Welcome to Mabel Park SS for 2013. We have had a fantastic start to the year with students eagerly working towards their first learning target. We look forward to working with you throughout the year to support your child/ren in achieving their very best. On behalf of the entire Mabel Park SS community, I would like to welcome all of the new families to our school. I am sure your children will enjoy and achieve wonderful things whilst with us.

We welcome new staff to our school
Year 1 - Ms Alana Purkiss, Ms Amy Sprules, Ms Phillipa Allen
Year 4 - Mrs Georgina Imrani, Mrs Christine Waters
Year 5 - Mrs Joann Beggs
Year 7 - Mr Clayton Kearney

Welcome back to staff returning from leave, Mrs Joyce Mikler –Year 5, Mrs Carlie McEachern – Year 2 and Mrs Jo Sweeting - Speech

Parent information sessions
Please come along to our parent teacher information afternoons. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet your child’s teacher, understand their expectations and routines, and hear about the fantastic activities that your child/ren will be undertaking this year. We would hope that all parents are able to attend one of the sessions being offered. If you are unable to attend, please contact your child’s teacher for the relevant information.

Date: Tuesday 19 February
Venue: Your child’s classroom
Time: Session 1: 2:50pm – 3:20pm
Session 2: 3:30pm – 4:00pm (Session 1 repeated)

School Uniform – black shoes
To start the year our uniform is looking fantastic. Just a reminder that black shoes is part of our standard expectation this year. Our uniform is black leather shoes or black joggers (no canvas slip ons shoes or ballet shoes). As with enforcing our uniform over the last two years we are more than happy to help out families who are struggling financially to get their children in complete uniform. Our expectation will be that all students have the correct black shoes by the end of week four this term. To help out our families we have had a donation of 200 black leather shoes. If your children require a pair of these shoes please fill out the tear-off slip on the last page of this newsletter and return it to school ASAP. They will be handed out on a first in first served basis.

Absences
Please note that if your child is absent from school for any reason you must contact us by either: Ph: 3386 5333 or Email: absence@mabelparkss.eq.edu.au

Be sure to include your child’s name, date of absence and reason for absence.

Parade
Parade is held at 9am each Monday morning. If your child is receiving a “Student of the Week” certificate, you will receive a phone call or note on the Friday before so that you can share this special achievement with your child. Please come and join us at parade each Monday.

P&C Meeting
Our first P&C meeting for the year will be Thursday 21 February at 6pm. Please come along and join us and hear what is happening at Mabel Park SS in 2013.

Administration Changes
As of week four Mrs Allison McClean will be leaving us to be Acting Principal of Woongoolba State School. This is a fantastic opportunity and we wish her all the best. Mrs McClean’s replacement will be chosen this week.

I look forward to working with you all this year. If you ever have any questions or concerns please don’t hesitate to call and discuss these with either myself or one of the Deputy Principals (P-Yr 3 Mrs McClean, Yr 4-Yr 7 Mr Maher). Open and honest communication helps to support your child’s learning and makes their time at school both enjoyable and successful.

Let’s work together to make 2013 a fabulous year for all students at Mabel Park SS.

Racquel O’Connor
Principal
Welcome to 2013
Welcome to the 2013 school year. If you are a new family to Mabel Park SS I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our wonderful school. To our continuing families, welcome back and I hope that you and your child enjoy the 2013 school year. As Mrs O’Connor stated in her newsletter section I have been appointed as Acting Principal at Woongoolba State School starting in week 4.

Each year brings with it new journeys and new challenges. At the moment our greatest challenge has been ensuring that all of our students are at school every day and ready to start their learning at 8:30am. Remember if your child arrives after the 2nd bell at 8:40am they will need to collect a late slip from the office.

In my conversations with students over the last week I have focussed on ‘being safe’ and what they can do to ensure this is happening at school. This may include playing safely – keeping their hands, feet and objects to themselves and following directions. It would be greatly appreciated if you could reinforce this at home with your children. Our teachers have been working very hard over the last week to ensure that your children are familiar with and understand our school expectations of “Safe, Team, Achieve and Responsible”. If you were present at assembly this week you would have heard that many of our ‘student of the week’ certificates were presented for one aspect of these expectations.

Over the next few weeks the teachers will be working with the students to establish individual learning goals, classroom routines and classroom expectations. This information will then be relayed to you at our “Meet the teacher/ Parent information sessions” afternoon scheduled for Tuesday 19 February.

Sun safety in our school
Sun safety is important for our school because our students are here during peak times for ultraviolet radiation (UVR), which is 10 am to 3 pm.

Cancer Council Queensland says childhood sun exposure contributes significantly to a person’s risk of developing skin cancer in their lifetime, so our school encourages sun safe behaviours.

Wearing wide brim hats, sun protective clothing, sunscreen and keeping in the shade as much as possible are good habits to get into and we encourage parents and staff to set a good example for our students. You can assist us with this by ensuring that your child has a hat at school every day. You may also like to apply sunscreen in the morning before they come to school. Our P&C are selling reversible school hats (maroon on one side with the school logo and the child’s house colour on the other for sports days) for $12.50. These are available each day before and after school outside the Junior Campus office.

