Community in the Classroom

A huge “thank you” to the many parents and community members who attended our first “Community in the Classroom,” it was a wonderful success. Our students had so much fun and loved showing off all of the things they were doing. These days are a great opportunity for you to share in your child’s education. If you were unable to make it this time please mark on your calendar 29 July which will be our next “Community in the Classroom.” We hope to see many of you back.

Facebook

On Friday this week our new Facebook page will be published. Please get onto Facebook and “Like us” to keep informed of exciting events at the school. This is just another way to keep informed of what is happening at Mabel Park State School. Please ensure that you read the “guidelines” posted on our page before commenting on any posts. I hope that this is an easy, practical and safe way to share information and keep up to date.

Creative Generation

Nicole and Zu have been selected from auditions held for students across the state to be featured vocalists at this year’s “Creative Generation- State Schools Onstage.” If you are interested in an entertaining night out, go and see Queensland’s most exciting young talent performing alongside some of the industry’s most renowned artists. For more information about CGEN visit the website. www.education.qld.gov.au/community/events/creativegeneration/index.html

Photo Permission forms

We are required to update our information regarding parent permission to use photos, video and work of students in school documents. Next week you will be receiving a copy of all the new forms to sign and return. We require permission because we love using photos, video and work of students to showcase the fabulous achievements of our students in the following; school website, newsletters, Facebook page – (available from May 2013), celebration events, information and promotional material, newspaper, twitter – (this may be set up at a later date.) Sharing student work and photos with our community builds a great sense of pride in our school and helps students believe that they can be successful.

Bike Safety

If your child rides a bike to school please discuss bike safety with them. We have had a few incidents lately where community members have phoned as our students have been riding without helmets and pulling out in front of cars. Schools are an extremely busy time at the beginning and end of each day. Please ensure that if your child rides a bike to school they are wearing a helmet and following the road rules. The safety of our students is paramount. Remember no skateboards or scooters are to be brought to school.

Thanks for helping to make our school a great school.

Upcoming Events

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Fun and educational websites to assist your child
The internet offers a range of engaging educational websites to help children strengthen and consolidate their literacy, numeracy, science, SOSE and other knowledge. Parents can work with their children to extend their understanding of concepts or simply spend time completing fun, interactive activities with them. To complement the resources available through the Learning Place (Education Queensland’s eLearning environment) below is a list of independent websites you may wish to explore to support your child’s learning.

Attendance
The following are interesting facts relating school attendance directly with academic improvement and achievement:

- every extra day attended increases a student’s likelihood of achieving at a higher level and reaching higher post schooling outcomes
- early establishment of good attendance behaviour is likely to have lasting benefits for students
- Year 1 students who attended less than 85% of the time are more likely to repeat this attendance pattern at Year 2 and Year 3 and more likely to perform poorly on their year 3 NAPLAN tests
- students not present in school are more likely to miss critical learning building blocks and are, as a result, less likely to feel a sense of mastery over the curriculum and their own learning
- the recommended attendance range is between 95 and 100% attendance rate. Over a 12 year period a student who attends 92% of the time will have lost almost 1 year of school contact.

2013 School photos
This term your child/ren will be having their class photos taken. You received the brochure last Friday that explained all the options available to you. Please be sure you return your order in the envelope provided (the brochure folds into the envelope) and return on the actual day the photos are being taken. Sibling/family photos will be taken on Thursday.

😊 Junior campus photos Wednesday 22 MAY
😊 Middle Campus photos Thursday 23 MAY

Little Mob Playgroup
Thank you to those parents who have been attending our playgroup on a Monday morning at 9am. Leanne Smith, our Community Education Counsellor will be there from 9am to welcome you all. At Mabel Park State School we value reading and as such we will be giving every child who attends our playgroup a free book to take home and enjoy being read to by parents and other family members.

Yarning Group
A reminder to all our Indigenous families that our yarning group has begun and will occur every Thursday morning at 9am in the Murri Club. Come along for some friendly banter and some morning tea. Leanne Smith is looking forward to meeting you all.
Parent and Community Engagement Framework

Education Queensland has developed the Parent and Community Engagement Framework to help schools, parents and the community to work together to maximise student learning. Research tells us parent and community engagement that is effectively focused on student learning can deliver powerful outcomes (OECD, 2011).

