Principal’s Message

Safety in our carparks
Please remember that our students’ safety is paramount in and around our school. When dropping off or collecting your child/ren be sure to drive slowly, be alert and don’t stop along yellow lines.

Student Resource Scheme
This week all families, who haven’t commenced paying this year’s resource scheme will receive their invoice. The payment of this invoice provides your child/ren with all of their requirements for the school year for only $100, ($90 if paid by the end of first term). This is an extremely inexpensive way to ensure that your child has all of the necessary resources for learning. At either office we can help to arrange payment plans and centrelink deductions. Please be aware that if you do not pay the resource scheme you must provide your child with all of the necessary resources from the booklist available at either office.

Magnets and Business Cards
You should have received with this newsletter a fridge magnet and 2 business cards. Please keep the magnet on the fridge and cards in your purse/wallet. They are to assist with remembering to notifying us when your child has been absent from school. Options for notifying us are:
♦ a telephone call to school on 33865333
♦ an email to school using absence@mabelparkss.eq.edu.au
♦ a note with your child following the absence

Black shoes
We still have a number of black shoes to give away. If your child/ren currently do not have the correct shoes (black lace up, velcro or buckle up shoes) please feel free to fill out the form in this newsletter and return it to either office ASAP. All students must be in correct shoes by the start of Term 2.

Emergency/Evacuation Drills
Each term our staff and students practice emergency/evacuation drills to ensure that if a situation was ever to arise that everyone was calm and educated about the processes required. Here at Mabel Park SS our fire evacuation sound is a ‘continuous siren’ whilst our lockdown signal is “The Macarena.” If you are present in the school grounds during a drill you must comply with school procedures. For a fire we need to gather on either oval and for a lockdown you need to go to either admin building. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

P&C Meeting
Our first P&C Meeting for the year is this Thursday evening at 6pm. Please come along and share your ideas for our school.

Be sure that your children are at school, on time each and every day ready for learning.

Racquel O’Connor
Principal

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TUCKSHOP NEEDS YOUR HELP IN 2013!
Can you prepare food, serve children at the counter, spare some of your time?
If you are a little unsure of what is involved or how you can be of help, you are welcome to call in to see how the tuckshop works and have a chat with the Tuckshop Convenor.

Thanks, your time is greatly appreciated.
**Middle Campus News**

**Middle Campus 2013**
Thanks to the excellent preparation of our school staff and the support of our families, students on the middle campus have experienced a terrific beginning to the 2013 school year. Individual student targets and goals are being developed and a collective effort toward meeting these will be required.

Our Year 4s have quickly adapted to school life on the middle campus and are focused on their learning. Year 7 students are leading the way and so far have set a wonderful example for our other students to follow.

Attendance, in the main, has been satisfactory. Unfortunately too many middle campus students are arriving late to school. “Sleeping in, helping with shopping, lots of children to organise” are really not genuine reasons for students to be late. Further to this, a number of students have been collected late after school. Please take all reasonable steps to have your child/ren at school on time and collected at the end of the school day.

Students, parents and carers are reminded that students need to be:
‘At school every day, on time, in uniform, ready to be a STAR (Safe, Team, Achieve and Responsible).’

**Contact and Personal Details**
Please make sure that we have up to date contact and personal details for your child/ren. All too often, we attempt to make contact with families and are unable to do so because details are not accurate. A telephone call, or note sent with your child/ren, to the ladies in the office is all that is required to update information.

**Parent Information Sessions**
Our annual parent information sessions were held yesterday afternoon. Thank you to those parents/carers who attended, your support is valued and appreciated. Those parents/carers who were unable to attend will receive some written information on processes and procedures for your child’s class in 2013.

**Sporting House Captains**
Thank you to Mrs Hampel for leading the process for selecting our 2013 house captains. All students who nominated for these positions were congratulated for their efforts. Students have been told if they have been selected as a captain or not. Parents/Carers will be contacted and invited to attend our school parade next week, where we will present our captains with their badges.

**MPSS Website**
Our website address is www.mabelparkss.eq.edu.au. Our website contains up to date information and many of our school documents.

Troy Maher—Deputy Principal [Middle Campus]

**Junior Campus News**

**I’m back!**
I would like to begin by expressing how excited I am at being back in the Deputy Principal role on the Junior Campus this semester. I thoroughly enjoy this role within our school and I am looking forward to working with all of our Prep to Year 3 students and their families.

**Gunyjuu’s Little Mob Playgroup**
Our Little Mob Playgroup has begun again this term and we are extremely excited to see this initiative continue in our school for another year. We would like to invite all of our parents who have children pre-prep age and lower to our Playgroup. It is open to all our families and is held every Monday from 9am in our Murri Club. Please see the attached flyer for more information. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

**Targets for Term 1**
All of our students here at Mabel Park have been given learning targets that focus on their Numeracy and Literacy development. Targets that focus on student learning allow students to know where they are heading with their learning and therefore take more ownership of their learning. I would encourage you to ask your child to tell you what their targets are and what happens when they achieve their target. I am pleased to say that we have already seen a number of successful learners visit the Office for their prize on the Junior Campus.

