and dosage required. This medication needs to be handed to a staff member at the airport and will be handed to staff at Tallebudgera Beach Outdoor Education Centre. We will now be organising maxi taxis to transport the children to and from the Gold Coast Airport, instead of a bus. A permission form for this will be sent home next week. The children will still travel by bus to get to Seaworld. Final information and reminders about the camp will be sent home next week.

Year 6/7 Graduation
Our year six and seven graduation will be held on Tuesday 9th of December at the Nebo Bowls club. Please lock in this date. Tickets will be available for purchase closer to the date. We are asking if all year 6 and 7
students could please bring in 3 photos for end of year preparation. The children need, one baby photo, one toddler or early year’s primary school photo, and one recent photo. Could you please ensure these are placed in a bag or envelope with your child’s name on it and have them to the school by no later than Friday 31st of October.

**Enrolments**
We are now taking enrolments for 2015. If you know of anybody who would like to enrol at Nebo State School for 2015, please let them know to make contact with our school. They are welcome to come and have a look around our school and/or come and have a chat with myself. Alternatively, they can contact Sue in the Office as soon as possible to inform of their intention to enrol. So far, with a new Pre-Preppie commencing this week, we have a whopping 17 Pre-Prep students moving up to Prep in 2015. The quicker we can ascertain predicted enrolments, the quicker we can look at forming classes for 2015.

**Isaac Council Library and Competition**
Just a reminder regarding joining the Nebo Library! During the last week of school all classes visited the Library and students were given forms to take home to join. Of course, there is no obligation, however it is free, and an excellent opportunity for your child to access some fantastic books and resources. If you are wanting your child to join and have not returned your form, could you please return them to the school or the Nebo Library as soon as possible. If your child has misplaced their form, we have spare ones in our School Office. Just a reminder however; that it is an Isaac Council requirement that parents and/or carers fill in this form if their child is under 13. It is also a requirement that photo identification is shown. If you are interested in joining the Library and are unable to get there, you can photocopy your Licence or Photo I.D and attach with the form for your child to return. Please do not send your original identification with children. We will be looking at taking children to the Library this term. It would be great if as many children as possible were able to borrow books to take home.

The Isaac Council are also holding a Colouring-in Competition as part of ‘Get Ready Week’. The Get Ready Campaign is a state initiative facilitated by both state and local government. The purpose of the campaign is to promote individual preparedness for potential disasters. Get Ready Queensland have a number of useful tips and facts sheets available on their website, for more information on this campaign please visit [https://getready.qld.gov.au/](https://getready.qld.gov.au/)

In Preparation for the peak disaster season the Isaac Council are running a ‘Get Ready’ colouring competition. Competition entries are be available as of today (Monday 13/10/14) from Council Offices, libraries and as a digital download from their website.

The prize for the competition is a $20 gift card from Target (for each age category per council division), there is also an incentive of a free activity book (which includes, sticker, puzzles, pop out puppets etc.) available for each child who submits their colouring page.

**Age categories are:** Under 5; 6 – 8; 9 – 11; and 12 – 13.

Competition closes October 31. Entry forms can be handed directly to the school and we will submit them or they can be handed in directly to the council.

Should you have any further questions about the campaign please contact Katie Moran on 0429 087 156 or Technical Officer Emergency Response Rikki Lancaster on 4941 3028 or 0417 674 447 or via email rikki.lancaster@isaac.qld.gov.au
**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.

All schools across the state are having a Discipline Audit and as mentioned previously, our school will be having a **Discipline Audit, next Wednesday 29th October, 2014**. This audit will help look at things relative to behaviour that we are doing well and what things we need to improve on. The Discipline Audit tool was shared with P & C members last term. On the day of our Audit, the Auditor will want to talk to staff and some students and parents. The Auditor will choose some parents or carers at random to contact by phone. He may see if you know what our school rules: **Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible** are?

These are displayed at the top of our School Newsletter and communicated regularly in the Newsletter and on Parade, and in classrooms, along with our behaviour focus each week. The Auditor may also ask if you know what our school strategic direction (school focus) is? This is also communicated regularly and displayed down the right hand side of our School Newsletter. The Auditor may also ask a range of other questions. I look forward to completing this mandatory process and receiving feedback.

Our behaviour focus this week is:

> I am respectful and responsible when using the School Toilets

**Head Lice**

We have had a recent report of Head Lice at our school. If you could please check your child’s hair regularly, and treat as necessary. Please find attached with this week’s Newsletter some further information on Head Lice.

**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**

The P & C will be selling one dozen fresh (frozen) bread rolls from the Bushmans Bakery for $9.50 per dozen. Get in quick so you don’t miss out. The P& C will be holding a Working Bee to help sort and clean out the Tuckshop and big shed. If you are able to assist, this will be held this Sunday 26th of October from 10am onwards. The P & C will also be holding a spooky disco on Friday 31/10/14 at the Nebo Hall. This disco is not a school organised event, it is a P & C Fundraiser. The disco will be held in the Nebo Hall and more information will be sent home by the P & C soon.

**Special thanks on behalf of the P & C**

Just a quick note to inform everyone that the P&C catered for the horse sale and cutting last week end. We all had wonderful time raising money for our P&C, and we have to thank Hayes and Co. for giving us this wonderful opportunity to raise money. We also owe Nebo Caltex an enormous amount of gratitude, for their generous donations of sauces and soft drink. The Nebo Hotel donated prizes for a raffle, we were unable to hold a raffle on the day, but that will be coming up in the near future. The Mac Camp donated all
of our ice. We also need to give a huge thank you to Matthew Lockwood and Dee McGregor for helping to get us organised; and in running the bar. Thank you to George Lyons and Morgan McGregor for running the bar also. A huge thank you goes out to Jodie Clarence, Jodie worked non-stop all weekend, and did up our floats, put through orders, and even helped pack up. We also need to thank Laura Amiet, Louise Cook, Lorraine Connolly and Kate Drury. Thank you goes out to Sal Abbey for cooking the Quiche, it sold like hot cakes. We owe thanks to all of those wonderful people that bought our food and complimented it, and lastly thanks to Lisa Staff and Alison for their many days of ordering, picking up orders, cooking and having everything organised. We were a wonderful team!

Prep/Year 1

Benita Verran
Indy Baguley

Year 2/3/4

Ayla Aksenov
Chelsie Schragg
Thomas Lockwood

Year 5/6/7

Layton Jung
Sam Christensen

Specialist Teacher - Miss Amiet

Danielle Bryan
Beau Attenborough

PRINCIPALS AWARD

Hope Ware

Kind Regards,

Jennifer Fenwick

TUCKSHOP

If you are available to assist in the Tuckshop this Term please see Kassy. Thank you to Alyson and Jodie for helping in the Tuckshop this 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 4:

28/10 – Nicki and Caroline

04/11 – Louise and Christina
ATTENTION: New Tuckshop Convenor needed for 2015; however if you are able to start this Term it would be greatly appreciated. For further information on the role of Convenor please contact Kassy Hyde or a member of the P & C. Tuckshop Volunteers are also required for this Term. It would be great to see a few new faces helping out our regular parent helpers.

MHS Junior Secondary Transition 2015

Mirani High School will visit our year 6 and 7’s this Thursday 23rd October, and complete some testing for high school. 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. Mirani SHS 2015 Parent Information Sessions

To assist students in making the transition from Year 6 into Year 7 Mirani SHS will be running the following:

Year 7
- Year 7 2015 Parent Information Evening on Tuesday October 21st:
  Tour of School with School Leaders at 5.30pm
  Information session with Administration at 6.15pm
- Year 7 2015 Student Orientation Day: Thursday 4th December
- Parent Information Session/Tour (repeat) – Thursday 4th December, 9.15 -10.00 am

Year 8
- Year 8 2015 Parent Information Evening on Tuesday October 21st:
  Tour of School with School Leaders at 5.00pm
  Information session with Administration at 5.30pm
- Year 8 2015 Student Orientation Day: Wednesday 3rd December
- Parent Information Session/Tour (repeat) – Wednesday 3rd December, 9.15 -10.00 am

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’.

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.

**When can my child attend kindergarten?**

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**BREAKING NEWS**

A new Doctor is coming to the Nebo Medical Centre. See the attached flyer!

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.