Prep Readiness
We are extremely excited to be offering our Prep Readiness program again in term four this year. Prep Readiness has been a huge success here at Mabel Park and has ensured that children within our community have the best start to their formal schooling days. If your child is born between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2009 they will be enrolling in Prep in 2014 and are therefore eligible to participate in our Prep Readiness program this semester.

Our Prep Readiness program ensures that your child:
- becomes familiar with MPSS routines and expectations
- continues developing early numeracy and literacy skills and language
- engages in gross and fine motor activities
- begins to develop positive relationships with fellow peers
- engages with current Prep and other school staff

While the students are engaging in their program on these days, you as parents will be engaging in your own program and activities. If you are interested in having your child participate in Prep Readiness, please complete the enrolment form available at the Junior Campus Office and return ASAP, as there are limited places available.

Choral Fanfare
On Monday 19 August our Music Excellence Class will be performing in the Choral Fanfare State Gala where eight of the best choirs from across the state will perform at Brisbane's City Hall. The following choirs will be performing.

- Benowa State School (Lyndal Solomon) South East Region
- Mabel Park State School (Beverley Stephenson) South East Region
- Rangeville State School (Matthew Henry) Darling Downs South West Region
- Robertson State School (Josephine Vanderbyl) Metropolitan Region
- Keebra Park State High School (Carolyn Bourne) South East Region
- Mansfield State High School (Margaret Long) Metropolitan Region
- Sunshine Beach State High School (Vivienne Ellis) North Coast Region
- Toowoomba State High School (Emma Chalmers) Darling Downs South West Region

Around 450 students are expected to perform on the evening. Each choir will perform its own program. The choirs will then combine together at the end of the concert to perform the work *Hope for Resolution*, conducted by Brisbane composer/conductor/educator Harley Mead. *Hope for Resolution* was written in celebration of Nelson Mandela and celebrates the peaceful co-existence of humanity.

The free concert begins at 7pm on Monday 19 August in the Main Auditorium, Brisbane City Hall. Feel free to come along and support our students.
Quadrennial School Review
Every four years schools need to complete a Quadrennial School Review. This process is an opportunity to share the successes of the last four years as well as lead the future direction of our school for the next four years. In the coming weeks parents will be given the opportunity to have their say in this process through the September P&C meeting and surveys that will be sent home to all families. Please take the time to fill them out so that we can make the best possible decisions for your child’s education.

P&C Meeting
There will be no P&C meeting for the month of August. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Talented musicians
Our drumline and singing group performed at the Spartans basketball game on Saturday night. Yet again the students involved represented our school wonderfully. Thank you to Mrs Stephenson for her amazing work with our musical students. Thank you to Mrs Walsh, Miss Hart and Miss Mitchell for assisting Mrs Stephenson on the night.

Upcoming Events

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Middle Campus News

School and house captains
Our school and house captains acted as hosts for our 150 visitors during our iPad conference. Each of the captains was a wonderful ambassador for our school. Congratulations and thank you to Chloe, Justice, Kirra-Lee, Jonina, Angelina, Jamahl, Bianca, Jade, Peron, Solomone, Aydhen and Nicole.

Newsletters
Keep an eye out for information in relation to how our newsletter is distributed. In Term 4, we are going to trial producing limited hard copies, continuing to upload newsletters to our website and Facebook page and begin to email the fortnightly newsletter. Organisation for this, including updating email addresses will occur this term.

Scooters, bikes and helmets
Another reminder that scooters are not to be ridden to school. When students ride a bike to school, they must wear a helmet and it is strongly recommended that the bike is securely locked.

Emergency Evacuation and Lock Down procedures
We are required to practise evacuation and lock down procedures throughout the school year. These procedures are usually practised without warning. Should parents/carers be on either campus during a ‘drill’ we require you to follow the direction of staff, please. A lockdown is signalled by playing the ‘macarena’. An evacuation is signalled with a repeating alarm.
Mr Maher’s Mind Benders

Answers for last newsletter – 43: all the others are 1 greater than a square number; West Virginia; A man cannot be too careful in the choice of his enemies; it consists of the numbers 0 - 9 in alphabetical order

Long Service Leave

Mr Glen O’Halloran will act as Deputy Principal for the next 2 weeks whilst I am on Long Service Leave.

School Uniform

I would like to congratulate our students, parents, carers and teachers on ensuring our Junior Campus students are wearing the correct uniform, including the wearing of a hat. It is always a pleasure to see students wearing the correct uniform and taking pride in our school. As always, if there are any circumstances that impede the wearing of correct uniform, please contact me directly and I will help find a solution. Once again, thank you for the efforts that are being made with regards to uniform.

