**MABEL PARK NEWSLETTER**

**Term 3 Week 10**

**12 September 2012**

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**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

**Early Years Day**

This Friday is our annual early Years Celebration. Please come along and join with your children in the fun and entertainment of this great day. I look forward to seeing many of our early years parents.

**Attendance is important in the last week of term**

As we reach the end of Term 3, parents are reminded that children must attend school on every school day unless they have a reasonable excuse for being away, such as illness. Visiting family, being tired, or starting holidays early are not good reasons to be away from school. More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/docs/parent-fact-sheet.pdf

Remember if your child is absent from school you need to contact the school either by: phone 3386 5333, email absence@mabelparkss.eq.edu.au or a note to the teacher.

**Safety when walking home from school**

I would ask parents to please reiterate with your child/ren the importance of walking home safely from school. This is another year for children to practice walking to and from school safely. This is not following these directions. It is vital that we stress to our students the importance of safety when walking home.

**Saver Plus Program**

Mrs Uni Edwards from The Benevolent Society will be available for questions regarding the financial offer advertised in our newsletter next Monday afternoon on the junior campus. Look out for her if you are interested between 2pm-3pm. This is a great opportunity for our parents to save for your child’s educational and sporting expenses.

**School Website**

Our new website is now live. Please take the time to get online and have a look; this is another great way to keep informed about what is occurring at school, www.mabelparkss.eq.edu.au

**Keep a watch on our school these holidays**

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime at our school. If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number –13 17 88 – and let the local police or State Government Protective Service Unit be of help. Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

**P&C Meeting**

Our final P&C meeting for this term will be next Thursday 20 September at 6pm. Please come along and keep informed about what is happening at our school. Thank you to the P&C for running a fabulous Fathers’ Day Stall. The students loved it.

**Have a great final two weeks of term**

Racquel O’Connor

Principal

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**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.

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**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

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**Middle Campus News**

**Get Set’ Program – Mabel Park State High School**

Year 7 students are continuing their involvement in transition programs. Beginning in Term 4, our Year 7 students will participate in the ‘Get Set’ program at Mabel Park State High School. The program is conducted across 4 weeks. Year 7 students will visit the high school to experience secondary education. Thank you to MPSHS for making this opportunity for our students possible.

**Breakfast**

All students can currently have breakfast on Thursday mornings free of charge in the covered area on the Middle Campus. This arrangement will continue for Term 3 and Term 4. Mrs Walsh a ‘crew’ of Year 7 students will begin making breakfast available free of charge on Tuesday mornings commencing in Term 4 this year.

As a result, our students in Term 4 can access free breakfast every day of the school week. Tuesdays and Wednesdays on the Middle Campus and every other day at Murri Club on the Junior Campus.

**Thank you**

Thank you to our school captains (Dean, Monique, Isabella and Tarshay) for preparing our school parade. This small band of students ensures that our parade area is ready every week. This responsibility is just one of the many responsibilities that our captains carry out brilliantly.

**Year 7 break in**

Unfortunately our Year 7 building was broken into again this week. This has occurred on several occasions this year. Our Year 7 teachers have done an excellent job of managing despite these incredibly disruptive incidents. Our Year 7 students have also been able to continue with their school life in a very sensible manner. Hopefully the police will catch up with the people responsible for the break ins and theft.

**Mobile Phones and electronic devices**

If students need to bring a mobile phone and/or MP3 player, iPod, etc. to school it must be clearly labelled with their name and handed in to the office before class. No phones or electronic devices are to be kept either in classrooms or students’ bags during school hours.

Troy Maher
Deputy Principal—Middle Campus

**Curriculum News**

**NAPLAN**

In the near future, parents and carers of students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will be receiving Individual Student Reports for children who were involved in the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2012. Students will receive results for tests they have participated in, such as spelling, punctuation and grammar, reading, writing and mathematics. If you are unsure of how to interpret the results please consult with your child’s class teacher.

**Teacher Planning Days**

Teachers will be meeting in their year levels during the next two weeks to collaboratively plan motivating and enriching activities and lessons to enhance the Curriculum into the Classroom units. It is in this time that teachers also discuss students academic data, attendance data and cohort achievements so they best forward plan for the individual needs of students in their year level and streamlined groups.

**Early Years Day**

Mrs Miller and the Early Years Team have been working very hard to plan an exciting and fun day for Early Years Day on Friday 14 September. There will be many activities available for students to be involved in that incorporate this year’s theme “Colours of Fun”. I would love to see many parents come along and join children in activities starting at 9:00. Come colourfully dressed!

**Camp Quality Puppet Show**

We are having the Camp Quality Puppet Show visit the school on Monday 17 September, during middle and last sessions. This program is designed to deliver to students, with full life size puppets, a fun and positive message about supporting children living with cancer and other serious illnesses. This is at no cost to the students.

**New ASD website**

A new online package is now available to support families and teachers of young children with autism spectrum disorder to move into school and have a successful journey through their education. The website provides a one-stop-shop for information and tips for starting school, managing day-to-day education needs and accessing ongoing support. The package was developed by the Queensland Government in conjunction with the AEDU Foundation and Autism Queensland.


Have a great fortnight.

Vicki Hailstone
A/Head of Curriculum

**Second Hand Uniforms**

There are second hand uniforms for sale available in the Middle Campus office

UniSex Mabel Park State School polo shirts size 10 - $10

Boys grey shorts size 10 - $10

**Weekly Awards**

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**P&C News**

We need your help
We are looking for donations of various arts and crafts supplies, e.g. clean empty tins, wooden pegs, fabric/ material, wrapping paper, sticky tape, craft paint, glue etc. If you can help out by donating anything we would be greatly appreciative. You can leave it with one of the P&C ladies or at the office.

Remember every little bit helps!

**School Disco**

The next disco will be in November, date to be confirmed.

**PE News**

Interhouse Sports Gala
Wednesday 19 September is our interhouse sports gala. All students will participate in cricket and soccer. All students are to come in their house colours.

**AFL Report**

On Sunday 2 September 9 students from Mabel Park were fortunate enough to go and watch a Lions game at the Gabba. The Lions defeated the Bulldogs in convincing fashion. On behalf of the students I would like to thank Miss Gacka for coming along to supervise. Also, a big thank you to Bupa Little Lions for donating the tickets.

Our students displayed exemplary behaviour.

Tamara Hampel
PE Teacher

**AUSLAN-SIGN OF THE WEEK**

**Sign of the Week (9)**

**Literacy**

**How to sign it:**

With pointer finger extended on both hands, cross pointer fingers at right angles and slide top hand back and forth along lower pointer finger.

**Maths**

**How to sign it:**

Hold both pinkies down with your thumbs. Tap the knuckle on your left pointer finger twice.

**Sign of the Week (10)**

**Maths**

**How to sign it:**

Hold both hands flat, palms facing forward. Circle hands outwards.

Hope you all have a wonderful holiday!

From Miss Waddell, Mrs Kelly, Ms Burns, Mrs Steger, Mrs O. and everyone in the Auslan Club!