“Community in the Classroom” – Monday 6 May

Monday of week four in each term is our “Community in the Classroom.” This is an opportunity for parents, carers, family and community members to come and see just why we are the best school in Logan. We will begin the day with parade, followed by a short presentation of all the things that are happening in our great school. At 9:40 you will then be invited to go to your child’s classroom and join them in their regular classroom activities. You may join reading groups, a writing session, some maths problem solving or some fabulous activities using iPads. This is an opportunity to share in your child’s learning so please mark it on your calendar and come and join us.

NAPLAN for Year 3, 5 and 7

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday (14, 15 & 16 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 to 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. Further information is available on http://www.nap.edu.au/. If you have any questions or concerns about your child participating in NAPLAN testing, please contact the school.

Cross Country

Congratulations to all of our students who represented our school in the district cross country last Friday. Their behaviour, effort and attitude were outstanding. Well done.

Hats

It is an expectation that all students have a hat at school every day as part of sun safety. Please ensure that your children have a hat in their bag each day as this is part of our school uniform. (It doesn’t matter what colour or type it is.) If you would like to purchase a school hat for $12.50 please see our office staff. The school hats are a great idea with sports day coming up as they have their sports house colour on the inside. Students without a hat will not be able to participate in sports lessons, outside activities or play in the sun during playtime.

Safety in our school

Please remember that dogs are not allowed in school grounds. If you need to bring your dog along to collect your child/ren please arrange for your child/ren to meet you at one of our many gates. Some students are scared by dogs no matter how large or small so please respect them by keeping your dog off school premises. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

ANZAC Day commemorative Service

Our ANZAC Day service was held today at 11:30am in our parade area. Our students displayed the utmost respect through exemplary behaviour during this special parade.

Have a lovely week and remember ‘every day counts.’
Middle Campus Staff

We have welcomed a new member to our teaching team. Mrs Jade Newshaw has joined us to replace Mrs Georgina Imrani in Year 4. The Year 4 students are congratulated on the smooth transition to a new teacher. Should the opportunity arise, please make Mrs Newshaw welcome at Logan’s best school!

School Captains

Our 4 school captains Justice, Kirra-Lee, Chloe and Jonina have done a great job in leading our students so far this year. The girls have extra demands upon them and have been able to meet those demands to a marvellous standard.

ANZAC Ceremony

Congratulations to the following students who spoke during our ANZAC ceremony today and completed their duties extremely well. Well done, Justice, Kirra-Lee, Chloe, Jonina, Danielle, Brianna, Ian, Toniel, Maria and Raewyn.

Mobile Telephones

A reminder that it is a school expectation that any student who brings a mobile telephone to school must hand the device into the office before school starts and collect it at the end of the school day.

Adults using toilets at school

Should any adults need to use the school facilities, please do so at the school office using the staff toilets. Please do not use the staff toilets near the student toilets and do not use student toilets. Thank you for your cooperation.

Uniforms

Thank you to all parents and carers who are working hard to ensure our school uniform policy is supported. It is wonderful to see so many of our students come back to school this term wearing the correct uniform right down to their black lace up shoes. If your child receives a breech notice for not wearing the correct uniform and you are experiencing difficulty adhering to our policy, please contact myself or Mr Maher so we can resolve any issues. We want all of our students to feel pride in themselves and our school and wearing the correct uniform helps us achieve this.

Attendance

At Mabel Park State School we talk about student attendance a great deal and believe that every day counts for your child/ren. It is important for us as a school to support your child/ren to become the best they can be - a successful learner, a confident and creative individual, and an active and informed citizen. Continual and repeated non-attendance impacts not only on your child/ren’s academic performance but also on their opportunities to develop socially and emotionally.
While we are aware and understand that there are many reasons why students are away including illness, holidays, bereavement, family priorities, we do ask that we all work together to ensure every day counts for your child. If your child is not attending school on any day and for any reason, we ask you to please contact the office to keep us informed. It may surprise many of you that there were 101 students away on the first day of Term 2 and 62 of these absences have been left unexplained.

Community Education Counsellor

We are happy to announce that we have employed Leanne Smith as our Community Education Counsellor on Monday and Thursday each week. In her role as Community Education Counsellor, Leanne will provide counselling and support to our Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander families. She will also be working with a variety of community groups to ensure the best possible assistance and services are made readily available. Over the past few years Leanne has worked for Gunyjuu, Kalwan and Save the Children and we welcome her expertise and passion at our school.

