P&C NEWS
The P&C will be holding a Mothers’ Day Stall at first break on Thursday 10 and Friday 11 May. Children can bring money and purchase a present for their mum. Gifts will range from 50 cents to $5 max until sold out. If anyone would like to make a donation of new or handmade gifts for the stall please bring the items to the either office by Friday 4 May. In other news, the P&C will be holding another DISCO this term so watch this space for the date to be announced soon! Also the P&C have placed suggestion boxes in both offices for any parents who have ideas but are unable to attend P&C meetings. The next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 17 May from 6pm in the Library, all welcome.

TUCKSHOP NEEDS YOUR HELP IN 2012!

Can you prepare food?
Serve children at the counter?
Spare some of your time?
If you have said yes to any of the above, the tuckshop needs your skills to operate efficiently.
If you can help out for a full day, or even an hour or two a week it would be wonderful.
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 Convener.

Thanks, your time is greatly appreciated.

Mabel Park PCYC
Outside Hours Care
Our centre provides care for children from Prep to Year 7 and is situated in Block C 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

 principals’ Message
Welcome back to Term Two! I hope you all had a very refreshing Easter break with your family. This term is an extremely important one for our Year 3, 5 and 7 students with NAPLAN testing. I think that this is a wonderful opportunity to see how well our students are doing compared with other students across the state as well as a chance for us to look at areas we need to focus on for the future. With this in mind, attendance is more important than ever.

Attendance
Congratulations to the 89 students who were invited to my morning tea for 100% attendance in Term One, what a wonderful achievement! I will be hosting this morning tea again in the last week of Term Two and I would love to see more than 100 students attend. I know this is a term when the common cold can hit us, so it’s important to keep healthy and ensure your children are at school on time every day.

NAPLAN for Year 3, 5 and 7
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday (15, 16 & 17 May) are the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy Testing (NAPLAN) days. This is extremely important testing as it gives the school and the individual a point in time indication of how they are going compared to the State and the Nation. Teachers and students have been spending valuable class time preparing for these tests, through the teaching of problem solving, test preparedness as well as specific Literacy and Numeracy skills. A ‘Parent NAPLAN Newsletter’ will be sent home shortly, please read this carefully to help best prepare your child/ren for these tests. This is a great opportunity to show what our students are capable of and reap the rewards of the hard work of our teachers, students and parents.

After School Activities
This week our after school activities program has made a very successful start. The students are very excited and are learning many new skills. There are still a few spaces left in our Art classes on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. If your child/ren are interested in these please call in at our Junior Campus office to collect the permission forms. (See section later in newsletter).

Special visitors to the school
Today Mr Mark Campling (Assistant Director General for School Improvement) and Mr Ian Mackie (Assistant Director General for Indigenous Education) visited our school to see the wonderful things our students and teachers are achieving. It was a fantastic opportunity for us to showcase the innovative things happening at our school and great recognition from Education Queensland Central Office. Well done to everyone involved! We should be very proud of our great school.

Nominations for top teacher titles
We encourage all of our students to give their teachers a pat on the back by voting for their 2012 My Favourite Teacher. My Favourite Teacher is a statewide program designed to showcase the achievements of teachers and their important role in inspiring and empowering students. All of our students are encouraged to nominate their favourite teacher by selecting your local newspaper via the My Favourite Teacher website: www.education.qld.gov.au/community/events/weekly/loveteacher/.

Students will then be entered into the draw to win one of several family day passes to either Warner Bros. Movieworld, Seaworld or Wet’n’Wild. Winning teachers will receive a certificate and a family pass thanks to Village Roadshow Theme Parks.

Every day, every student learning and achieving! Have a great week,
Racquel O’Connor
Principal
ANZAC Ceremony
We held our ANZAC Ceremony on Tuesday 24 April. Our students showed great respect during our ceremony and are to be congratulated for their conduct. The following students spoke during the ceremony and completed their duties extremely well:
- Tarshay 6/7JC
- Monique 6/7JC
- Betty 4/5CE
- Justice 6NP
- Ashlam 7VH
- Isabella 7CW
- Dean 7KT

Cybersafety
The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) provide comprehensive cybersafety initiatives and education programs as part of the Australian Government’s cybersafety policy.
The ACMA site offers a parent section of information, tips and advice to help you and your family make the most of being online.

For more information, visit: www.cybersmart.gov.au

Head Lice Management
Responsibility

It is important that families work together to treat head lice.

Rememurers children can learn to check for head lice themselves and help each other.

Our school supports families by providing accurate information and reinforcing these messages of school.

Uniform
Most of our families have been very supportive of our uniform policy and the majority of our students proudly wear their uniform to school on a daily basis. Thank you!

