Community in the Classroom

Monday was our second “Community in the Classroom” for the year. Thank you to all of the parents and community members who came along to share in this exciting morning with us. Monday was a chance to showcase the musical talents of our students with our strings trio, choir, drumline and music excellence class providing the amazing entertainment. Well done to all of our performers. You were brilliant! We will continue to host this event every Monday of week 4, please mark the next one in your diary, 28 October. We’d love to see more than 200 community members attend. A very special thank you to: Uncle Barry, the Slacks Creek Police, Mr Michael Latter and Mrs Desley Scott for their attendance. See Facebook for photos of the event.

Prep 2014

Is your child born between 1 July 2008 – 30 June 2009? Enrolment for Prep 2014 is now open. Enrolment forms can be collected from the Junior Campus office. When returning these forms it is essential you bring your child’s birth certificate with you. Our office staff will photocopy it and return it to you. Students are unable to start school until their birth certificate has been sighted and copied. Again in Term Four we will run our Prep Readiness program, please register for this ASAP.

iPad’s in Learning Open Day

On Friday 9 August we will be hosting 150 teachers from all over South East Queensland to our iPad Open Day. We have worked extremely closely with Apple to put this event together and we are proud that people see our school as one of the leading schools with iPads in education. Our teachers will be presenting and opening their classrooms for other teachers to see how we use iPads in learning. This is a wonderful opportunity to show the wonderful work that our students are doing. Please be aware that with 150 teachers coming to our school on that day parking may be an issue. We will do our best to ensure that our parents are not inconvenienced.

District Athletics

Good luck to our students who are representing our school this Thursday and Friday at District Athletics. I look forward to hearing all of the positive stories from the two days.

School Opinion Survey

Forty-five parents (selected from a random sample) received School Opinion Surveys this week. 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.

Mabel Park State School Facebook Page

This year we published our school Facebook site and so far have 133 “likes”. If you have an account please “like” our page, it is a great way to hear about things happening at our school. www.facebook.com/mabelpark0356. Download the i-nigma app to read the QR codes in the newsletter. Scan the following code to like our Facebook page!
Date claimer – Year 7 Celebration

Early notice that our Year 7 Celebration will take place on Tuesday 7 December at the Salvation Army hall on Paradise Road, Slacks Creek. As in recent years, students will be required to wear full school uniform for this event.

Mabel Park State High School Open Day

A reminder that our Year 7 students will attend the Open Day at MPSHS this Friday. Our students will be accompanied by our teachers throughout the whole experience. This is an excellent transition opportunity for our Year 7s.

Mr Maher’s Mind Benders

![Mind Benders Image]

Answers for last newsletter – und; 3; all can be followed by ‘ant’; ibis – it is a bird and the others are mammals

NAIDOC WEEK

What a wonderful week we all had celebrating and enjoying the rich and diverse Indigenous culture we have represented at our school. This year our NAIDOC celebrations included two events: the NAIDOC ceremony and the NAIDOC Expo. Our NAIDOC ceremony recognised the fantastic academic and attendance achievements being accomplished by our Indigenous students at both the primary school and the high school. We held our inaugural NAIDOC Expo and this was a huge success especially given that this was the first year we have held such an event. Some of the highlights included the Mabel Mob dancers, Chad (our Murri Club Co-ordinator) painting boomerangs, traditional games, face painting and of course the variety of kangaroo delights available from the BBQ. Thanks go to the many staff and parents who helped ensure we delivered two events successfully. As you can all see from the many pictures, on the next page, we had a tremendous week!
NAPLAN Trial Tests
Tuesday saw three classes, 3DT, 5CE and 7GW in the school sit NAPLAN trial tests to determine whether or not trial questions are of sufficient quality to be included in future NAPLAN tests. All three classes did a wonderful job and are to be commended for their excellent behaviour.

Book week
The book week parade is getting closer! The following are the shortlisted books in the Young Readers category. Pennies for Hitler by Jackie French, Other Brother by Simon French, After by Morris Gleitzman, Children of the King by Sonya Hartnett, Pookie Aleera is Not my Boyfriend by Steven Herrick and The Tender Moments of Saffron Silk by Glenda Millard and Stephen Michael King. These books have been recognised for their literary merit and are intended for readers who have developed independent reading skills but are still developing in literary appreciation. Generally, books in this category will be appropriate in style and content for readers from the middle to upper primary years. The winners of the Children’s Book Council of Australia will be announced on the 16 August.

Support for Parents & Carers
Positive Partnerships provides free workshops and information sessions for parents / carers of school age children with an autism spectrum disorder; giving participants the tools to form mutually beneficial partnerships with their child’s school. The parent / carer workshop materials are also available online. This course is available to help you work in partnership with your child’s school.

By participating in the online course you will gain:

- A greater understanding of the impact of autism on your child, both at school and at home
- An understanding about the processes and strategies for effective parent, school and teacher partnerships
- Specific strategies on how to advocate for your child
- Strategies to strengthen your support network and how to link to local services
Disability Services Queensland
Did you know that if you have a child with a disability you could be eligible for support through Disability Services Queensland. You will need to apply to access their support and your child’s needs will be prioritised against others. To start the process for applying you need to contact our closest services centres. These are:

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AUSLAN Sign of the Week
Sister
With pointer finger in hook shape, tap nose twice.

Auslan Language Model
Brother
Move two closed fists forward and back.

Weekly Awards

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Parents and Citizens’ News

Banking
Hopefully a student from our school is a winner in the Dollarmites competition. Banking has changed to Wednesday. The banking is processed early on Wednesday mornings. Please hand bank books in on Tuesday for Middle Campus students, or Wednesday morning for Junior Campus students. It is great to see so many students getting awards for banking. Keep up the good work!

Family Portraits
Please remember that if you have booked in for family portraits for Saturday 10 August I will need the $20 before the end of this week. These photos will be back in time for Father’s Day.

Father’s Day
The Fathers’ Day stall will be held on Thursday 29 August and Friday 30 August. Prices will range from 50c to $5.

P & C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be 15 August at 6pm in the library, we would love for you to come along to join us.

Advertisements and Notifications

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National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day
'Right Here, Right Now, Our Rights Matter'

Come and Join Us!
Sunday 4th August 2013
10am - 2pm
Free to Public
Roma Street Parklands, Lake Precinct

BBQ Lunch & Snacks
Arts & Crafts
Sports & Games
Traditional Dancing
HipHop Workshop

Bring a Hat & a Picnic Rug

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Child Protection First Ltd
Smoke and Alcohol FREE EVENT
Book Week Parade

READ ACROSS THE UNIVERSE

WHEN: Friday 23 August at 9am
WHERE: Parade Area

Come and help us celebrate Book Week and dress up as your favourite book character

Prizes for the best costume in each year level.
Every child, every day, learning and achieving