Community in the Classroom
Thank you to those parents, carers, families, friends and invited guests who attended our fourth and final Community in the Classroom for this year. Our students really appreciate the time that adults give up to be part of their education. We were very fortunate to have a small number of parents and carers and a number of very important people from our community including Queensland Police officers. We would love to see more parents and carers at the first Community in the Classroom in Week 4 of Term 1 next year.

Students reporting problems
It is important that students report problems that occur at school to school staff and parents/carers. Our staff always respond to reported student problems accordingly. On occasion in recent weeks, students have spoken with their parents about school problems but have not spoken with anyone at school about the same. Please continue to work with us and remind your child/ren to talk with school staff if or when problems arise.

2015 class placements
In the coming weeks, we are beginning the process of arranging classes for 2015. As in previous years, if you would like us to consider a special request for your child it must be put in writing and handed to the junior campus office by Friday 7 November. Please be aware that we do our best to take into account all requests but not all are possible. We must always make the best decision for classroom learning.

iPad conference and study tour
We hosted over 200 teachers from Queensland schools at our iPad conference last Friday. Congratulations goes to our staff and to our students for their involvement in this wonderful event. Thank you to our parents and carers for your patience with parking on this day. A huge thank you to Mrs Vicki Hailstone for coordinating this event – a massive job on top of her other school commitments. I also extend my gratitude to our teachers who presented at the conference, managed catering and did all of the things required to ensure a successful event.

We have a number of staff visiting schools in Melbourne this week to enhance their ability to teach using iPads as a learning tool. These staff are continuing their life long learning and are focussed on providing the best possible teaching to gain the best possible learning outcomes for our students.

Before and after school student announcements
It was common practice for the ladies in the office to call students over our loudspeaker if parents/carers could not locate them before or after school. I have decided to put a stop to this practice. I have done so because:

- student names ought not be broadcast across the school as a matter of safety
- the practice was inefficient in its purpose i.e. having children attend the office
- student/family privacy is paramount

To ensure the safety of our students it is important that children are collected promptly. Families should also have in place a plan for when children are not collected on time. The best plan would be to have a consistent meeting point.
## Upcoming Events

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## Middle Campus News

### 2015 Student Leaders

The process for student leader election is underway. The parents of Year 5 students, who are applying for leadership positions in 2015, can expect to see a nomination form come home in the next few days. Once nominations have closed, student voting will occur and those students voted for by their peers will proceed to sit in a panel interview consisting of school staff members. Following these interviews, a shortlist of students will be chosen to present a speech to their peers and the Middle Campus Staff. From here our 2015 Student Leaders will be determined. Elected leaders and their parents will be notified and will be required to attend our Year 6/7 Celebration for the passing of the Student Leader badges.

### High School Enrolment

A reminder to the parents of Year 6 and 7 students to enrol your child/ren into High School for 2015. Enrolment packs for Mabel Park State High school were sent home with students at the beginning of the term. These can be handed back into the classroom teacher, our office or the High School office. If you require another enrolment pack please contact the High School to arrange this.

### Arrival Time at School

The past week has seen a number of students arriving at school well before 8.00 am. I would like to remind parents that arrival at school before this time can put your child at risk of harm as there are no staff available to monitor students. We ask that students aim to arrive at school at 8.15 am ready for an 8.30 am start.

### Every Day Counts

Well done to all students who are sitting in our “Green Zone” of attendance. Last week saw all middle campus classes sitting above 90% student attendance. If your child is unable to attend school can you please notify the office via a phone call or note. Thank you for your support in ensuring your children attend school each and every day.
The Mabel Mob have been out and about!
On Sunday 19 October, the Mabel Mob Dance Group were asked to perform at a Children’s Week celebration. Opening the performance was Tate who conducted the Welcome to Country. As always, our students represented Mabel Park State School and their Indigenous heritage with pride and professionalism. Here are some photos of the fun had on the day!