During colder months a maroon or grey jumper can be worn and/or maroon or grey tracksuit pants. Uniform breach notes are distributed where correct uniform is not worn. If providing correct uniform for your child/ren is financially difficult, please discuss this with the relevant Deputy Principal.

Troy Maher—Deputy Principal (Middle Campus)

NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) takes place in week 5 of this term. This is the fifth year NAPLAN testing has been conducted across Australia in all State and Private Schools. This test has replaced the Statewide testing that was occurring in Queensland prior to 2008. All students in Years 3, 5 and 7 are assessed using common tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy.

Our dedicated teachers have been and will continue to work extremely hard with our Year 3, 5 and 7 children to ensure they are well prepared and ready for NAPLAN. Not only are students being exposed to test-like questions and the strategies used to answer these, they will also be sitting a practice under test conditions to familiarise themselves with the process. Parents and caregivers of our Year 3, 5 and 7 students will receive more information about this important event as it gets closer. Other details can be found at http://www.naplan.edu.au/ and samples can be found at www.nap.edu.au.

TEACHING AND LEARNING
I have had the privilege of filling Ms Miller’s role of Head of Curriculum over the past three weeks. In this time, I have had the opportunity of meeting many fantastic students who have achieved their goals and targets on the Junior Campus.

It is so rewarding to see the smiles on the faces of the children when they are sent to receive their reward. This is a credit to the wonderful job teachers are doing in the classroom around teaching and learning. I will continue as HOC for the remainder of the term.

Mrs Helen Dickie has taken over my role as the Professional Learning Team Leader in Year Four and is already doing a marvellous job. I wish her and the Year Four students all the best for this term. We also welcome Mrs Sandra Crummer into the position of 4HD teacher.

Teachers spent time planning for the upcoming term during the last two weeks of Term One. Units from the Curriculum into the Classroom are being implemented in all grades and I have seen students being involved in very engaging work and am excited to see the great results in the future.

I am looking forward to a fantastic term ahead and working with all the staff and students at Mabel Park State School.

Vicki Hailstone
A/ Head of Curriculum

Auslan-Sign of the Week
Beginning this term, a “sign of the week” will be introduced to the whole school on Parade. As the newsletter comes out fortnightly, you will now find the two signs from parade described. The fingerspelling alphabet is available from the office, and we would encourage you and your child to perhaps learn to “fingerspell” your name. Fingerspelling is not Auslan but it is a tool that Deaf people use to spell words and show English on their hands. If you are interested in learning more about Auslan, you can visit www.auslan.org.com.au. Along with the fun of learning a new language, you are helping hearing impaired students feel a sense of belonging in their Primary School.

Looking forward to seeing you there.
Lynne Foulkes (SWPBS Coordinator) and Lynne Kendall (Guidance Officer)
Weekly Awards

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PE News

Logan District selections
Well done to Jacob R for his selection in the Logan District Under 12 Boys Basketball team.
Well done to Ran Y, Hassan M and Mulindwa I for their selection in the Logan District Under 12 Boys Hockey team.
We wish you all the best at the upcoming regional trials.

Gala Day
Students in Years 5, 6 & 7 were involved in a Gala Day last term. This day provided our students the opportunity to participate in a structured sport competition against Woodridge North State School. Students played in a 7-a-side Touch competition using a round robin format. Medallions will be awarded to the winners and runners up from the competition along with player of the day on parade next week. The overall winning school will also be announced at parade. Students competed well throughout the day displaying excellent sportsmanship and teamwork. It was an enjoyable day and I look forward to the next competition.

Cross Country
On Friday 20 April, 27 Mabel Park students travelled to John Paul College to participate in the Logan District Cross Country Trials. The students negotiated a gruelling track which left them with “nothing in the tank”. The students represented Mabel Park State School in the best possible fashion, with exemplary sportsmanship and behaviour being a feature. Ran Y placed 3rd in the Under 12’s and will now participate at the Regional trials in the coming months. All students did extremely well and we should all be very proud of their efforts.

In partnership with “Every Child Counts” Mabel Park State School is offering our students the opportunity to participate in a wide range of after school activities during Term 2. These activities will be run by accredited coaches, begin in week 2 and run through until week 10 of the term. All activities will run from 3:00 - 4:00pm. The cost will be $20 per activity per child, which is fantastic value. Classes will be limited to 30 students. Contact and medical details will be provided to the activity facilitators.

Art Classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays are available. Please contact either office for information.

Breakfast

Students have available to them breakfast here at school 4 mornings each week. No permission note is required for any of the breakfasts.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Murri Club classroom: 8:00—8:20

Thursday
Middle Campus tuckshop area: 8:00-8:30

Breakfast is available to all students.