School Audit
This week our school is undergoing a Teaching and Learning Audit. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to share our successes and reflect on the last three years as a National Partnership school. It also provides us with very timely feedback on how best to continue on our improvement journey. If you are dropping your child/ren at school, or picking them up, on Wednesday and Thursday you may see the auditors around, they may even stop you for questions. I’ll share some of the feedback at our next P&C meeting.

Learning Goals and Targets
This week on parade I spoke with all of our students about the importance of their learning goal/target. Each student should have three personalised target, one for Literacy, one for Numeracy and one other. These targets help to focus a child’s learning, let them know what they need to achieve and motivate them to improve. Be sure to ask your child what their targets and help them at home to work towards achieving them.

Thank You to YMCA and Foodbank
On behalf of all of the staff and students I’d like to publicly acknowledge and thank the YMCA and Foodbank for their kind donation of bread, milk and condiments for our breakfast program. Students at Mabel Park SS can receive breakfast every morning before school. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Murri Club on the Junior Campus and Tuesday and Thursday on the Middle Campus. Thanks also to the volunteers who make this possible.

School Website
Have you had a look at our school website lately? www.mabelparkss.eq.edu.au

Smoking in school grounds is prohibited
Smoking is not permitted anywhere on the school grounds. Please respect the health and safety of all of our staff and students by ensuring that you do not smoke anywhere, anytime on school grounds.

Student Resource Scheme
Just a reminder that to receive the $10 discount the school resource scheme needs to be paid by the end of Term 1. You are able to arrange a variety of payment details by speaking with the ladies at either office. This scheme ensures that your children have all the required resources for the school year for a very reasonable cost. 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.

P&C Meeting
Our next P&C Meeting is Thursday 21 March at 6pm. This will be our Annual General Meeting. Please come along and share your ideas for our school.

Parent/Teacher Interviews—Tuesday 19 March
All parents/carers are encouraged to take advantage of the upcoming opportunity to meet formally with your child’s teachers and discuss academic progress. Communication between home and school is vital and interviews are an excellent opportunity for home/school communication. The interviews will occur on Tuesday 19 March. Information on parent/teacher interviews should have been delivered by your child last week. If you did not receive this information, please contact your child’s teacher.

Upcoming Events

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Uniforms

Thank you to all our parents and carers who are ensuring your children come to school in the correct school uniform. We appreciate your support with regards to this as it helps our school remain ‘the best school in Logan’, especially during this onslaught of wet weather. Wearing the correct school uniform not only instils pride in our students, it ensures that our students are easily recognisable in the playground and they avoid the peer pressure associated with wearing ‘trendy’ items to school. If you are having any difficulty with sending your child/ren in school uniform, please make the time to discuss this with the Deputy Principal.

Gunyuuu Playgroup

We have had a bit of a slow start to our playgroup this year. Please remember it is open from 9am on Monday mornings and a light morning tea is provided. Hope to see more parents and their little ones there this Monday.

Student Targets/Goals

Congratulations to those students who have achieved one or more of their personal targets so far this term. Thank you also to the dedicated staff of our school who work tirelessly to ‘move’ our students academically.

Year 7 Japanese

7BB and 7CK are this term studying Japanese at Mabel Park State High School. These students are transitioning to and from the high school each Monday and are doing a great job. This arrangement further strengthens our close ties with the high school and prepares our Year 7 students for their entry to high school next year. 7GW and 6/7VH will begin their Japanese studies at the high school in Term 2.

Scooters and Bikes

Students who ride a bike to school must wear a helmet and are strongly advised to secure their bike with a lock at school. Scooters must not be ridden nor brought to school.

Focus on Reading

At Mabel Park State School we are focused on providing specific reading instruction for students. Teachers have been attending professional development sessions to enhance their teaching of reading. To complement this, it is important this is also supported at home.

How can I help my child to read?

Reading is more than saying the words that are written on a page. Reading is concerned with the act of gaining meaning from the printed or written word; we refer to this as comprehending the text.

Reading research has found that there is much more to effective reading instruction then the actual instruction itself. We know that it is extremely important that the physical and emotional climate in which the reading takes place is just as important to a child’s success. What parents, teachers, siblings and peers believe, say and do about reading makes a difference!

