Community in the Classroom

Thank you to all of our parents and community members who joined us on Monday for our first “Community in the Classroom” for 2014. These events will be held on Monday in week 4 each term. These mornings are a great opportunity to spend time with your children in class learning with them. Our students love you being there and are very proud to be showing off their skills. I hope to see many more parents at our next event on Monday 12 May.

Logan Diggers $2500 Grant

Congratulations and thank you to Mr Maher and Mrs Stephenson who were successful in their application for a Logan Diggers Community Grant. The funds will be used to support Mrs Stephenson in her ever growing and successful music program.

Everyday Counts

We have had a fantastic start to the year with student attendance, so far averaging above 90%. In order to have the best opportunity to succeed it is vital that students attend school, every day on time. Just a reminder to all parents that our first bell goes at 8:30am. This is a warning bell for students, this is time to go to the toilet, get a drink, complete ordering lunch and move to where they line up. Our second bell for students to move into class is at 8:40am. Any child arriving after this second bell is considered late and must first report to the office for a late slip.

Meet the Teacher afternoon

I hope to see many of you this afternoon at our first “Meet the Teacher” afternoon. This is a great opportunity to meet your child’s teacher as well as all of their specialist teachers. There is a free sausage sizzle for everyone and a prize draw for one child from every class who introduces their parents to their teacher.

After School Activities

Last week our after school activities commenced, Year 6 & 7 basketball on Wednesday and Year 4 & 5 soccer on Thursday. We have been able to offer these activities free of charge thanks to a State Government active after school grant. Next term there will be two new sports and Year 2 and 3 will also have the opportunity to participate. To attend students need to have been one of the first 35 to return their form and they must remain above 90% attendance and never be suspended.

P & C Meeting

Our first P&C meeting for the year will be held this Thursday night at 6:00pm in the resource centre. Please come along and join us to help plan the year ahead and keep up to date with things happening at school.

Every day, every child, learning and achieving.

Upcoming Events

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Commencing 19 February 2014
“Meet the teacher” afternoon
Middle Campus students and staff are looking forward to our “Meet the teacher” afternoon this afternoon. We hope to see many parents and carers at the event. Communication between home and school is very important and meeting the teacher will assist with communication.

School uniform
Most of our students are in full school uniform each and every school day. We are very thankful to our families for supporting students to take pride in our uniform. A reminder that the uniform includes black shoes and white or grey socks. The black shoes need to have black shoe laces or Velcro. Slip-on-shoes, particularly the canvas type, do not meet the requirements of our school dress code.

Year 6 and Year 7 at the high school
At the end of this year, our Year 6 and Year 7 students will leave primary school and transition to high school. This is a major reform in Education Queensland. To assist our students we will continue to work closely with Mabel Park State High School throughout 2014. Currently our Year 6 [and Year 7 in 6/7BB] students visit the high school to be exposed to the science curriculum and our Year 7 students learn Japanese with the MPSHS Japanese teacher. These opportunities are excellent for our students and their preparation for high school next year.

Mr Maher’s mind benders

- What do the following words have in common?
  - PIO PONY BOB
  - DOVE SHALLOW COTTON

- A certain number consists of two digits
  - The number is equal to five times the sum of its digits, if you add 9 to the number, the order of its digits is reversed. What is the number?

- Rearrange the following letters to give the name of a popular movie
  - IF TUNES DO SO MUCH

- Complete these words by inserting the same three letters in each one
  - ANA____Y GO____NE PRO____UE S____AN

Last newsletter’s answers: 79 – the digits of the preceding number are reversed and the lowest digit left out; mechanics and mischance; she mashed the potatoes and used a spoon; strengths is 1 – there were clues to this in the wording of the clue

Every child, every day, learning and achieving in 2014
Make 2014 the year when your child doesn’t miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the new Every Day Counts videos live on DETE TV - [http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland](http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland)

2014 Playgroups
Gunyjuu and Save the Children are continuing their partnership with us this year. Each playgroup offers your child [aged 0-4½] an opportunity to familiarise themselves with our school surroundings, as well as enhance their early numeracy and literacy skills in a relaxed and friendly environment. Next month Guuyjuu will be operating playgroup in our Murri Club from 9:30am – 11:30am. We have
extended the time this year to ensure we are offering a thorough program. Save the Children playgroup has already started and occurs every Tuesday at 12:30pm on the Junior Campus (see attached flyer).

Uniform on the Junior Campus
Congratulations to those of you who have ensured your child/ren is/are in the correct uniform from top to toe each day. The most common uniform breach on the Junior Campus currently relates to hats. Unfortunately, some students are not bringing a hat to school which is a surprise given we live in Queensland.

The wearing of a hat should be a habit that starts in childhood and continues throughout life. Research indicates that childhood sun exposure is an important contributing factor to the development of skin cancer in later life. Skin cancer occurs when skin cells are damaged, for example, by overexposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun. Every year, in Australia:

- skin cancers account for around 80% of all newly diagnosed cancers
- between 95 and 99% of skin cancers are caused by exposure to the sun
- GPs have over 1 million patient consultations per year for skin cancer
- the incidence of skin cancer is one of the highest in the world, two to three times the rates in Canada, the US and the UK

Our P&C continue to support our school uniform policy and their initiative to purchase school bucket hats has proven to be a huge success, especially for our Prep students who receive one as part of the resource scheme. You can purchase a Mabel Park State School hat at the Junior Campus office for $12.50.