Support materials have been designed to help schools, parents and the community focus effectively on the key outcome of student learning. A compelling case is provided for each aspect of engagement as well as guiding questions for all partners to reflect on their needs and priorities. Practical strategies are included, which schools, parents and the community can adopt and/or adapt to suit their local needs. Read more about the framework at: http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/parent-community-engagement-framework/index.html

NAPLAN 2013

NAPLAN testing for all Year 3, 5, and 7 students is next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Some last minute reminders:

- Ensure your child arrives at school on time. To ensure there are no delays at the office with late arrivals, ensure your child is at school by 8:20am.
- Ensure your child starts the day with a substantial and healthy breakfast.
- Suggest that your child tackle the easiest questions first. If there is something that’s hard, leave it and come back to it if there's time at the end.
- Reinforce the strategy of answering every question regardless of whether they know the answer or not. Encourage your child to think, ‘What is the question asking me?’
- Reinforce with your child that they need to check that they have answered all the questions at the end of the test.
- Encourage your child to do their best. You know your child better than anyone else, so be sure they are not stressing about the test and encourage them to discuss any concerns they may have with you.
- Ensure bedtime allows for a minimum of 10 hours sleep each night so they are ready for the next day.

Staffing

We welcome a new SEP Teacher to our School. Her name is Mrs Angela Stanton and she will be with us until 4 June. Mrs Stanton is replacing Mrs Forster in Year 7 and we are very pleased to have her working at our school.

Social Skills

Some of our Year 1 SEP students have been participating in a Social Skills Program with one of our SEP Teachers, Mrs Burns. This program helps our students to learn important life skills like making friends. It also teaches our students about what it means to be safe, responsible and part of a team.

Learning Targets

It has been very exciting to see so many of our SEP Students achieving their literacy and numeracy targets this week, and I look forwards to seeing more in the coming weeks.

Prep

Tiare-Rose L, Chauntai H, Ruby E, Braydon C

Year 1


Weekly Awards

Week Four, Term Two 2013
Year 2  Dequon P, Tyrone MB, Filisi T, Hadaysha T
Year 3  Kalani K, Marcus I, Tyson W, Shannon R, Lilli-Jayde B
Year 4  Harmony F, Tate H, Ricky H, Junneang S, Menime L, Steph N, Masae S
Year 5/6  Jordan V, Darren C, Shelby A, Jin W
Year 7  Jean N, Kirra-Lee W, Beverley M, Birgette T
Extension Class  Danielle W, Cloey I, Jack B, Montana F
Music  Nesian H
PE  NA
Technology  Tatum W, Zu T
LOTE  NA

AUSLAN Sign of the Week

Learn
Point pointer fingers on both hands forward and start with fingers side by side and touching. Slide one hand backwards and the other towards the length of fingers, then reverse. May be done multiple times.

School
Hold hand flat, palm towards face, fingers pointing upwards. Starting in front of face at one side, move hand across all of face twice.

Parents and Citizens’ News  President: Joeann Gibbons

Mother’s Day Stall
Don't forget the Mothers’ Day Stall is Thursday and Friday 1st and 2nd break in the Performing arts centre. Prices range from 20c to $5. Come along and grab a nice gift for Mum, Grandma, Aunty or someone special.

Upcoming events
Recipe book: We are looking for your favourite recipe to add to the book, so if you can bring one or two recipes along and leave it in the box provided in the office that would be great.
Sports day: Soft drinks & chips available for purchase
Radio broadcasting Day: bacon & egg burgers available for purchase
Maccas day: note to be sent out soon.

Hats are still available for $12.50, perfect for sports day!
The next P&C meeting is 16 May at 6pm in the library. We would love to see you there.
School Banking
Don’t forget the Dollarmite competition. There are some great prizes and we would love to see someone from Mabel Park State School win. Good luck.

Advertisements and Notifications

Patrick Pace car says “Stop, Drop & Go are great”

Here’s how they work:
  1. Stop, drop and go zones are safe places to be dropped off or picked up outside your school.
  2. Signs are 3 minute loading zones and are enforceable by Council’s Local Law Officers.
  3. They operate like a fast moving taxi rank, picking up students from the front of the zone.
  4. There is a 2 minute limit for stopping in the zone.
  5. They give kids time to get in or out of the car without standing in the traffic.
  6. Schools children safe and enter the vehicle from the footpath side.

