Principal’s Message

Welcome new staff
I would like to welcome Ms Katie Williamson to the Mabel Park State School teaching team. Ms Williamson will be teaching in Year Four. Please make her feel welcome. Feel free to come up and meet her before or after class.

School Opinion Surveys
Forty-five parents (selected from a random sample) will receive School Opinion Surveys this week. This is an important tool to see how we as a school are progressing in the eyes of parents, students and staff. If you receive one please take the time to fill it out as a family and return it ASAP. The information gathered in these surveys is vital to us. The results from these surveys help us to make plans for next year. It’s also a great opportunity for us to see what we are doing well.

Dream Business
Last week our four school captains (Dean, Monique, Isabella and Tarshay) did a fantastic job of representing us at the Regional Dream Business Conference. The students were able to meet and work with school captains from across the region. They had the opportunity to learn many leadership skills and set themselves goals for the future. Congratulations on your efforts!

Uniform sales
Lower’s Woodridge has 20% of all uniforms this Thursday 16 August. This is a great saving if your child/ren is/are in need of new uniforms.

P&C Meeting
Our next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 16 August at 6pm in the new library. Come along, have a coffee and chat and find out about all of the things happening in our school.

Come along and join us
Here at Mabel Park SS we love seeing our parents/carers share in their child’s educational journey. This term will provide you with several opportunities to share in their successes. Please mark these in your calendar and come and see some of your child’s great achievements.

Parade every Monday morning: 9am
Book Week Parade (Dress up): 9am 24 August
Parent Teacher Interviews: 11 September
Early Years Day: Date to be confirmed
Grandparents Day (P-3): 20 September

Hopefully we’ll see you all soon up at school enjoying some of these activities.

Racquel O’Connor
Principal

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Please note the PCYC Vacation Care (G Block) will be closed during the September School Holidays due to construction work being carried out. If you have any queries please contact Karen or Tamara on 0403 738 819 or 3208 0897.
Mabel Park State High School Open Day

Year 7 parents/carers are reminded that on Tuesday 21 August our Year 7 students will attend the high school for the Year 7 Open Day.

Year 7 Celebration—dateclaimer

Our 2012 Year 7 Celebration will be held on Wednesday 12 December. The event will be held in the Salvation Army Life Works Centre on Paradise Road commencing at approximately 6.00pm. Students must wear full school uniform.

Mobile Phones

If students need to bring a mobile phone to school it must be clearly labelled with their name and handed in to the office before class. No phones are to be kept either in classrooms or students’ bags during school hours.

Emergency Evacuation and Lock Down procedures

We are required to practise evacuation and lock down procedures throughout the school year. These procedures are usually practised without warning. Should parents/carers be on either campus during a ‘drill’ we require you to follow the direction of staff, please.

Rock and Stick throwing

Unfortunately a number of Middle Campus students have recently taken to throwing rocks or sticks during play breaks. These students have had consequences applied to the inappropriate behaviour and have been reminded of the danger that throwing things within our playground creates and that such activity could attract a suspension from school. All students are reminded to leave rocks and sticks on the ground.

Cybersafety

Cybersmart [http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/] provides activities, resources and practical advice to help children, teens and parents safely enjoy the online world.

Cybersmart is developed by the Australian Communications and Media Authority. Cybersmart is part of the Australian Government’s cybersafety program.

Newsletter Feedback

We are always interested in improvement at our school. We would like to make sure that our school newsletter provides you, the parents/carers of our school, with relevant information. If you would like to provide us with your feedback on our newsletter, please do so anonymously at the following web address: http://wallisher.com/wall/mabelparkssnews

Regards

Troy Maher [Deputy Principal—Middle Campus]

Thinking Strategies

This term many of our teachers have attended an optional Professional Development presented by Eric Frangenheim, to further extend their knowledge and skills around higher order thinking strategies in the classroom. The teachers participated in numerous activities and were exposed to various strategies, which can be taken back and implemented into the classroom. We at Mabel Park are very keen to increase our school capacity to ensure we provide the best possible education for your children, at school, every day.

Prep Readiness

A reminder that all children born between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008 will be enrolling in Prep in 2013. These children are also eligible to participate in our Prep Readiness Program at Mabel Park.

When —Group One—Starts Wednesday 8 August
—Group Two—Starts Wednesday 10 October

Limited places are available so please complete a form at the Junior Campus Office. We look forward to meeting all of our future Prep students.

Ready Reader Program

Mabel Park has been selected as a school to host the Ready Reader Program in our region. This is a fantastic program that enables you to learn how to support your child/ren to become confident readers. It is free to attend and is open to all parents, carers and friends of students at Mabel Park State School.

