Reconciliation Week BBQ
Thank you to everyone who attended our Reconciliation BBQ. It was a wonderful afternoon. This was a fantastic opportunity for us all to share in some small aspects of our indigenous culture. I realised just how valuable the afternoon was when a student of ours said to me, “Mrs O’Connor, I love being here learning about MY culture,” with the biggest smile on her face!

Music Excellence Class
Congratulations to Mrs Stephenson and her wonderful Choral Group. They have been selected to represent the South Coast Region as one of only two choirs to compete in the State Choral Fanfare Finals. This is an unbelievable achievement in their first competition and we wish them all the best in August.

Every day counts
As the weather has become cooler our student attendance figures have been steadily dropping. To gain the best possible opportunities at school and in the future it is vital that students are at school, on time, every day. One day off a fortnight equates to missing 4 weeks of school every year.

96.5 FM visit
As mentioned in last fortnight’s newsletter 96.5fm will be broadcasting their morning show from our school on Thursday 13 June from 6am-9am. Please feel free to come along and join us. The P&C will be running a breakfast BBQ and drinks. Just a reminder for all students that normal school wide expectations apply during this entire fun morning. I look forward to a fabulous morning as it is a great opportunity to showcase the wonderful things happening in and around our school.

Report Cards
Report Cards go home in Week 10. Please ensure that you take the time to sit down and discuss the results with your children and focus on improvements they may like to work towards next term. Is attendance or effort affecting their results? If you have any questions about report cards don’t hesitate to phone and make an appointment with your child’s classroom teacher.

Sports Day - Thursday 6 June
This Thursday is our annual athletics carnival beginning at 8:40am. Come along and enjoy a day of participation and competition. Our students have spent this term practising their skills and we look forward to an exciting day. Thanks to Mrs Hampel for all her organisation. Don’t forget that the P&C are selling reversible hats with your child’s house colour on the inside. These look great!

Staff changes
Ms Jackie Forster has returned from long service leave and has resumed her role as SEP teacher in Year 7. Mrs Angie Stanton relieved Ms Forster and did a wonderful job with the Year 7 students. Mrs Stanton has now agreed to teach 5JB in Ms Jo Beggs absence. Ms Beggs is on leave until at least the beginning of next term.

I hope to see all of you at many of the upcoming events.
The Minister for Education has released the QSchools smartphone app, which integrates with our school website. The app will allow parents, teachers and students to have instant access to live school updates and information, connecting the school community.

The app will display school location, contact information, news, calendar events and newsletters. This information will feed directly from our school website.

**App benefits for parents/caregivers include:**
- accessing the latest school news and events to stay informed
- receiving emergency announcements and information around school closures
- convenient and prompt method of receiving messages/information from school/s

**Downloading app**
The QSchools app is available for parents to download free via the Apple iTunes store and Google Play. A quicklink will be added to our school website soon to assist parents with locating and using the app.

**Student absences**
When a student is absent from school, a reason for the absence must be given. This is a legal requirement. To advise us of the reason for an absence, you can:
- Send a note with your child
- Telephone the school 33865333
- Email the school absence@mabelparkss.eq.edu.au

**Newsletter Feedback**
We are always interested in improvement at our school. We would like to make sure that our school newsletter provides you, the parents/carer of our school, with relevant information. If you would like to provide us with your feedback on our newsletter, please do so by talking with a member of administration or by leaving us a note in one of the offices.

Go the mighty maroons!

**National Reconciliation Week**
National Reconciliation Week is celebrated across Australia each year between 27 May and 3 June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey – the anniversaries of the 1967 referendum and High Court Mabo decision. The 1967 referendum saw 90 per cent of Australians vote to remove clauses in the Australian Constitution which discriminated against Indigenous Australians. 3 June 1992, the High Court of Australia delivered its landmark Mabo decision which legally recognised that
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have a special relationship to the land—that existed prior to colonalisation and still exists today.

Reconciliation is about unity and respect and it was fantastic to witness this at our Reconciliation BBQ. We opened the afternoon with an ‘Acknowledgement of Country’ by Uncle Rupert and followed with the Brisbane Torres Strait Islander Dance Group, Malu-Kiai Mura Buai. We were all offered healing from one of parents, Greg Duncan, who performed a traditional smoking ceremony. This is the second year Greg has conducted the smoking ceremony. Thank you so much Greg for making this a new tradition in our school. Students from PASS Australia also joined us by teaching modern versions of traditional games. A great afternoon was enjoyed by all.

School Photos
If you missed out on ordering school photos, you will need to pick up an envelope for ordering from the Junior Campus office only. Orders will need to be returned to the Office by Tuesday 11 June.

The whole year 7 cohort photograph taken this year can now be ordered. The order form has been distributed to the Year 7 students. Please complete the form, enclose money in an envelope and return to the Middle Campus Office by Tuesday 11 June.
Engaging in our Community – Community for Children Program

Located at the Slacks Creek Mission just south of Brisbane, the community centre is a place designed to nourish children and strengthen families. It’s a place where families can have fun, make new friends, seek support, learn about child development, increase parenting skills, and more. This is a place of connection for families who may be isolated, vulnerable or disadvantaged, but most importantly it is open to anyone who wants to go.