Allison McClean, Deputy Principal Junior Campus

Welcome back to the new school year. Our 2013 Staff consists of:

**Acting Head of Special Education Services**
Jade Peardon

**Special Education Teachers**
Prep – Dawn Bennett  
Year 1 – Kristina Burns  
Year 2 – Christine Lawrence  
Year 3 – Tracey Walker  
Year 4 – Christine Waters  
Year 5/6 – Cassey Symons  
Year 7 – Jackie Forster

**Special Education Teacher Aides**
Prep – Jan Forrester  
Year 1 – Susan Gadaleta  
Year 2 – Sonya Reardon  
Year 3 – Terrie Campbell  
Year 4/5/6 – Tammy Stewart  
Year 4 and Year 7 – Kathy Harvie

**Educational Interpreter**
Year 1 – Kerry Steger  
Year 2 – Melinda Busch

**Auslan Language Model**
Sara-May Waddell

**Speech Language Pathologist**
Danielle Blanch

All staffing is subject to change after we receive our 2013 staffing allocation.

**Student Support Services**
If you have any concerns about your child’s development please see your child’s teacher. They can then refer your child to our Student Support Services. Our Student Support Services Team consists of Lynne Kendall (Guidance Officer), Danielle Blanch (Speech Pathologist), Lynne Foulkes (School Wide Positive Behaviour Support), Troy Maher (Middle Campus Deputy Principal and Allison McClean (Junior Campus Deputy Principal) and me. We will work towards assessing and supporting each student’s needs.

Jade Peardon, Acting Head of Special Education Services
**WEEKLY AWARDS**

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**P&C NEWS**

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Welcome back to the start of another great year. We hope everyone enjoyed their holidays.

As some of you would have seen, the P&C are selling school hats for $12.50. It has the Mabel Park logo one side and if you flip it over it doubles up with your child’s house colour. They look great and if you would like to purchase one we are selling them before and after school near the junior campus office.

Our first meeting for this year will be Thursday 21 February at 6pm in the library. Everyone is welcome and we would love to see some new parents. Come along and support the school, express your ideas, and meet some new people.

**School Banking**

School banking is well underway. Michelle from the Commonwealth Bank will be at school on 11 February for all new parents to find out more about school banking.

Available rewards are as follows:

- Term 1-Money Boxes, Wallet, Handball, Knuckles Game
- Term 2-Money Boxes, Wallet, Handball, Knuckles Game, Torch
- Term 3-Money Boxes, Torch, Calculator
- Term 4-Money Boxes, Calculator, Headphones

Jo & Margaret– P&C

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Opening Hours for parents and their children:
8am – 8:30am— 2:40 – 3pm

Library borrowing starts next week. All students need a material library bag to borrow from the library. Some classroom teachers have a permanent weekly library time for their class to borrow.

Class days are as follows:

- **MONDAY** PKC, 1PA, 1AP, 1EK, 5/6JC,
- **TUESDAY** 1KW, 1BA
- **WEDNESDAY** PJW, 3KB, 3LM
- **THURSDAY** 2NP, 2HG, 2/3LP, 5/6SEP
- **FRIDAY** 1AS, 2CM, 2FC, 4JM, 5JB

Some teachers encourage their students to be independent borrowers. If your child borrows before school, after school or in their break, they receive a raffle ticket that goes into a weekly draw which is drawn on parade the following Monday.

**OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS FROM 2012**

I still have a lot of overdue library books from last year. Please encourage your child/children to return them as soon as possible. Unfortunately, children with overdue books will not be able to borrow.
Welcome back from the Auslan Club! We now have 3 staff members dedicated to supporting our hearing impaired students. Mrs Steger - Education Interpreter for Year 1, Miss Busch - Education Interpreter for Year 2, and Sarah Waddell returns as our Auslan Language Model. In each newsletter you will find a “sign of the week”. The same sign will be introduced to the whole school on Parade on Mondays.
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.
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 our hearing impaired students to feel a sense of belonging in their primary school.

**Auslan-Sign of the Week**

**Safe**

**How to sign it:**
Cup hands together, like a ball, and draw towards your body.

**Team**

**How to sign it:**
Start with thumbs in crook of pointer fingers, palms facing outwards. Turn hands in an outward arc toward the

**Auslan Club 2013**

What: Auslan is the signed language of the Deaf community
Who: All students are welcome
When: Wednesday First Break
Where: Year 1 Block
School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) is an Education Queensland initiative that fosters responsible student behaviour through a unified, school-wide behaviour program.

School Wide Rewards
Each day students are able to earn Gotcha's in the playground for demonstrating appropriate behaviour. When students have earned the required number of Gotcha's they are awarded a Bronze, Silver or Gold certificate on parade. When students earn a Gold certificate they are eligible to attend the Principal's Morning Tea at the end of each term.

Inappropriate Behaviours
While the focus of SWPBS is on positive Behaviour, usual consequences as outlined in the school's Responsible Behaviour Plan, apply for inappropriate behaviour.

The Mabel Park State School Responsible Behaviour Plan can be found on our school’s website under the 'Support and Resources' tab.

www.mabelparkss.qld.edu.au
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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