**Playing before and after School**
I would like to remind our students that there is no play before or after school. I have seen many students on the playground equipment and using balls in the undercover area before and after school.

The playgroup equipment is out of bounds before and after school for the safety of our students. There are no teachers on duty in these areas and therefore the students are not supervised at this time. Playing with balls in the undercover area is also a hazard, not only for our students but for our parents, carers and younger siblings. It is certainly very unpleasant when you have a ball hit you without any expectation of this occurring. I ask parents that you remind your children of these expectations, as I will, and reassure them that they are in place for their safety.

I look forward to working with you all over the next semester.

Nicole Miller—Deputy Principal [Junior Campus]
### Weekly Awards

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### P&C News

**School Hats**
The hats are looking fabulous and are still available outside the junior campus office mornings and afternoons from the P&C for $12.50.

**Easter Fundraiser**
With Easter fast approaching we have a fantastic fundraiser with Homestyle Bake, so keep an eye out for the order forms. There are some yummy looking treats and easy meals and best of all they will be back before the start of the school holidays.

**School Disco**
Our first disco for 2013 is coming soon, dates to be confirmed shortly.

**Banking**
Thank you and welcome to all our continuing and new bankers. Hopefully everyone would have received the information packs from the Commonwealth Bank. There are some great products that you can purchase using 10 tokens so keep saving.

Remember banking day is Tuesday. Bank books can be left at the office for collection. Please note no foreign coins will be accepted as the bank will not take them. Each class that reaches “10 bankers class award” will receive ice blocks.

**P&C Meeting**
Don’t forget our first P&C meeting is on Thursday 21 February at 6pm in the library. We would love to see some new faces. Come along share your ideas and meet some new parents.

Jo and Margaret P&C

### Auslan-Sign of the Week

**Sign of the Week**
Achieve

*How to sign it:*
Start with the left pointer finger still, at the same time spread right hand. Turn right hand around while forming the “good” sign.

**Sign of the Week**
Responsible

*How to sign it:*
Cross pointer finger over middle finger. Tap hand to left shoulder twice.
Leadership Day
On Friday 8 February all Year 7 students were involved in a leadership day. This day required the students to work in their sports houses to complete a range of different tasks. This day was a huge success with all students showing their maturity and ability to work in a team. This day lead to the voting of the house captains.

Congratulations to the following students for being selected by their peers as 2013 House Captains:

Kingston: Solomone T, Sativah M
Logan: Jade T, Bianca R
Shailer: Ayden H, Peron W
Mayes: Jamahl M, Angelina M

Auskick
Thank you to Dion King, from the Springwood Puma’s AFL club, for visiting our school.

Tamara Hampel PE Teacher

Hi Parent/Carers
My name is Fiona Wilson and I started as the School Chaplain last term. My role as Chaplain is to provide pastoral care to the community. That may look like one on one conversations with a student or parent, activities, group discussions or games. In essence we compliment the role of those who are already supporting your child in a positive way.

My days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. I will be working on both campuses.

If you would like to talk to or see me regarding your child, please leave a message with the office and I will get back to you.

Looking forward to meeting you throughout the year and journeying life with your child.

Chappy Fiona

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Did you save your cash bonus for education costs?
Saver Plus provides free financial education, budgeting and savings tips to assist you in making your money go further! Saver Plus will even match your savings dollar for dollar, up to $500 towards education costs. There’s no catch.

To be eligible you need to have:
- a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- a child at school, starting next year or study yourself
- some regular household income, e.g. you or a partner may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal work.

Contact Sylvia Constantin at The Benevolent Society on 5596 7928 / 0431 076 011 or sylvia.constantin@benevolent.org.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.
Ganyjuu’s Little Mob PLAYGROUP

All Welcome
Come and yarn with us and have lots of fun
Morning Tea Provided

Every Monday, starting 18th of February 2013
(Run in conjunction with school terms)
Time: 9:00am - 10:30am
Building: Murri Club
Venue: Mabel Park State School - (Junior Campus)
Borman Street, Slacks Creek

If you require transport contact Ganyjuu

For further information please contact
Ganyjuu on 1800 794 303

Proudly supported by the Australian and Queensland Governments
Mabel Park PCYC
Outside Hours Care

Our centre provides care for children from Prep to Year 7 and is situated in G Block on the Junior Campus.

HOURS OF SERVICE OFFERED

Before School Care: 6:30am to 8:30am
After School Care: 2:40pm to 6:00pm
Vacation Care: 6:30am to 6:00pm

(Child Care benefit available through Centrelink)

For enquiries and bookings
Phone: 3208 0897
Mobile: 0403 738 819

We have received a donation of a number of shoes and socks from Brighter Future 4 Kids. The shoes we will be receiving are the ones picture below. Unfortunately we will not have enough shoes for every child in the school. Parents/carers should express interest in their child/ren receiving a pair of shoes and socks. To express interest, please fill out the attached slip and return to the school. Please remember that expressing interest does not guarantee that your child/ren will receive a pair of shoes and socks.

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