Playgroup

Playgroup is currently running from 9am every Monday morning at the Murri Club on the Junior Campus and is offered to our entire community, including children who do not have siblings at our school. We have partnered with Gunyjuu to help support this initiative and would love to see more of our school community attend. If you have children who are not yet attending school and are free on a Monday, please come along. A light morning tea will be supplied and it is fantastic way to meet new parent and carers.

Curriculum News

Head of Curriculum: Vicki Hailstone

Targets

We have had a wonderful start to the term and I am so excited to see many students achieving targets and visiting the office. Please make sure you ask your child what their targets at school are and encourage them to strive to reach them.

Curriculum Events

Term 2 is starting out to be a very busy term with many curriculum events occurring. Tuesday 23 April saw the visit of Australian Cameron Stelzer, who has published numerous books, including the Stroogle series. Cameron worked with our Year Three, Five and Seven students on effective persuasive writing techniques in preparation for the upcoming NAPLAN testing. We hope the students got some great strategies from this and their enthusiasm for writing has been invigorated.

Supporting in Preparation for NAPLAN

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

1. Take your cues from your child: If your child doesn’t worry about them then neither should you. Be careful not to create a problem that doesn’t exist by incessantly talking about, or worse, worrying about the test.
2. Focus on doing their best & trying hard: Choose your words carefully when you speak with your kids. As with all their learning activities place your focus squarely on effort rather than results. The only pressure on kids should be to try hard rather than to do well.
3. Listen to any concerns they have: If your child confesses to some nerves then validate their feelings, rather than shut them down with a ‘get over it’ response. “Yes, sometimes tests can be a little scary, but they get easier every time you take them.” Use this as an opportunity to develop some emotional smarts, which starts with recognising how kids feel.
4. Give them some relaxation ideas: Anxious or nervous kids will benefit from some simple relaxation strategies. Taking some
deep breaths, changing their thinking and exercising the morning of the test are some simple ways to help kids get some feeling of control.

5. Help them retain their perspective: One way to help children who become excessively anxious about an event is to ask what’s the worst thing that could happen? Okay, they may not do as well as they would like but the sun will stay rise tomorrow, if they don’t do as well as they’d like. Keeping perspective is a life skill that we all need to practise.

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**Principal’s Morning Tea**  
**Term One 2013**

**Special Education Program News**  
**Head of Special Ed: Jade Peardon**

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**Extension Class**

- Keara W

**100% Attendance**

**Prep**


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Week Two, Term Two 2013
Recipe Book – Expression of Interest

As part of P&C fundraising we would love to start a Mabel Park State School Recipe Book. We feel this book will have some wonderful multicultural recipes in it for all walks of life to enjoy. If this book comes together, you will be able to purchase it for $5. To submit a special recipe in this wonderful book, you can bring your recipe with your child or put it into the box in the office. The recipes will be sorted and chosen according to culture and to whether it is Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner menu. To help us with this book we will be holding a competition for the children to design the front cover. The designs must be drawn by the students so get your creative minds going and come up with a beautiful cover design. The winner will be chosen at the end of the competition. If you would be interested in purchasing a book please circle yes below if not then please circle no and return this slip to the office.

YES       NO
Free budgeting workshops being held at Logan East Community Neighbourhood Centre, Corner Cinderella Dve & Vanessa Blvd, Springwood. These two week workshops will help you with practical ideas on how to manage your money. The workshops are running on 27 May and 3 June from 9.30 – 12.30. Bookings are essential. Please contact the centre on 3208 2387. This program is funded by the Logan Chamber of Commerce.
Trouble parenting your 2-9 year old child?

Parenting now comes with a brief online instruction manual!

Researchers from the University of Queensland are offering FREE access to a brief online parenting program for 200 families as part of a research study. The newly developed program is based on the Triple P- Positive Parenting Program and offers simple solutions to common parenting problems like disobedience and aggression. If you are concerned about the behaviour of your 2-9 year old go to https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/solutions for more information, email TriplePSolutions@psy.uq.edu.au or contact the project coordinator on (07) 3365 8870.

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
Team
Achieve
Responsible

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: _______________________________
Every child, every day, learning and achieving