Principal’s Message

Principal: Racquel O’Connor

Parent Teacher Interviews
Thank you to all parents who came along to last night’s Parent Teacher Interviews. Term Three Parent teacher interviews are a fantastic opportunity to discuss your child’s achievements and future goals towards their end of year report card. Every parent should have received a student learning plan, please keep this handy at home and help your child work towards attaining their next learning goal.

Apple iPad Sydney tour
Last week, 11 of our staff members visited several schools in Sydney to learn more about effective ways to use iPads in classrooms. The trip was organised by Apple so that we could see new ideas and further discuss what we might like to do in the future and how they may be able to support us. This was an extremely exciting opportunity and I look forward to working closely with them in the future to provide valuable learning experiences for our students. It was lovely to hear them tell us that we were the stand out school in Queensland for using iPads in schools to improve student learning.

Quadrennial School Review reminder
This week surveys went home to give you the opportunity to participate in our Quadrennial School Review process. Please take the time to fill them out so that we can make the best possible decisions for your child’s education for the next four years. We look forward to reading the feedback.

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.

LOTE teacher leaving
Unfortunately Mrs Kathy West will be leaving us at the end of term. I’d like to thank Kathy for her contribution to Mabel Park SS, our students have thoroughly enjoyed learning Japanese. We haven’t located another Japanese teacher so as yet, LOTE will not be offered in Term Four. We will continue to look for a LOTE teacher for 2014.

Tuckshop
The tuckshop will be closed for the last day of school this term for stocktake and cleaning. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

P&C Meeting
Our next P&C meeting is next Thursday 19 September at 6pm. Please come along and join us.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays
Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school. If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.
Middle Campus News

Middle Campus Learning Targets Achieved in Term 3
Students on the Middle Campus have had a very productive term. Most students have been able to achieve at least one learning target during the term. In total 584 learning targets were achieved by Middle Campus students. Congratulations! Term 4 is set to be as productive or even better.

Year 7 Japanese – Term 4
Mabel Park State High School continues to offer our Year 7 students Japanese on Monday of each school week. For Term 4, 7BB and 7CK will stop their Japanese lessons and 6/7VH and 7GW will recommence their Japanese.

September Holidays
This is the last newsletter before the next school holidays. If you are lucky enough to have a break with your children, please enjoy a safe and happy holiday. I hope to see everyone back safe and well on Tuesday 8 October.

Mr Maher’s Mind Benders

Answers from Week 6 newsletter – the only vowel they contain, when written in words, is the letter ‘e’; geranium, gardenia, columbine, celandine; each can be preceded by the word green; 265 – each is the sum of the squares starting with 1 and 2, 3 and 4, etc.

Junior Campus News

3DT Reading Program
We would like to take this opportunity to thank and welcome our visitors from Arcare Aged Care who have recently come into the school once a fortnight to volunteer for an hour to spend time listening to Year 3 children read. This has also allowed the child to be able to talk to an adult and for someone to listen and vice versa. Something I see as beneficial in the long run for both parties. If you would like to volunteer your time in the school and have some free time and would love to help out, let us know.
Better Start for Children with Disability
The Better Start for Children Disability initiative enables eligible children access to services to support their needs. The child is able to access up to four diagnostic/assessment services then up to 20 treatment services. These services include:
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Psychology
- Audiology
- Orthoptist

Students need to be referred by a GP or specialist to these services. To know if your child is eligible please see your local GP, myself or the Guidance Officer, Lynne Kendall.

Every child, every day, learning and achieving
It is important that students are on time and ready to learn every day. Please make the effort to ensure your child/ren is/are ready for learning by being at school by 8.30am. One way to help your child/ren get ready for school is to have visual cues to support them to get ready for school independently. Here are some examples:

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It's iWay or the highway
Teachers at Mabel Park have been using iPads in classrooms as efficient learning tools to enhance teaching and learning. The Albert and Logan newspaper recently published an article about what a great job the school has been doing to transform learning with iPads. This is great publicity for Mabel Park State School as we continue to be Logan’s best school.
Attendance
Did you know that September is Attendance Awareness month? For each day a child is away, they miss 5 hours of schooling. If your child has one day off every two weeks, that equates to 25 hours of schooling a term, or a whole week of school missed. Over the year this is the same as four weeks off. Over a primary school student’s time, that is the same as 32 weeks, nearly a whole year of schooling. Children need to be at school, every day so they continue to learn and achieve. Even one day off here and there has a big impact on a child’s education.

