“Community in the Classroom” – Monday 29 July

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, some fabulous activities using iPads, to name a few. This is an opportunity to share in your child’s learning so please mark it on your calendar and come and join us.

NAIDOC Parade and Expo

On Tuesday 23 July we, in conjunction with Mabel Park High School, will be holding a special parade in recognition of NAIDOC week. This parade will recognise and celebrate the achievements of our Indigenous students and we look forward to seeing parents and carers at this event. Then on Friday 26 July our newly formed Murri Committee will be holding a NAIDOC expo for our students. This will be an opportunity for all children to learn more about our Indigenous cultures and take part in many exciting activities.

Creative Generation

We wish Nicole and Zu all the best this week in their Creative Generation performances. More than 1500 talented state school students will take to the stage this Friday and Saturday (19 and 20 July) for the ninth annual Creative Generation – State Schools Onstage. There are still 15 tickets remaining for Year 5, 6 and 7 students to join our school excursion to watch this performance on Friday. Please contact either office if you are interested; cost $25.

School Opinion Survey

Forty-five parents (selected from a random sample) will soon receive School Opinion Surveys. This is an important tool to see how we as a school are progressing in the eyes of parents, students and staff. If you receive one, please take the time to fill it out as a family and return it ASAP. The results from these surveys help us to make plans for next year. It’s also a great opportunity for us to see what we are doing well.

P&C Meeting

Our next P & C meeting will be held this Thursday night 18 July at 6:00pm. During this meeting we will be discussing our current Chaplaincy program including plans for 2014 funding. Please come along and share your ideas and thoughts with the group.

Late Arrivals

Please note that the first bell goes at 8:30am each morning and learning begins sharply at 8:40am. It is vital that all students are here and ready to learn by 8:30am. One day last week we had more than 30 students request late slips. This is extremely disruptive to classes as they arrive once the learning has begun and they are missing out on valuable learning. Please ensure your children are at school lining up at 8:30.

Welcome to our new and returning staff

Mrs Diana Boulter – Head of Special Education Services
Ms Hayley Millerick – Educational Interpreter
Mrs Georgina Imrani – Middle campus
Upcoming Events

- 18 July P & C Meeting 6pm
- 22 July Parade 9am
- 23 July NAIDOC Parade 9am
- 2 August MPSHS Open Day
- 23 August Book Week Parade 9am

Middle Campus News

Learning Targets and Postcards
Term 3 was an amazing term for students meeting learning targets and for teachers recognising excellent student work. A massive 579 learning targets were met on the middle campus and 186 postcards were sent to students in just 1 term.

School Improvement
We continue to improve our facilities so that our school remains the best in Logan. We are currently refurbishing the Middle Campus toilet block and have been told that these works will be complete in the very near future. 5/6JC and the Rainbow Room now have brand new carpet and by the end of this week, all of our Year 7 classes will also have new carpet. Our staff and students have coped incredibly well with these interruptions.

MPSHS Open Day
Our Year 7 students will get a taste of high school life at the Mabel Park State High School Open day on Friday 2 August. Our students will be exposed to various high school subject areas, facilities and specialised programs. Students will meet with their regular teachers here at school and then be walked across to the high school. Our teachers will remain with students throughout the day. Lunch will be provided by the high school on this day.

Telephone Messages
The ladies in our office receive regular afternoon phone calls from families organising or reorganising arrangements for children getting home after school. These messages interrupt teaching and learning for all students in the classes contacted. I understand that this may be necessary on the very odd occasion and request that families only do this in emergency or urgent situations.

Mr Maher’s Mind Benders

| Take the letters ERGRO. Put three letters in front of it, and the same three letters behind to form a common English word. | What number gives the same result when it is added to 1.5 as when it is multiplied by 1.5? |
| What do the words below have in common? | Which of the following words is the odd-one-out? |
| ADAM CLAIM GALL BUOY FOND RAMP | IBIS IBEX ORYX SIKI ZEBU |
NAIDOC Parade

On Tuesday 23 July we will be holding our annual NAIDOC parade to celebrate and recognise the achievements of our Indigenous students over the past year.

Our indigenous students will be recognised for excellence and improvement in the subject areas of Maths and English and also in regards to their attendance. Students who have received an A or B in English and/or Maths and students who have improved to at least beyond a C will receive medallions. Students who have achieved above 95% attendance and/or have improved their attendance to above 85% will also be recognised.

