Principal’s Message

Principal’s Morning Tea
Our first Principal’s Morning Tea for 2013 will be held on Monday 25 March at 9am. Students will be acknowledged and rewarded for showing excellence in three areas. Firstly all students who have achieved 100% attendance for the entire term (up to and including 19 March), along with students who have received 20 “Gotchas” for their positive effort in the playground and finally one student from each year level who has demonstrated excellence in class for the entire term. This event celebrates exceptional achievements by our students and we look forward to sharing this day with them and their parents/carers.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Thank you to all parents who came along to last night’s Parent Teacher Interviews. Parent teacher interviews are held twice a year and are a fantastic opportunity to discuss your child’s achievements and future goals with their teacher. Every parent should have received a student learning plan, please keep this handy at home and help your child work towards attaining their next learning goal.

School Disco – 22 March
Please encourage your children to join us for the first disco of the year. This is a wonderful way for them to celebrate a wonderful term and have a fun night out with their friends. Older siblings are not able to attend the disco. Only students from our school are to attend. Prep students are be accompanied by a parent or guardian. To ensure safety of our students, all students who attend the disco must be dropped to the disco by an adult. No students will be allowed to leave the disco until an adult collects them. During the disco we ask that all parents remain contactable by telephone. Thank you for your assistance.

School Holiday Security
With the holidays fast approaching we need your help to look out for crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.
The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

Safety in and around our school
Please help to keep our students safe by ensuring that:
1. you are following the road rules and parking correctly in and around the school. I have included a brochure in this newsletter reminding people of the parking rules
2. there is no smoking in school grounds and around our gates
3. no dogs are brought into the school grounds, even on a lead
Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students safe.

P&C Meeting
Our final P&C meeting for this term will be, tomorrow night, Thursday 22 March at 6pm. This will also be our AGM. Please come along and keep informed about what is happening at our school.

School Gates
A reminder that the school gates are closed and locked between 9:30am and 2pm. This ensures the safety of our students. During the day you can enter the school grounds using the Paradise Road or Borman Street gates.

Happy Easter!
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](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au)

Head Lice Management

Responsibility

- It’s important that families work together to beat head lice!
- Remember 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 at school.

Easter Holidays

For those lucky enough to have a holiday during Easter, travel safely and enjoy the time with your children. I hope to see all students return after the holidays safe, happy and refreshed.

Junior Campus News

Cross Country

Congratulations to all of our students who ran in the cross country last week and thank goodness we had fine weather for the event. I know we all had great fun watching as our students gave their very best. Thank you to all our parents and carers who attended on Friday. I am sure you enjoyed yourselves as well.

Students achieving learning targets

Over the last two weeks the Junior Campus Office became a very busy place with 180 individual learning targets being achieved by our Junior Campus students. I was thrilled to see so many of our students, who have obviously been working very hard in class, achieve either a maths, reading, writing or personal target. Special mention needs to go to our Prep students; as the youngest members of our
school they received the most targets over the past two weeks. Be sure to ask your child what their learning targets are and find out how they are working towards these in class.

**Pre-Service Teachers**

During Term 2 we will have 3 Pre-Service Teachers from Griffith University completing their teaching practicum in our school. Our Pre-Service Teachers have been placed in 7GM, 5CE and 4/5KM. I thank the teachers who have decided to mentor these students towards becoming teachers in the future. I am sure they will enjoy their experience here at Mabel Park – the best school in Logan!

**Reading over the holidays**

Many of our students and teachers look forward to the holidays so they can take their mind off school and concentrate on having some fun with family and friends. I have made it my goal to read every day over the school holidays and I would like to challenge all of our students to do the same. Research tells us that when students neglect to read over school holidays that there can be a lag in their reading when they return to school. Research also tells us that the more we read, the better we read, so please be sure to use the holidays to read, read, read!

**NAPLAN 2013**

Term two is fast approaching, which means the National Assessment Program: Literacy and Numeracy is too. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. NAPLAN tests provide very valuable information, but there are no consequences for individual students for poor or good performance. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress. To provide an overview of the format of the tests, a full set of example tests is available at [http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/the-tests/the-tests.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/the-tests/the-tests.html). In 2013, NAPLAN tests will be held on 14-16 May. Please see below for a more detailed timetable. Information specifically for parents and carers can be found in the 2013 NAPLAN information brochure for parents and carers at [http://www.nap.edu.au/verve/_resources/NAPLAN_2013_Parents_Brochure.pdf](http://www.nap.edu.au/verve/_resources/NAPLAN_2013_Parents_Brochure.pdf)

**NAPLAN 2013 timetable**

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There have been a few changes to the Special Education Program staffing this term with Doris Leyman moving across from the Junior Campus to the Middle Campus to work alongside Christine Waters in Year 4. Tammy Stewart is now working only with Cassey Symons in Year 5 and Judy Waldie is now working with Jackie Forster in Year 7.

