Principal’s Message:
Well, it seems hard to believe that we have just two weeks of the school year left, and a very busy two weeks left that we have. Teachers are still working hard to finalise assessment. Just a reminder of the importance of every student attending school every day, as EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Report Cards
Semester Two Reports will be sent home on Thursday 11th December. Results are based on the new content descriptors and year level Achievement Standards from the Australian Curriculum, and as such may not be reliably compared to earlier years’ results. For further information on the Australian Curriculum standards visit the online curriculum at http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/

Over recent years, parents, students and teachers across Queensland are gradually becoming more familiar with a 5-point scale (e.g. A-E) process for reporting in all schools. The new system schools are using refers to attainment standards called “Benchmarks of achievement” or “criteria.” So what makes an “A”, “B”, “C” etc. is predeterminded by a scale of achievement and by making an overall on balance judgement of what a student can do independently at their year level. Any student, who shows evidence of meeting a particular level, deserves that benchmark grade. This is what you could consider the new difference for a “C” really means: A ‘C’ means this is where the students should be in accordance with their year level Achievement Standards. This also means it can be harder to obtain an ‘A’ or a ‘B’ rating. Receiving an ‘A’ or a ‘B’ does not just go to the top students in each class. Any student who obtains an ‘A’ or a ‘B’ is deemed to be working beyond their year level descriptors in a variety of contexts independently.

Brigalow Swimming Carnival
Last Thursday we had our Brigalow Swimming Carnival. It was truly an awesome day. It is always so wonderful to collaborate with Clarke Creek, Coppabella, Mackenzie River and Valkyrie State Schools. The students were all very well behaved and participated and joined in the fun, which is always the primary goal.

On behalf of all of our school, I would like to say thanks to all of the staff, students, and community members from the Brigalow Cluster schools who came out to support the day. Special thanks must go to all of the staff, students, parents and carers, and community members from our school who pitched in and gave a hand and who supported our school all the way. The P & C did a wonderful job at hosting...
the food and beverage services for the day. They were so well organised and the steak burgers were a popular item praised by many. A big thanks to Ed and the team from the Nebo Swimming Carnival for allowing us to host the swimming carnival there. I would also like to congratulate and thank the wonderful Miss Amiet who worked tirelessly to prepare the swimming program and organise the events for the day. Miss Amiet did a fantastic job!

Several records were broken on the day; Miss Amiet is in the process of preparing a list of students and new record holders. Congratulations to: Valkyrie State School, who won the ICAP parent supporter trophy; Coppabella State School who won the aggregate point’s trophy; and to our school – NEBO; who won the trophy for the overall highest number of points.

### Congratulations also to the following Nebo State School students who won Brigalow Swimming Age Champions:

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Sports Captains from left to right: Tyler Ware, Luke Connolly, Jacob Drury, and Neil Connolly accepting our school trophy

Age Champion winners – (Front row) David Whitehead, Izzy Becker, Marnie Whitehead (Back Row) Jeremy Simmonds, Neil Connolly & Andre Kernohan
A massive congratulations to: **Neil Connolly** who won the overall Senior Boys Champion!

**Neil Connolly** – 12 yrs Age Champion and Overall Brigalow Senior Age Champion winner

**Nebo Bowls Club Christmas Carols**
Special thanks to all the students who came along and sung Christmas Carols at the Nebo Bowls club last Friday night. Thanks to our wonderful P & C for selling food on the evening too! It was a great night and much fun was had by all. Congratulations to the Nebo Bowls Club for hosting such a great event.

**Nebo Christmas Concert**
This Friday night is our very own Nebo State School Christmas Concert. All teachers and students have been working really hard on preparing a class item. All classes are also working hard on their dances and are extremely lucky to be working with James Fenwick and Ngavaine Tearera this week; who are choreographing and preparing students for their dance items. The theme for the evening is ‘The Magic Hat’, which is a Michael Jackson inspired theme from the MJ One Cirque du Soleil show in Las Vegas. An obvious choice of theme, as Ngavaine has been in this show and based in Las Vegas for the last two years. Both James and Ngavaine have appeared as dancers in music videos (Michael Jackson, Jennifer Lopez and Timomatic); and have represented the dance scene at a national and international level. Ngavaine and James will also make a guest appearance on the night!

A list of costume items required for the evening went home last week. Some items are being provided by our school and other items are required to be provided by the student. Please ensure you have these items and if there are any issues with your child having these; please contact the school as soon as possible. Students need to be at the school hall by 5.30pm at the very latest.

Please note: We will be having a costume making day in the staffroom this Wednesday 3\(^{rd}\) December, for any parents that are available to help!

**Mirani State High School Transition Days**
Year 6 and 7 students, who are attending Mirani State High School in 2015, are invited to attend a transition day. The year 7’s on, Wednesday the 5\(^{th}\) of December and the year 6’s on Thursday the 4\(^{th}\) of December. Students are encouraged to take the bus which will be leaving at 7am sharp. Students have been asked to complete and bring their BTA form for travelling on the bus in 2015, as these take quite some time to process. Students should be in full Nebo State School uniform (Senior shirts if possible). Students are also able to order Tuckshop for the day at 8.30am.
Year 6/7 Graduation
Our year 6/7 Graduation, will be held on Thursday 11th of December at the Nebo Bowls Club. All year 6/7 students and their immediate family are invited to attend. A graduation invitation has been sent home today. We are still waiting on three students to bring in their baby/younger photos. If the photos are not in by this Friday, then their photos will not appear in the Slideshow.

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. If you know that you are leaving our school and will not return in 2015, could you also please let us know. 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.

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 organised and remember to have all items needed for important events

### Students of the Week

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Kind Regards,

Jennifer Fenwick
P & C News

Don’t forget about the P & C Christmas Raffle to win one of a few Christmas hampers. If you have a food, toy, gift, or Christmas item that you would like to donate to contribute towards the Christmas hampers, your donation would be kindly appreciated. Please bring your item to the office. If you require extra raffle tickets to sell, please contact the office as soon as possible.

TUCKSHOP – If you are available to assist in the Tuckshop this Term please see Kassy. Thank you to Nicki, Caroline and 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:

2/12 – Louise and Steph
9/12 – Alyson and Louise

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Orientation Days and Parent Information Sessions:

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

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.