The recognition of our Indigenous students is one of the steps we take at Mabel Park towards closing the gap for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. There are just over half a million Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia today, comprising 2.5 per cent of the Australian population. Although many Indigenous Australians have a good standard of living, too many experience unacceptable levels of disadvantage in living standards, life expectancy, education, health and employment. Current data shows a significant gap in these critical areas between the Indigenous and non-Indigenous population. Australians who do not complete Year 12 are less likely to have the same opportunities as those who do. In 2006 Year 12 completions for Indigenous Australians were 45.3 per cent, compared to 86.3 per cent for other Australians. Education is a key element in ensuring we are doing the best we can for all our students and all Australians.

We look forward to seeing many of you there at the NAIDOC parade.

Our newly formed dance group will also be performing at our NAIDOC parade.

Amart Community Kickbacks

Our school has been selected to participate in the Amart Community Kickbacks Program. Under this program, the school can earn 5% of your purchases at Amart Sports as in store credit to spend on our school sports programs. All you need to do is join Team Amart, select our school from the list of participating groups and swipe your loyalty card every time you make a purchase at Amart Sports. You’ll receive access to great member prices and other initiatives and the school will receive a 5% credit.

NAPLAN Trialling Tests

NAPLAN tests are administered to Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students in May each year. What you may not be aware of, however, is that a representative national sample of students, taken from these same year levels, is selected on an annual basis to sit NAPLAN trialling tests. The aim of this trialling assessment is to determine whether or not trial questions are of sufficient quality to be included in future NAPLAN tests.

Mabel Park State School has been selected to be part of the trial testing for 2013. Students in 3DT, 5CE and 7GW will take part in these trial tests on Tuesday 30 July. The trialling will not be used to report student or class results. Testing will be administered by ACER Testing Administrators and supervised by class teachers. Student’s normal school day will continue after the testing session/s.
**Book week**

Please make sure you read the Library news about book week and the upcoming book parade. The following are the shortlisted books in the Early Childhood Category. The Terrible Suitcase by Emma Allen, With Nan by Tania Cox, The Pros & Cons of Being a Frog by Sue DeGennaro, Too Many Elephants in This House by Ursula Dubosarsky, It’s a Miroocool! By Christine Harris and Peggy by Anna Walker. These books have been recognised for their literary merit and are intended for children in the pre-reading to early reading stages and would be great books to read with your children. The winners of the Children’s Book Council of Australia will be announced on the 16 August.

**AUSLAN Sign of the Week**

**Music**
With both pointer fingers extended from fists and pointing forward, rock hands in an arc; together, apart and then back together.

**Educational Interpreter**

**P.E.**
Finger spell P then E

**Special Education Program News**

I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome back. I would also like to thank Mrs Peardon for filling in for me while I was on Maternity Leave. I have been able to visit every classroom and am so excited to see students at school every day, learning and being a STAR.
FREE two day workshop and information sessions for PARENTS/CARERS of school age students on the autism spectrum

Workshop: 2013QLDPC9   Location: Gold Coast

The Positive Partnerships initiatives have been developed and delivered by Partnerships between Education and the Autism Community (PEAC) and funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations through the Helping Children with Autism package.

What will you learn?
As a result of participating in the workshops and information sessions as parents/carers you will gain:

- a greater understanding of the impact of autism on your child, both at school and at home
- knowledge about how to develop effective parent, school and teacher partnerships
- specific strategies on how to:
  - advocate for your child
  - support your child’s participation at school
  - develop an awareness of ongoing learning needs
- information about your local school system’s processes
- opportunities to network and share strategies with other parents/carers and key community members
- opportunities for discussion around a range of topics relevant to students with an ASD and their families

Some key community representatives that support families living with autism will be identified and invited to participate in the workshop with a view to supporting a community focus beyond the workshop.

Workshop details
Venue: Arundel Hills Country Club
       Arundel Place, Arundel QLD 4214

When: Two day workshop – Tuesday 27 & Wednesday 28 August 2013
      Day 1: 9.00 a.m - 4.15 p.m (Registration from 8.15am)
      Day 2: 9.00 a.m - 3.30 p.m

Registration opens 6 weeks before the workshop and closes 2 days prior.

Please visit the website to register www.positivepartnerships.com.au.