A reminder for Parents and Carers who have a child with Autism or who would just like to find out more information about Autism and the support provided by Autism QLD, remember to take time to check out the www.positivepartnerships.com.au website. It is packed with ideas around engaging and supporting students with Autism, as well as information and support networks for Parents and Carers who are affected by Autism. It is a fantastic website and is well worth the read.

**Year 7 excursion to Parliament House**

On Thursday 14 March, 98 students from Years 6 and 7 made their way on two buses towards Parliament House in Brisbane. After watching a short video we were given a guided tour of Parliament House. We were taken through different rooms and learnt about what happens in those rooms. We also learnt about when Parliament House was built and all the historical facts and pieces of art stored within the walls of the building. During our tour we were allowed to participate in a role play in the Chamber, which previous groups were not allowed to do. We all had a great time debating whether “computer games are better than playing sport”. After Parliament House we went into the Botanical Gardens where we ate our lunch, played in the playground and chatted about our tour. We were then taken on a walk by the river and had a blast.

We all had an amazing day at Parliament House. It was great learning more about the Government as we have been studying Democracy in SOSE.

Abigail 7BB

### Weekly Awards

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Sign of the Week

Thankyou

How to sign it:
Move flat hand, fingers upwards
and palm towards you, from chin forward
in a slight arc.

Sign of the Week

Easter

How to sign it:
Draw a cross on hand using two fingers.
Starting top to bottom, left to right.

AUSLAN Sign of the Week

Educational Interpreter: Kerry Steger

PE

The new Prep students have made a great start to this year in the area of PE. They have not only mastered the game of hockey but they are also developing high levels of motor skills in their motor skills program on Wednesdays. Developing children’s motor skills is about fitness and the social skills of leadership, competition, and conflict resolution. Please ensure that you are encouraging your child to undertake physical activity at least once a day so that it becomes a habit for life.

Congratulations to Sativah M for making the U12 Girls Logan District Basketball Team. Good luck at the Metropolitan East Trials!

AGM

The AGM will be held tomorrow, Thursday 21 March. You may be interested in taking on one of the positions of the P&C. We would love it if more parents could come along to share some ideas.

Disco

It’s party time! The P&C Disco is on Friday night 22 March. The cost is $5 for entry, sausage on bread and a popper (if paid on the night). Come along and join in the fun. Glow sticks, finger lights, popcorn, soft drinks & other treats will be available for purchase on the night. Entry cost on the night will be $7. Prep parents will need to stay with children. Prep- Yr 3 Yr 4- Yr 7

4pm- 6pm 6.30pm-8.30pm

Fundraising

On Thursday 28 March the P&C will be having an Easter Cupcake Day. For 50c you will receive a mini cupcake topped with a yummy Easter egg. They will be available on both campuses at first break at the tuckshop (if there are any left we will sell them during 2nd break).

Hats are still available for $12.50 through the P&C.

Thank you to all parents/carers who showed support with the pie drive and we hope you all enjoy your goodies.

Parents and Citizens’ News

President: Joeann Gibbons
**Banking**

It is great to see so many children banking. Keep it up! Has everyone checked out the new prizes?

Please remember no foreign coins and fill in your bank books.

Enjoy the Easter break, stay safe and have a great holiday!

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**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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**Complimentary Upsize**

For all Mabel Park State School staff and students

Present your school ID card to receive a complimentary upsise!

Zaratia's Coffee Clontarf Road
Open from 7.45 to 3.45 Monday-Friday
Free Coffee with purchase

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**Walk 4 Woodridge**

Thursday 21st March at 4.00pm

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**Children of Destiny presents**

19th April
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

WACKY SHIRT DAY!

On Wednesday 27 of March (Week 9) students are invited to wear a Wacky Shirt to school with their school shorts or skirt. The cost is a Gold Coin which will go towards the Queensland Flood Appeal. There will be AWESOME PRIZES for the best shirts!

SWPBS Lynne Kendall & Lynne Foulkes

STAR at School

The Mabel Park State School students have been learning about being a STAR at school. The program focuses on the school wide expectations of: Safe

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The STAR at home program is a practical learning experience that connects the children’s learning between school and home life.
Come along and join us in a fun learning afternoon and experience how to bring the program into your home life. When you come along you will receive afternoon tea and a small sample bag containing fridge magnets with the Safe Team Achieve Responsible logo. Also, we will be having great weekly raffles and if you attend all four sessions, you will go into another raffle to win some great prizes.

The program will run every 2 weeks for 4 sessions. The dates are in Term 2: Thursday 9 May, 23 May, 6 June, 20 June.

The time is 1:40pm to 2:40pm in the Resource centre.

To enable us to cater for afternoon tea and to provide enough sample bags. Please RSVP by 2 May 2013 if you would like to attend.

I would like to attend the STAR at Home learning program on Thursday the 9 May, 23 May, 6 June and 20 June.

Name:

Contact number: