Principal’s Message:
We had another fantastic week at our school last week. We commenced the week on Monday with preparations for our Nebo State School Christmas Concert, which will be held at the Nebo Hall on Friday 5th of December. The students were involved in some dance workshops with my son, James Fenwick. James will return with his fiancée Ngavaine Tearer to work with our students to complete and polish our class dance items. We are very fortunate to have both James and Ngavaine come to Nebo and work with our students. They are both very skilled dancers who have represented at a National and International level in Dance; and taught various Dance workshops to students and adults both nationally and internationally.

Our theme for our school class dance items is: ‘The Magic Hat’ – this is an MJ (Michael Jackson) One inspired theme from the ~Cirque du Soleil ~ MJ One show in Las Vegas.

Each class carries through this theme and a routine to a Michael Jackson song; it incorporates a little bit of drama too. We need the students to be decked out with some costumes for our event. A separate letter will come home this week to inform you of the costume requirements. If you are able to assist we will organise a costume day to get prepared. Each class will also be showcasing a class item of their the dances; and of course we will be joining together as a whole school for a dance and a Christmas song. Lock in the date; it is going to be an exciting evening. The students are all very excited!

Last Tuesday we had the opportunity to be involved in Remembrance Day at the Nebo Memorial Hall. Special thanks to Bill Bruce and the Nebo RSL Auxiliary for inviting our school to be part of commemorating this event. What an amazing war veteran Bill Bruce is, can you believe this man is 97 years of age? I would like to extend special congratulations to our student leaders for the excellent job they did in delivering the poem ‘Remembrance Day’, the ‘In Flanders Field’ poem and the excerpt on the history of Remembrance Day. It is I believe, vital that our students continue to understand the importance of Remembrance Day and the significance it holds to our history. It will be our students in years to come, that we will need to rely on, to continue to carry on this legacy.

Last Tuesday afternoon, we also had our Assistant Regional Director Angela Collins come and visit our school. Angela met with me to discuss the progress our school has made and to discuss our strategic direction for 2015. Angela was really
impressed with the progress our school has made and the forward planning that is being done for 2015. I will meet again with Angela and the Principals from both Valkyrie and Coppabella this Tuesday, to plan our Explicit Improvement Agenda for 2015.

Finally, to conclude our week last week, we had our school involved in a drama production by ‘Howard and Tim, from ‘Off the Road Drama. The children were involved in dramatic character role play and improvisation as they took a step back in time around the historical landing of ‘Captain Cook’. The students thoroughly enjoyed the character portrayal of sailors in mess groups and indigenous tribal groups. A special thanks to Howard and Tim for their time and efforts in immersing our students in this wonderful Drama day.

So, what’s happening around the place this week? This week our students in years 2-7 will be revisiting some NAPLAN assessment. It is a Central Queensland requirement that students resit NAPLAN throughout the year, so that teachers can look for individual gains students have made and identify early any deficiencies that may require extra reteaching of concepts. This data will then be put into a new program called CQ3S, which is an in depth analytical tool, designed to highlight individual and cohort strengths, weaknesses and gains. On Tuesday, as previously mentioned I will be away preparing for our 2015 Explicit Improvement Agenda, and then on Wednesday we have our Nebo State School Interhouse Swimming Carnival.

**Nebo Swimming Carnival**

Our Nebo Swimming Carnival will be held this Wednesday 19th of November at the Nebo Pool. It will commence at 8.30am. Students are required to meet at the pool at 8:30am in their swimming gear. Students will need to bring their own towel, goggles and a packed lunch. Students will need to ensure they bring two water bottles and drink plenty of water throughout the day. Canteen facilities will also be available. Students are required to wear a sun safe shirt and sunscreen. Hats must be worn by students while out of the pool. Students are to wear footwear to the pool. Thongs are acceptable.

**EVENTS**

All juniors and intermediates will be swimming 25m with a kickboard for all four strokes (a horsey race with a pool noodle will be substituted for butterfly. This race is purely for fun and no points will be awarded). Some students will also be swimming 25m without a kickboard if they have demonstrated the capability and confidence to do so during PE. Similarly all senior students will be swimming 25m without a kickboard. Some seniors will also be swimming 50m. If your child is not nominated for an event and you believe they should be, please let Miss Amiet know. Miss Amiet sent home a Swimming Carnival program last Friday.

**Year 6/7 Graduation**

Our year 6/7 Graduation, will now be held on Thursday 11th of December at the Nebo Bowls Club. We originally had planned it for the 9th of December. All year 6/7 parents were invited to a Graduation
Meeting in Term 3 to contribute their thoughts and ideas. A separate letter went home regarding this and reminders were given to students and placed in the School Newsletter. Only a small number of parents attended. Since this meeting, a concern was raised in relation to a clash of dates. We have now consequently changed the date to the 11th of December. This evening is for year six and seven students and their families only. I hope all year six and seven students will support this date change. If you have any issues or concerns, please contact me as soon as possible.

**Competition Winners**

Congratulations to the winners of our Book Fair Colouring In Competition. The winners from each class won a book and a pencil. **Congratulations to:**

**Prep/Year One winner:** Benita Verran  
**234 Winner:** Laura Christensen  
**567 Winner:** Callum Jung

Thank you to Mrs Connolly for organising this competition and our Book Fair and to Louise Cook for all her assistance too.

Congratulations to the following students who won a $20 Git Voucher in the Isaac Council -‘Get Ready’ Colouring competition. **Congratulations to:**

**Pre-Prep/Prep/One:** Malia Verran  
**234:** Justin Kernohan  
**567:** Natalie Symonds

Thank you to the Isaac Council for offering this competition and involving our students.

**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.

**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**

There is a P & C Meeting this afternoon at 2.45pm in the Arts/Music Room, all welcome to attend. The P & C will also be selling food at the Nebo Bowls Club and will be selling food at the Brigalow Swimming Carnival on the 27th of November.

**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 am respectful of the school gardens and don’t pick all the pretty flowers

**Students of the Week**

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Kind Regards,

Jennifer Fenwick

**TUCKSHOP**

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

18/11 – Louise and Maureen

25/11 – Nicki and Christina

**MSHS Junior Secondary Transition 2015**

Below are the enrolment interviews and orientation day dates for students transitioning to Mirani SHS: A couple of parents have not booked their Interviews. Please do this as soon as possible, as this process is now overdue!

**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 Student Orientation Day: Thursday 4th December
- Parent Information Session/Tour (repeat) – Thursday 4th December, 9.15 - 10.00 am

Year 8
- Year 8 2015 Student Orientation Day: Wednesday 3rd December
- Parent Information Session/Tour (repeat) – Wednesday 3rd December, 9.15 - 10.00 am

When can my child attend kindergarten?

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eKindy

Registrations for eKindy in 2015 are now open. Additional information about eKindy can be found on the webpage: [https://brisbanesde.eq.edu.au/Ourschool/ekindy/Pages/ekindy.aspx](https://brisbanesde.eq.edu.au/Ourschool/ekindy/Pages/ekindy.aspx)

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