Praising Your Child/ren
No matter how old your children are, your praise and encouragement will help them feel good about themselves. This boosts their self-esteem and confidence. Sometimes rewards can be useful too, especially if you want to encourage good behaviour.

You can use praise as a tool to help change difficult behaviour and replace it with desirable behaviour.

The first step is watching for times when your child behaves the way you want. When you see the desirable behaviour, or another behaviour you like, immediately get your child’s attention.

Then tell your child exactly what you liked about the behaviour. You can praise effort as well as achievement – for example, ‘It’s great how you used words to ask for that toy’. You could even look for ways to reward the desirable behaviour – for example, give your child a high five or special cuddle.

At the beginning, you can praise every time you see the behaviour. When your child starts doing the behaviour more often, you can praise it less.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

Students who receive Gotchas throughout the term are presented with a Gotcha Certificate for excellent behaviour in the playground.

Gold Gotcha (20): Steven G, Ethan B
Silver Gotcha (15): Norman M, Lyannah V, Esther K, Lyannah V
Bronze Gotcha (10): Hailee B, Trinity V, Caleb H, Kiden J, Summer S, Brandon L, Praise AT, Meaalofa D
Congratulations to 2HG for no playground office referrals this week. They earned themselves a Paddle Pop Party!

**AUSLAN Sign of the Week**

**Cousin**
With hand in a C shape, move hand from one side of the chin to the other.

**Friend**
With one hand holding the other, fist bounce hands downwards twice.

**Weekly Awards**

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Advertisements and Notifications

**Logan East Community Neighbourhood Centre**
Summer is just around the corner! It’s the perfect time to stock up on t-shirts! Come Along to the Charity Book, T-shirt and Plant Sale! New t-shirts for just $2! Perfect for the warmer months and make great gifts! Books, bric-a-brac and plants also available! Come along and support your local community!

When: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Saturday 21 September

Where: Springwood Community Centre
55 Cinderella Dr & Vanessa Blvd
Springwood
Phone: (07) 3808 – 4529

All proceeds go to Logan East Community Neighbourhood Centre

Proudly Supported by Rochedale Springwood Lions Club & Logan City Council Libraries.

**Tuckshop News**
The tuckshop will be closed on the last day of Term 3, 20 September 2013. Beginning in Term 4, the tuckshop will be closed at second break on Mondays. Look out for the new healthy home cooked menu!

**Lost and Found**
A pair of purple framed bifocal glasses have been lost. If found please hand in to the junior campus office.
Kingston East Neighbourhood Group Inc.
177 Meakin Road, Slacks Creek Q 4127
Phone: 3809 1684 Fax: 3209 4271
Email: admin@ken.org.au
Website: www.ken.org.au
Childcare: 3809 9271
Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am - 4.30pm
Friday 9am - 2.30pm

Relax and enjoy reading our September Newsletter.

You are cordially invited to attend the
28th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF KINGSTON EAST NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP INC.
held at
177 Meakin Road, Slacks Creek
on
Tuesday 17th September, 2013
Special Guest Speaker
Shrut Upadhyay

Shrut Upadhyay is a Rotary Peace Fellow and a committed professional with ten years experience on Gender & Human rights issues in South Asia, particularly throughout India. Her key strengths lie in social change, community capacity building, management as well as networking and team management.

We will commence at 8.00pm with refreshments followed by the 28th Annual General Meeting at 8.30pm.

R.S.V.P. Friday 13th September, 2013.
Phone: 3808 1094 Fax: 3209 4271
Email: shruti@upadhyay.org.au

SEPTEMBER 2013 Calendar of Events

Pratol Playgroup (Mondays) 8.30am - 11.30am
Provides an opportunity for your child to socialize as they play and learn together.

Computer Club (Mondays) 9.30am - 12.30pm
Learn the basics.