Here some strategies that you can use at home to encourage positive reading practices:

1. Create a reading space: Provide a comfortable place for children to explore books. This might include some pillows, carpet or other soft area.
2. Don’t make it a test: Enjoy reading together. Sit back and relax while your child reads to you. You do not have to follow along with every word nor do you have to watch over your child’s shoulder.
• Read Aloud: As well as listening to your child read, you need to allow them to listen to you read aloud expressively and fluently. Use this time as a special time where you and your child can bond over a book.
• Show your child that YOU enjoy reading: Let your child observe you reading. Talk to your child about books that you enjoyed reading when you were their age or books that you are reading now.

**Here are some strategies you can use when engaged in reading with your child:**

**If your child is having trouble working out a word:**
- Why did you stop? What’s wrong?
- Break the word up into letters or blend then run all the sounds together quickly.
- Check the picture. What is happening in the picture? Can you use this information to help you work out the word?
- Do you know another word that looks like this one?
- Do you see a part in the word that might be able to help you?
- Do you know a word that would make sense in the story that starts or ends with these letters?

**If your child tries a word but is incorrect:**
- Something wasn’t quite right. Try that again.
- What letter or blend would you expect to see at the beginning of (said word)?
- What letter or blend would you expect to see at the end of (said word)?
- Do you think it looks like a (said word)?
- You said (said word). Does that make sense?
- You said (said word). Can you say it that way?
- Try that again and think what would sound right in this place.
- Does this sound right to you? (Repeat what the child has said).

**If your child tries a word and is successful:**
- How did you know that that word was correct?
- I like the way you worked out that word. How did you do that?
- Find a place where you did some good reading work. Can you tell me how you worked it out?

*Please be patient with the reading process and remember to congratulate children for all attempts. Part of a child’s success depends on their confidence as well as their development.*

**Alternative Programs**
Alternative programs have started for students in the Rainbow Room. These programs are offered on a needs basis for students’ part of our Special Education Program. Alternative Programs will be on a rotational basis throughout the year. If you would like to know which program your child is participating in please speak with staff.

**Apps to enhance your child’s learning**
Department of Education and Training have developed a free App. This is App is aimed at early readers to help them master the first 100 sight words. The App also contains additional fames and ideas for parents to help their children recognise sight words. You can also download Flashcard sets and Placemat word sets at: [http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/apps/education/outandabout.html](http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/apps/education/outandabout.html)
Weekly Awards

Prep Roma O, Ebony M, Ocearna J, Collin W  
Year 1 Isaiah C, Crystal L, Iroam P, Antony I  
Year 2 Jaylon H, Pj S, Jaron H, Raiven C  
Year 3 Katie-Ann S, Gemma H, Madalynne HM, Jarmall C, Denziel S  
Year 4 Stourm N  
Year 5/6 Flynn W, Skye S, Jayden G, Biyaan Q  
Year 7 Bill A  
Extension Rielly H, Amber H  
Music Vidar P  
PE LJ L  
LOTE Suli P  
Technology Amber B, Jordon R

AUSLAN Sign of the Week

Morning

How to sign it:
With fingers bent, tap fingers to waist then to chest near armpit.

Afternoon

How to sign it
Move spread hand drawing fingers to thumb during move.

Cross Country

The cross country will be held on Friday 15 March. All ages will be competing on this day. Please endeavour to have your child in the house colours (Logan: Blue, Mayes: Green, Kingston: Yellow, Shailer: Red). Also, the P & C are selling hats for $12.50 that are reversible. One side is maroon (school colours) and the other side is their house colour. These will look great on the day, so give some thought to purchasing one. Please ask at the office on the Junior Campus for more information.

School Banking

Banking is going well. A big congratulations goes to 4/5KM and PKC for achieving 10 class deposits this term. Please make sure you fill in the forms in your books and remember no foreign coins will be accepted. If you have children in high school or children who have not yet started school, they too can bank with us. Just send their deposit book along with a sibling (attached together), and we can process it.
Advertisements and Notifications

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, 0403 738 819

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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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Brighter Future 4 Kids [shoes and socks] - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Child’s Name: ____________________________ Year: ______
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All Stars Basketball Club are offering FREE training for all age groups on Wednesday Nights at Cornubia. All players who are interested in joining a team for the winter season commencing in April please come along and enjoy some great Basketball.

**When:** Wednesday Nights  
**Where:** Cornubia Park Sports Centre (Thunderball 5-8 year old boys & girls, Under 14 Boys)  
**Time:** 4pm - 5pm

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**Additional Information**

**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. The tuckshop is currently preparing ‘healthy options’ menus.

This meal deal includes a mini chicken snack wrap, 99% fruit juice LOL, honey soy vege crackers and bag, all for $5.60