Time to define bullying
Unfortunately from time to time, I have to deal with playground issues between students. The statement ‘I’ve been bullied’ or ‘he/she is bullying me’ is something I hear often to describe incidents that have only occurred once. I felt the need therefore to ask parents to clarify with your children the difference between bullying and a one off incident. Please be assured that we work very hard at our school to ensure all incidents are addressed promptly and problems are solved.

Bullying is when someone, or a group of people, with more power repeatedly and intentionally causes hurt or harm to another person or group of people who feel helpless to respond. Bullying can continue over time, is often hidden from adults and will probably continue if no action is taken.

Bullying isn’t:
- a single episode of social rejection or dislike
- single episode acts of nastiness or spite
- a random act of aggression or intimidation
- mutual arguments, disagreements or fights

These actions can cause great distress. However, they’re not examples of bullying unless someone is deliberately and repeatedly doing them to you.

Prep Readiness
What a great start we have made to our Prep Readiness Program this year. Currently we have 32 children enrolled in Prep Readiness and we would love to see more attend each Friday between 9 -10:30am. Please visit our junior Campus Office to have your child engage in this wonderful experience. Our Prep parents have enjoyed the last two sessions where they have been briefed about the general operations at our school and have also received a number of hot tips with regards to the early literacy and numeracy development of their young children. Over the next few weeks our parents will be learning about how to adapt and incorporate the use of our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Program at home. We will also be having a session on the use of iPads for Learning.

PREP 2014 - ENROL NOW and BRING OTHERS
We are currently taking enrolments for 2015 Prep students. This is a very important process for our school as it ensures we can keep our current teaching staff allocation. If you have a child starting Prep next year or know of anyone in the neighbourhood who has, please enrol, or encourage them to enrol, ASAP. Children, who are enrolled prior to December 5 2014, will go into a draw for a $50 LOWES Voucher. Also, any parent who brings a brand new Prep enrolment into our school will also go into the draw for a $50 LOWES Voucher.
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): Piper P, Karoma-Lea F, Felicity C
Silver Gotcha (15): Alayna U, Amanda MS

AUSLAN Sign of the Week

SIGN OF THE WEEK

Truth
Strike upwards facing palm with the blade of your other hand, which is drawn down in and arc from shoulder quickly.

Conquers
Start with fingers spread apart, palm forward, in front of shoulder. Turn hand around and close into a fist with thumb up and palm backwards.

All
Move your flat hand and arm, palm down, in an anti - clock wise half circle.

Weekly Awards

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Advertisements and Notifications

Mabel Park Playgroup

Come have a yarn
Activities for the children

Transport is available
Morning Tea Provided
Every Monday’s on school days
Where: Mabel Park Primary School
Borman St, Slacks Creek 4127
Time: 9.30am-11.30am
Playgroup is open to children up to 3 years
For further information please contact on
1800 794 303 or 3200 4762

Save the Children

Mobile Playscheme
Free playgroup
Mabel Park State School
Borman Street, Slacks Creek

For children 3 and above, parents and other carers. Come and play with some free play, structured activities, craft, singing, dancing and story time. Under 3’s must be supervised by an adult.
Tuesday afternoon 12.30pm
During the school term.
For further information, please contact
Cell: 3411 66 65 52 or 3199 0511

Halloween Disco

Friday 31st October
6.30pm—8.30pm Ages 6-13yrs
Entry $5
BRING YOU KIDS FOR A SAFE TRICK OR TREAT

Seeking Parent Helpers for YMCA Breakfast Club

The school is seeking some friendly parent helpers one morning a week to help serve children breakfast before school. No cooking required!
Register at the office.
Your reward is the smile from the students, and the satisfaction of knowing you are making a difference in their life.
Community help is welcomed so please ask your family and we can organise Blue Cards for them.
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Would you like to do ESL classes, computer classes, or craft classes?

Would you like to volunteer?
THE WORLD GAME
A Multicultural Festival

Join us for a friendly game and skills clinic and to celebrate our strong, multicultural community

Griffith University Logan Campus Sports Fields, University Drive, Meadowbrook

10 November 2014
3:15 PM

Free Sausage Sizzle

Enquiries to Office of Jim Chalmers MP
3299 5910 or jim.chalmers.mp@aph.gov.au

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