Craft (Tuesdays) 8.30am - 11.30am
Explore many different arts and crafts. Cost $2.00 or more if doing special projects.

Hello Baby (Tuesdays) 10.00am - 11.30am
Focus on the first 6 months.

Young Parents Playgroup (Wednesdays) 8.30am - 11.30am
Play, learn, make friends plus morning tea.

Seniors Computer Club (Wednesdays) 9.30am - 12.30pm
Learn what you would like to know.

Cheeky Monkey’s Playgroup (Thursdays) 8.30am -11.30am
Cost: $5 per family phone Danielle 0432 149 064

Card Making (Thursdays) 9.30am - 11am
Enjoy a morning of card making and stamping with Ursula from Stampin’. Up. Cost: $3.00

Personal Counselling (Thursdays) 9am - 1.30pm
Please ring for an appointment.

Child Protection Week (Thursday) 11am - 11.30am
Everybody’s business “Play your part”

Sewing Group (Fridays) 9.15am - 11.15am
Come and share your sewing skills.

Tai Chi (Fridays) 11.00am - 12.00pm
Use gentle flowing movements.

School Holiday Activities

Bike and Scooter Workshop (Tuesday) 10.30 - 12pm
Will give your child confidence.

Kids in the Kitchen (Thursday) 10.30am - 12pm
Join your kids in preparing nutritious food.

Technology Free Games (Thursday) 11.00am - 11.30am
Come along and see what fun the kids had before all the games came.

Agem 3 to 5 year olds.

Every child, every day, learning and achieving
Grasshopper Soccer

TERM 4 STARTS SATURDAY 12th Oct
MABEL PARK STATE SCHOOL OVAL
(SEE FLYER GIVEN TO YOUR CHILD)
OR
PHONE 1300 767 004 / 0432 629 501
TO REGISTER!
PLEASE NOTE WE NEED TO KNOW ASAP TO ENSURE WE CONTINUE THE PROGRAM AT YOUR SCHOOL

PROGRAMS WE RUN:
WEEKEND PROGRAM
MITE-E
PINT SIZE
INTRO TO MICRO
MICRO
MICRO PLUS

TIMES:
STARTING SAT 12th Oct, 8 WEEKS

GRASSHOPPER SOCCER BRISBANE SOUTH
Mail: PO BOX 2137, SALISBURY EAST, QLD 4107
Ph: 1300 767 004 Fax: (07) 3700 4394 Mob: 0432 629 501
E-mail: david@grasshoppersoccer.com.au
www.facebook.com/grasshoppersoccerbrissth
Clean Up the Creek and Park

Year 7 GW and 7 CK
Community Project

Only one week until we attack our park and creek with our gloves and rubbish bags. If you haven't registered please log on and do so.

On the day, please make sure your child arrives at school in full school uniform as normal. Pack an old T-Shirt to wear over your uniform to protect it from getting dirty while out cleaning the park and creek areas. Make sure you have a hat, closed in shoes and an old pair of garden gloves if you have them lying around at home.

Remember:

Where: Mabel Park State School.

Borman Street, Slacks Creek.

Resource Centre parade area, Junior Campus.

When: Wednesday 18 September

Time: 9am - 10am

Contact: Kerima Sehic – ksehi1@eq.edu.au for more information or details.

Donate an hour of your time and make a difference to your community. To become a volunteer logon to http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/Creek+and+Park and register your details.
Parents and Citizens’ News

President: Joeann Gibbons

**P & C Meeting**
The next P & C meeting will be held on Thursday 19 September, 6pm in the library. Please come along and let us hear your opinions.

**Banking**
Banking is going well. It is great to see so many students banking regularly. Please remember to fill in the information in the bank books.

**P & C Recipe Book**
As part of the P&C Fundraising, we have started a Mabel Park State School Recipe Book. Have you ordered one yet? The cost of the recipe book is $6.

If you are interested in purchasing a book, please fill in the form below and return it with your payment to the Junior Campus office.

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**Recipe Book Order Form**

Name ..................................................................................................................

Class .................................................................................................................

Number of books .............................................................. Amount ..........................................

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