For more information please contact the Positive Partnerships workshop Info Line number: 1300 881 971
Welcome back to Term 3. The banking ‘Dollarmite’ competition has finished. The competition will be drawn on 23 July 2013. Good luck to all who entered.

For the remainder of the year, banking will be done early on Wednesday mornings. Middle campus students who bank must bring their bank books on Tuesdays. Please be aware that there may be a delay in money being transferred into your accounts.

McDonald’s Day

McDonald’s day was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who participated with this first time treat. We would love to hear feedback as to whether you would like this to happen again in the future.

Family Portraits

By now you should have received the note in regards to family portraits. Remember to book quickly to secure a time for you to have your family portrait taken on Saturday 10 August. For $20 you will receive a coloured 10 x 13 or black & white print, plus a key ring sized photo. Money does need to be paid before a time can be guaranteed.

Fathers’ Day

Fathers’ Day is fast approaching. We are asking for donations that you could contribute towards a stall. Items such as: mugs, chocolates or aftershave would be greatly appreciated.

P & C Meeting

The P&C meeting is tomorrow night at 6pm in the library. We would love to see you there.

Book Week

The theme for Book Week this year is...Read across the universe. Book Week runs from Saturday 17 – Friday 23 August. Each year, schools and libraries from all over Australia spend a week celebrating books, and Australian authors and illustrators. The Children’s Book Council of Australia’s aim is to foster childrens’ enjoyment of books, and to highlight the importance of reading.
Mabel Park is celebrating Book Week by having a Fancy Dress Parade on Friday 23 August, starting at 9am in the parade area. Come dressed up as your favourite book character or a character based on the theme.

There will be prizes for the best dressed student in each year level, and a parent’s prize too. So come and join our celebration.

Advertisements and Notifications
Musical Creativity Workshops:

New research is emphasizing the significance of the role the arts (and in particular, music) can bring to children’s general creative thinking.

Shari Lindbom, Director of Magic Tree of Music, is in the process of a Ph.D. at the Queensland Conservatorium, Griffith University. Her thesis is investigating how children’s creativity can be enhanced by learning cross-cultural music. By learning a selection of various world music, children acquire an understanding of different sounds, styles, techniques and structures and with these skills they can develop a greater level of musical flexibility. The workshops will involve learning a combination of African Djembe, Japanese Gamelan and Hindustani Tabla. She is looking for a selection of students, aged 6 – 13 years old, to participate in this exciting research program.

What it involves:

A. 1 hour musical creativity assessment and discussion with parent and student.
   - Dates: July 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th. Morning or afternoon, by appointment.

B. 1.75 hours general creativity assessment, using Torrance Tests of Creative Thinking – Fluvial and Verbal.
   - Dates: Either July 13th or 14th
   - Time: 1 p.m. – 2.45 p.m.
   - Children’s refreshments provided.

C. 12 workshops
   - Dates: Saturdays, July 27th – November 24th, excluding QLD State school holidays.
   - Times: 3.30 p.m. – 4.45 p.m. Ages 6 – 7 years
   - 3.15 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. Ages 8 – 10 years

D. Final review:
   - Repeat of musical creativity assessment: Dates: November 9th, 10th, 16th or 17th.
   - Times: 1 hour, morning or afternoon, by appointment.
   - Repeat of general creativity assessment: Dates: November 30th or December 1st.
   - Times: 1 p.m. – 2.45 p.m.
   - Parents will be given a final report after the completion of the program.
   - Program has ethics approval from Griffith University.

Program Cost
The cost per student is $240, to be paid on enrolment.

Location
Queensland Conservatorium, 140 Grey Street, South Bank, Brisbane.

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About Shari
She has been teaching piano since 1984 and runs her own music studio, teaching classical and modern popular piano. She holds a B. Science (Mathematical) and a M. A. in Creative Industries. As a director of risk management at PriceWaterhouseCoopers and other global organisations, she developed and conducted a series of music and art creativity workshops.
PCYC Before and After School Care

PCYC SAC care would like to welcome back everyone to another exciting term of school. We hope you all enjoyed your school holiday break. Parents, are you looking for before or after school care? Why not come down, check us out and see what exciting activities we have to offer your children. We are open between 6:30am-8:30am before school with breakfast provided. After school, we are open between 2:30pm and 6pm with a scrumptious afternoon tea provided for your children. So come down, check out our prices and pick up an enrolment form today!
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