The program will be held on Wednesday 22 August from 9:15—2:15 in the Resource Centre. Please contact the school if you would like more information or to register for the program. We would love many parents attend the program as it is a fantastic opportunity.

Goals and Targets

It has been wonderful to see so many students achieving their academic goals this term. We have had masses of students coming to the office for a well deserved hand shake, congratulations and pick from the prize box. Please make sure you are regularly discussing with your child/ren what their goals are, and how they are progressing towards achieving them. Support and encouragement from both home and school is an amazing partnership that can do wonders for students’ confidence and efforts. I look forward to seeing many more students achieve their learning goals this term.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Book Week Parade have a fantastic fortnight.

Vicki Hallston
A/Head of Curriculum

Logan Info Connect

Mini Expo 2012

24th August 2012
Loganlea Community Centre
28-32 Timms St
Loganlea

This is the third year bringing this highly successful and very informative event to Logan. Last year 42 business and 57 organisations came together to educate and inform each other the best way to do business together. Our aim for the morning is to bring together Business and Government sectors etc with Not For Profit Organisations (NFPO). As we are hearing from the NFPO that they don’t know where to go, who to ask, and how to ask or what’s out there, what they can get to help their organisation run smoothly or for fundraising and events. We also hear from the Business sector that the organisations don’t approach them in the right manner or with the right information, so we are endeavoring to change that in Logan.

We hope this day will help to make your job easier with the NFPO as they will be better equipped to deal with you. The organisations will walk away with a better knowledge of how to deal with business and government and come better prepared to meetings, have an awareness of what’s out there and how to get it, how to approach business’s in the right way. Passing on your knowledge will not only help the organisations it will help you. Please bring any submissions that you would consider to be ideal to show others as an example.

Stalls will be available for business to display your goods and information. Upon arrival, get a coffee, chat, grab a seat for a great day

Each invited guest will have five (5) minutes to speak taking into account the 4 points below:
1. Who am I? Name
2. What do I do? Brief summary
3. What can I do for you? Role in community
4. What I expect from you? Initial contact, what requirements need to be met e.g. bring all info the first time, be aware of your own needs

Then the floor will be open for questions for five (5) minutes.

We will have a break for lunch and allow time to network.
RSVP Lindel Walters Ph: 0435 909 570 or Email lindel.walters@volunteeringqld.org.au
**Book Week Parade**

**WHEN:** Friday 24 August at 9am  
**WHERE:** Parade Area

Come and help us celebrate Book Week and dress up as your favourite book character

**Prizes for the best costume in each year level**

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**Prep Readiness**

We are extremely excited to be offering our Prep Readiness program again this year. Prep Readiness has been a huge success here at Mabel Park and has ensured that children within our community have the best start to their formal schooling days.

If your child is born between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008 they will be enrolling in Prep in 2013 and are therefore eligible to participate in our Prep Readiness program this semester.

Our Prep Readiness program ensures that your child:
- becomes familiar with MPSS routines and expectations
- continues developing early numeracy and literacy skills and language
- engages in gross and fine motor activities
- begins to develop positive relationships with fellow peers
- engages with current Prep and other school staff

The Prep Readiness program will be offered on a Wednesday morning from 9am till 10:30am. There will be two classes operating at this time, however, each group will have a different start date. Group 1 will commence Wednesday 8 August 2012 and continue through to the end of Term 4. Group 2 will commence Wednesday 10 October 2012 and continue through to the end of Term 4. While the students are engaging in their program on these days, you as parents will be engaging in your own program and activities.

If you are interested in having your child participate in Prep Readiness, please complete the enrolment form available at the Junior Campus Office and return ASAP as there are limited places available.

Nicole Miller  
A/deputy Principal - Junior Campus

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**Junior Touch Competition**

SEASON 2 - 2012  
(Fully Affiliated and Insured with Touch Football Australia)

**Friday Nights**  
Games from 5.30pm

Interested in playing Touch Footy? Great! Come on down to Logan Metro Touch Fields. Register your team or find a team to play in – don’t miss out!

**Sign-On:** Tuesday 14th & Friday 17th August 6-7pm

**Competition Starts:** August 24th  
**GRAND FINALS:** November 30th

Full Fees $85.00 includes Playing Shirt  
(Covers Registration, Insurance & Game fees)

**DIVISIONS:**  
- Under 8, 10, 12, 14 & 16s (Boys & Girls)  
(Supplies to nominations)

Nomination forms are available on the website:  
[www.loganmetro.mytouchfooty.com](http://www.loganmetro.mytouchfooty.com)