Targets

Congratulations to all of our students who have achieved one or more targets over the past few weeks. Over the past two weeks 342 targets have been achieved on the Junior Campus. Keep up the fantastic work young leaners!

Attendance

For those of you who join us at parade on a Monday, you will know that I have challenged the Junior Campus students to win the free lunch from Mrs O’Connor. In week 4, it was a great joy to see 93.5% of our year 3 students attend school during throughout the week. Congratulations goes to year 1 who had 93.4% in attendance and year 2 who had 92.4% in attendance last week. To be awarded the free lunch we need to get to 95% attendance.

Pre-Service Teachers

This term we have a number of Pre-Service teachers in our school conducting either there first, second or third year practicums. I would like to thank the teachers who have volunteered to be their mentors and I am sure these Pre-Service Teachers will find the Mabel Park experience an enjoyable and rewarding one.

2014 PREP Enrolments

Enrolments for 2014 Prep are open and we are advising our community to ‘get in quick’. Our lovely office ladies have the enrolment forms ready to be picked up or alternatively you can always access an enrolment form from our website www.mabelparkss.eq.edu.au. When enrolling your child for Prep, you will need to bring in your child’s birth certificate as we are required to sight this document under the Education Act 2006. We also look forward to seeing many of our future Preps at Prep Readiness in term 4.
Transforming Learning with iPads @ Mabel

Mabel Park State School hosted a very successful iPad conference for over 150 Principals, Deputies, Heads of Curriculum and Teachers on Friday. Both staff and students of the school showcased the fantastic work that occurs every day with teaching and learning with iPads. A great deal of work went in to organise the event, and I would like to recognise and thank all the people who helped make the day so successful. Many teachers presented workshops, hosted classroom tours and contributed to the organisation of the event. We have a truly incredible and professional staff that make such tremendous things possible. Constant positive feedback was heard throughout the day, both about the staff, students and presentation of the school. Congratulations to all!

What a wonderful day last Friday was, at a wonderful school, with amazing students and staff.
Melinda, Killarney State School

Presenters did an excellent job. Well done to all who helped to create an informative day.

Great to see children so engaged with their learning.

Wow! What an inspiring school. Your Principal was motivational, teachers were awesome and students were very well behaved and well-mannered. Any jobs going?

I wouldn’t change anything with this conference. I thought it was the most exciting and useful professional development I have ever attended. Thank you!

Mabel Park State School is a very driven, professional, creative and innovative school. I would love to work here.

Must also mention and give credit to your beautiful grounds: no rubbish, and lots of ‘green’. It feels very calm and peaceful to walk around.

Book week

Book week parade is Friday 23 August. The theme of this year’s book week is “Read Across the Universe”. Students are asked to come dressed as something to do with the theme, or another character from their favourite book. Book Week runs from Saturday 17 – Friday 23 August, and is a celebration of literature. Many activities will be occurring in local libraries and the community, so be sure to use this time to instil a love of reading, and books, in your kids. Winners of the Children’s Book Council of Australia will be announced this Friday at 12 noon.

The following are the shortlisted books in the Picture Book category. The Coat, illustrated by Ron Brooks and written by Julie Hunt, Tanglewood, illustrated by Vivienne Goodman and written by Margaret Wild, Herman and Rosie, by Gus Gordon, Sophie Scott Goes South, by Alison Lester, Lightning Jack, illustrated by Patricia Mullins and written by Glenda Millard, A Day to Remember illustrated by Mark Wilson and written by Jackie French. Awards in this category are given to outstanding books of the picture book genre in which the author and illustrator achieve artistic and literary unity or, in wordless picture books, where the story, theme or concept is unified through illustrations.
Transition Program to High School for Year 7s
We have a high number of Year 7 students transitioning to high school this year. We will support students in transitioning to Mabel Park State High School. If your child is transitioning to another high school please contact the high school for their transition program or contact myself and I can seek some information for you. We are unable to support the transition process to all high schools due to staff restrictions. As a parent/carer you will need to support your child’s transition to other high schools.

We will be getting some information regarding the transition program to Mabel Park State High School soon. A note will be sent home with students in the Special Education Program to notify you of the structure of the program.

Verification Process
This term is a busy term for our Guidance Officer – Lynne Kendall. She has number of students to assess and report on and will be meeting with parents across this term and early next term. Students that she is assessing are for newly verified students and students whose needs are due to be reviewed.

Over the next few weeks a number of Special Education Teachers and Classroom Teachers will be released from class to complete the part of the assessment for students’ verification.

iPad Conference
It was a pleasure to present to delegates from across the South East what students and staff are accomplishing with the use of iPads at our school. Our visitors were impressed with how focused and responsible our students were. They were amazed at the use of iPads in our Special Education setting and it was encouraging to know our teachers are leading the way in this area.

