From the Acting Principal

Welcome back to the 2016 school year. For those of you who may not be aware, Mr Troy Mutton is currently filling the role of Acting Principal at Nebo State School. I will be at Mackenzie River in his absence. It is a great pleasure to be working with the staff and students here again.

Over the holidays, the grounds have benefitted from the rain that has been falling around the district. It required many hours work however, to get things back into shape before the students returned. As always, I was impressed by the generosity of parents and their extended families who worked during the holidays to make sure the grounds were tidy and safe for the start of the new school year. A big thankyou to all of those who lent hand in one way or another.

Term 1, 2016 promises to be a busy one. In addition to their general classroom work, students will continue their LOTE lessons this year with Miss Wallis Bintley and PE lessons with Mrs Nicole Evitt. Swimming lessons for PE have already commenced and will continue until Week 5 this term. Following Week 5, students will switch to a different activity. Also this term, we will be involved in the IMPACT program, participating in online literacy and numeracy lessons with other small schools such as Russell Island and Dunwich State School. It is always exciting to be involved with these interactive lessons and gives the students the chance to be part of a larger (online) classroom.

Catherine Phillis

Parade

Parade will continue to be held on Friday mornings at 8:30 and as always, parents are welcome to attend. This term, instead of our ‘Student Of The Week’ award, students will each be encouraged to nominate their ‘Moment Of The Week’ on parade. This may be a special achievement, something they enjoyed learning or perhaps something positive they saw someone else do.

Vocab Focus

This year the students will continue their dedication to improving their vocabulary. Our focus word for this week is ‘silhouette’. We have been investigating the background of the word and even did an art activity using a silhouette. Next week, we will turn our attention to the word ‘reluctant.’ Students are encouraged to practice using these words in their everyday conversations to help them make them part of their everyday vocabulary.
P&C AGM – Friday, 12 Feb

The Mackenzie River P&C Association would like to extend a warm welcome to community members who are interested in helping support the school through the P&C. You do not need to be a parent of the school, just simply someone who would like to take an active part in helping support the operation of the school and ensuring that the students continue to have access to quality resources and experiences. The meeting will take place at the school on Friday 12 February and will start at 6:00pm sharp. Dinner will be catered for following the meeting.

2016 Enrolments

If you would like to enquire about enrolling a child at Mackenzie River, please call the office on 4985 8155. We are happy to meet with prospective students and their parents and to show them around the school facilities.

The fortnight in pictures...

What do you do with many years’ worth of broken crayons? The students put them to good use by creating some recycled art with melted wax crayons. The effects were very impressive!