Open from Monday to Saturday, the program caters for families with children aged from infants to 12 years old. Activities include playgroups, a family drop-in space, parenting programmes, classes for cooking nutritious food on a budget, infant massage, child health, a Connect Café and homework help.

See the timetable below for events that will continue to occur for the next three weeks. You can ‘like’ their Face Book page to receive up to date information http://facebook.com/CommunitiesforChildrenLogan or log onto their website for more details: http://salvos.org.au/communitiesforchildren/news/2013/02/15/whats-on-at-the-family-place/

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Our Year 7 students have been working hard and engaging in some exciting learning activities as part of their Science Unit. This term they have completed the Unit ‘Moving right along – applications in real systems’. This Unit explores forces in everyday life and as part of this learning, they were required to construct and test a balloon powered vehicle and investigate forces acting on the vehicle. The students built some amazing vehicles which were able to power themselves in a straight line. I am also very impressed and proud of
our years 5/6 students in Mrs Symons group. They have been working on their reading strategies and have been successful in reaching their targets. They also received a special visit from Mr O’Halloran during the week, in which he had the honour of presenting reading achievement certificates to them. The students are very proud of their hard work, well done to Uma, Daniel, Emily, Bunny, Jacob and Kane and also to Mrs Symons.

### Weekly Awards

**Week Seven/Eight, Term Two 2013**

- **Prep**: Melissa C, Kody G, Steven G, Tori-Shaye PD
- **Year 1**: Zack R, Kendrix M, Daniel T, Nikola R
- **Year 2**: Marshall S, Jay-Jay S, Amalia C
- **Year 3**: Annon P, Janvier N, Gabrisha C, Pam P, Tulelei T
- **Year 4**: Amber B, Brandon MW, Tamara S, Ana D, Aaron PS
- **Year 5/6**: Ryan B, Dylan K, Premal P, Avanti S, Eliza E, Hayden U,
- **Year 7**: Joseph MC, Blake K, Peron W, Allen C, Solomone T, Lofi L
- **Extension Class**: Jurnee MH, Havanah S
- **Music**: Justice T, James W
- **PE**: Jerry S, Rachel B
- **Technology**: Hailee B
- **LOTE**: NA
- **OLEY**: Prep JW

### AUSLAN Sign of the Week

**Literacy**: With pointer finger extended on both hands, cross pointer fingers at right angles and slide top hand back and forth along lower pointer finger.

**Maths**: Hold both pinkies down with your thumbs. Tap the knuckle on your left pointer finger twice.
PE News

**Sports Day**
8:50 - March Past (begins at new parade area) and the announcement of the beginning of the day.

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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

Grasshopper Soccer

TRY IT FOR FREE DAYS
Thursday 6th June Mabel Park
Saturday 8th June Mabel Park
State School
PHONE 1300 767 004
TO TRY OUT THE PROGRAM!
PLEASE NOTE PLACES ARE LIMITED

What is Grasshopper Soccer?
Grasshopper Soccer is a fun, non-competitive and child-friendly program that runs on Saturday and
Sunday mornings. The program features fun games & drills, story time, music, rhymes, instead of evening parents on
the sessions, your child will benefit from physical activity and teamwork that will
in developing your child's coordination and communication skills.

The program is for all children 2 to 12 years old and levels. Each session includes a new drill as well as fun-filled
games.

What programs do we run?

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TIMES:

Morning (9-11.30am)
Afternoon (11.30am - 1pm)

MICRO (2-4 yrs)...
Great for the under 5s. Children explore soccer
skills with a friendly and fun environment.

MICRO PLUS (5-6 yrs)...
Children further develop and practice their
soccer skills. They will learn to work with a team
and develop their fitness and coordination skills.

School's Officer (Grounds and Facilities) Permanent Positions Vacant x 2

Applicants are invited for the position of School’s Officer (Grounds and Facilities), Mabel Park State School. 76 hours per
fortnight. Salary range $1582.20-$1699.50 per fortnight ($41278-$44339 per annum).

The position description and work profile are available for collection from Mabel Park State School, Borman St, Slacks
Creek between the hours of 8am and 3:30pm from Friday 24 May 2013.

All applicants must address the “How you will be assessed” contained in the position description and be forwarded to
the Business Services Manager, Mabel Park State School, PO Box 2798, Logan City DC 4114 and be marked “Private and
Confidential”. Please note emailed or faxed applications will not be accepted.

The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 7 June 2013 at 3pm. The Commission for Children and Young People
Act 2000 requires the preferred applicant to be subject to a Working with Children check and Police Criminal History
check. Education Queensland actively supports and encourages workforce diversity and equity.

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Sports Day
The P&C will have soft drinks, chips and chocolates available for parents to purchase on Sports Day.

96.5 FM Visit
On the morning of the radio broadcasting we will be selling bacon and egg burgers for $4.50.

McDonald’s
McDonald’s order forms and payment must be returned to school by Wednesday 12 June.

Family Portraits
The date for the P&C family portraits is 10 August 2013. When you receive the note, return it promptly to book in early and avoid disappointment.
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