AUSLAN Sign of the Week
Aunty
Tap both thumbs together, twice.

Uncle
Tap both little fingers together, twice.
Weekly Awards

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Parents and Citizens’ News

**Family Portraits**
Thank you to all the families who had their family portraits taken on the weekend. I’m sure you will be very happy with them. Don’t forget your appointed times for photo viewing on Tuesday 27 August, in the library.

**Fathers’ Day**
The Fathers’ Day stall will be held on Thursday 29 and Friday 30 August. If you would like to get dad a special treat come down and have a look, we will be in the performing arts centre. Prices will range from 50c - $5.00.

**P & C Meeting**
The P&C meeting has been cancelled for this month; our next meeting will be 19 September.

Year Seven News

*Bring less paper, plastic, wrappers, tins and win a free movie afternoon!*
7GW and 7CK are focusing on reducing the amount of packaging used in student lunches. We have come up with the idea of Nude Food Days. On Wednesday each week, for the rest of this term, we would like each class to try to bring lunch using less wrappers and packaging. Year 7 students will monitor how much packaging each class uses. The class that uses the least amount of packaging will be rewarded with a free movie afternoon.
Advertisements and Notifications

**CRICKET SIGN ON**

HOMESTEAD PARK, JODIE STREET, SHAILER PARK.

9.00 AM to 1.00 PM

SATURDAY: 17th 24th & 31st AUGUST

SUNDAY; 18th & 25th AUGUST.

REGISTRATION FEES:--

Govt. Sports Subsidy Vouchers Welcome ............

In2Cricket (5-8yrs Friday Nights) $75.00

Juniors (9-16yrs Saturday Morn.) $75.00

Seniors (Saturday A/noons) $130.00

BOYS AND GIRLS WELCOME.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PHONE

MARION On 32094208 or 0418730205

Or Visit our Web Site at;

www.springwoodsunscricketclub.com.au

or our Facebook Page .

SPRINGWOOD SUNS CRICKET CLUB
HEARING CLINIC

Aboriginal Hearing Health Worker-Whitney Tatten (The Deadly Ears Program) performing Otoscopy, Tympanometry & Audiology

Hearing Clinic between 8.30am to 12pm drop in and appointments welcome 5 Charles Ave, Woodridge please call 07 3029 6527 to confirm your attendance on the preferred clinic dates below:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Hearing Health Clinic
(Fortnightly)

- 15th August 2013
- 29th August 2013
- 12th September 2013
- 26th September 2013
- 10th October 2013
- 24th October 2013
- 7th November 2013
- 21st November 2013
- 5th December 2013
- 19th December 2013
Grasshopper Soccer

TERM 3 LAST 4 WEEKS!
COME ALONG & TRY IT OUT
Saturdays 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st Aug
MABEL PARK STATE SCHOOL

PHONE 1300 767 004
YOU WILL ONLY BE CHARGED FOR THE SESSIONS YOU ATTEND

What is Grasshopper Soccer?
Grasshopper Soccer is a fun-filled, non-competitive and child focused soccer program that runs on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Instead of screaming parents on the sidelines, your child will benefit from positive nurturing and interactive sessions that will result in developing your child’s coordination and communication skills.

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

What programs do we run?

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<td>A fantastic start to learning. Children work with the parent to learn new soccer skills and develop their motor skills.</td>
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<td>Together with a parent alongside, they will take their first kicks in soccer. They’ll be introduced to shooting, dribbling and ball manipulation.</td>
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<td>Children develop their skills and develop their skills of teamwork, goalkeeping, dribbling, and goal shooting skills.</td>
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<td>The ultimate challenge, they’ll learn the rules of a 4-4 game and get to pass, dribble, shoot and be a goal keeper.</td>
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<td>Designed to bridge the gap, provide continuity between Micro and Soccer clubs. Micro games are bigger with 6 v 6.</td>
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An Online Survey of Parents of Adolescents (10-18 year olds)

To complete the survey go to:
exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parentingsurvey

Help us find out more about what works and doesn’t work in parenting!

Are you the parent of a 10—18 year old child who has never been diagnosed with cancer?

Could you help with a survey aimed at exploring how parenting influences the parent-adolescent relationship and adolescent behaviour and emotions both for healthy teenagers and for teenagers undergoing treatment for cancer?

What you will do: Parents will answer questions about their child’s behaviour and feelings, their parenting, and their relationship with their child.

This research is completely voluntary and confidential. It will take approximately 30 minutes.

This project is part of a study investigating the ways parents promote the health and wellbeing of teenagers. Findings from the study will be used to assist us to better support families of teenagers diagnosed with cancer.

For more information contact:
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