In the afternoon:
  1. Delay your arrival until after release time. If you arrive early, do not park in the zone.
  2. Drive slowly to the head of the line.
  3. Never attempt to space becomes available.
  4. Collect at the head of the line.
  5. Drivers are to stop in the car unless waiting with the loading of luggage and passengers.
  6. Do not park for more than 2 minutes during signed hours of operation. If others arrive the time, don’t follow their lead.
  7. Ensure passengers have secured seatbelts before driving off.

Please Note:
  1. Parking and Traffic signs apply to ensure the safe and fair use of Queensland roads. If you park illegally you risk having your car towed.

STOP, DROP and GO
SAFERoads4LOGAN

Safety around schools

Safety around schools is everyone’s responsibility. Children are not “little adults” and are often unpredictable and too slow to react to unexpected changes and dangers or risks around them. Children are in danger on the move and:
  1. May do0 out of traffic
  2. Have trouble judging the speed of cars
  3. May believe drivers are not interested in children and forget about traffic
  4. Have difficulty judging where road hazards are coming from and make incorrect decisions

With these thoughts in mind, let’s set the right example: the life you save may be your child’s

Unscramble each of the clue words

These words and phrases are found within the fact sheet. Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number.

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For more information
  Visit www.logan.qld.gov.au
  Email: info@logan.qld.gov.au
Tuckshop news
The tuckshop is selling BBQ Fried Rice, Spaghetti Bolognaise and Mac and Cheese for the special price of $2.50 until sold out. Parents can now purchase drinks and snacks before school for their children to eat at lunchtime.

PCYC News
Welcome to our new coordinator Amanda Kerr. Amanda comes to us from Joeys and has 17 years’ experience in childcare. We look forward to making her feel at home with PCYC. Before you know it school holidays will roll around again next month, so make sure you are organised for vacation care. These coming holidays, we are looking at a variety of activities to suit all our children. These include Mosaic Art, Sculptures, Mini Golf, Master Chef, Sports Day and science experiments. Don’t forget we do before and after school care and vacation care. Hours are: before school 6:30am-8:30am, after school 2:45pm-6:00pm and vacation care 6:30am-6:00pm. Places are limited so give us a call and book your child in now. Ph. 3208 0897

Lost and Found
If you have lost an adult hearing aide please contact the Junior Campus office.
Sports Day
The 2013 annual Sports Day Carnival will be held on Thursday 6 June. Junior Campus (P-3) will be from 8.50 am– 10.40 am. Middle Campus (4-7) will be all day.

Regional Representation
Congratulations to Samuel S for making the Metropolitan East Team (Regional Team) for Rugby League

Star Parenting Program
The STAR parenting program starts Thursday 9 May and runs fortnightly till Thursday 20 June at 1:40pm-2:40pm. It is open to all. There is no cost and there will be show bags, prizes, food and free child minding. This is being run by our Guidance Officer Lynne Kendall. If you are interested, please complete the form at the end of this newsletter and return it to the office.

Chappy Week
Chappy Week QLD is Sat 18 May- Fri 24 May to raise awareness of Chaplaincy. A Chaplain’s role is to care for the School Community - Staff, children and parents. I am at school on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. If you would like to discuss anything, please leave a message with the office and I’ll get back to you. During Chappy Week I will be holding morning teas and competitions with prizes.

96.5FM Visit
On Thursday 13 June, 96.5FM are coming to our School to broadcast live from 6am - 9am. If the weather is great, we will also get a visit from the Channel 7 helicopter and meet John Schluter the weatherman. Feel free to come down with your child/ren. There will be freebies for the children and coffee for sale.

Footy Camp
Scripture Union is running a Footy Camp at Tallebudgera for Year 7-9 boys on Mon 24 June - Fri 28 June (the first week of school holidays). The cost is $230. If you currently receive a rebate from the government for any holiday programs then you can apply a subsidy. For more information, please contact me.

QLD Father of the Year
Qld Father of the Year - celebrating Fatherhood & recognizing the significant role father's play in their children's well-being and development & the value they are in the family and community. If you have a dad or know of a father who deserves to be recognized, go to www.qldfatheroftheyear.org.au. Nominations close 15 July. Great family prize up on offer!
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.

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
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