Special Education Program News
Head of Special Education Services: Diana Boulter

What a great start to the year it has been. Below is a list of our current Special Education Staff. This may change when we receive information around our staffing for 2014.

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Apps to enhance your child’s learning

Department of Education and Training has developed a free App. This App is aimed at early readers to help them master the first 100 sight words. The App also contains additional games and ideas for parents to help their children recognise sight words. You can also download Flashcard sets and Placemat word sets at: http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/apps/education/outandabout.html

Alternative Programs

Alternative programs have started for students in the Rainbow Room. These programs are delivered on a needs basis for students who are part of our Special Education Program. Alternative programs will be offered on a rotational basis throughout the year.

If you would like to know which program your child is participating in, please speak to their case manager.

The Learning Place

Queensland state school students can access engaging online games and resources from home to reinforce and extend classroom lessons by logging onto the Learning Place, the Department of Education, Training and Employment’s secure eLearning environment.

Parents can work with their children to consolidate knowledge, extend their children's understanding of concepts or simply spend time completing fun, interactive activities with their children.

From home, students simply go to the Learning Place website or alternatively type "The Learning Place" as a search. Once on the site, students click on the link 'Student's Space' located in the box on the right hand side of the page. Students will then need to enter their departmental network logon and password. This is the same logon and password that students use to log onto the computers in their classrooms. Their logon is usually the first letter of the first name, followed by the first four letters of their surname, followed by a number. If a student does not know their logon and password, their classroom teacher will be able to provide them with this information.

Once logged on, students are taken to the spaces relevant for their year level eg. Prep to Year 3 students will be taken to...
the 'Early Phase' space. Students can view a wide range of learning resources sourced by the department, as well as those specifically chosen by their classroom teacher. Teachers can provide students with Learning Pathways to support their learning needs.

Students and parents can search for learning resources which can be sorted by age/grade, subject or resource type (learning object, interactive resource, virtual book, assessment, image, website, moving image, video/animation, Webquest, sound/audio, text, article etc.).

Primary-aged students tend to find learning objects and interactive resources to be the most enjoyable and engaging while secondary students are more likely to use the non-fiction resources such as images, text, video, websites and sound files.

### 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): NA
- Silver Gotcha (15): NA
- Bronze Gotcha (10): NA

### AUSLAN Sign of the Week

**Sign of the Week**

Thank You

**How to sign it:**

Move flat hand, fingers upwards and palm towards you, from chin forward in a slight arc
### Weekly Awards

- **Prep**: Summer W, Samuel W, Layla D, Ryder O, Bella-Cate U, Chris M, Keziah M, Jacob RS
- **Year 1**: Zai B, Caitlin S, Frances W, Wylliam S
- **Year 2**: Duy N, Janette A, Talyhia RS, Zoe H
- **Year 3**: Alexandria P, Billy N, Simon MS, Nicholas S, Javal N, Jahmala B
- **Year 4**: Shannon R, Atelaite P, Pauline S, Shikarra W
- **Year 5/6**: David M, Ayla F, L’Kiesha S, Lal Tha AB, Daniel B, Ana B, Nikita P, William M
- **Year 7**: NA
- **Extension**: Keara W, Shivesh N, Jasmine RD, Drew L, Daniel T
- **Music**: Talyhia RS, Leon R
- **PE**: Samantha A

### PE News

Congratulations to the 2014 House Captains:

- **Kingston**: Jayden Z, Angelo K
- **Mayes**: Willie A, Laticia T
- **Shailer**: Latio J, Latrell G
- **Logan**: Abbie-Rose S, Verginuya-Paris I

### Library News

**Opening Hours for parents and their children:**

- 8 – 8:30am
- 2:40 – 3pm

Library borrowing started in Week 3. All students need a material library bag to borrow from the library. Some classroom teachers have a permanent weekly library time for their class to borrow. Class days are as follows:

- **MONDAY**: 2/3LP& 4/5DF (alternate weeks), 1AS, 1LC
- **TUESDAY**: 6JN, 6BB, 5CK, 2FC, 2NP
- **WEDNESDAY**: 3JP, PKW, 3CR
- **THURSDAY**: 2/3LM, PKC, 4JM, 4DH & 4KM (every second week), 1EK, 1AP
- **FRIDAY**: 2KS, 2GI, PJW, 6NP, PNM

Teachers encourage their students to be independent borrowers. If your child borrows before school or after school they receive a raffle ticket that goes into a weekly draw which is drawn on parade the following Monday.
**OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS FROM 2013**

There are still a lot of overdue library books from last year. Please encourage your child/children to return them as soon as possible. Unfortunately, children with overdue books will not be able to borrow.

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**P & C News**

Does your child have their hat for cross country? Now is the time to purchase a reversible school hat for only $12.50. Please see a P&C member or one of the lovely ladies in the office.

The P&C will have cold water and soft drinks available for purchase at the Cross Country Carnival.

The next P&C meeting is Thursday 20 February at 6pm in the library. Come along to hear about all of our upcoming events. We hope to see you there.

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**Advertisements and Notifications**

**Language & Literacy Workshop**

Have you got a child who will be off to school in the coming years? Would you like to prepare your child for the first years of their schooling?

Come and join us for some fun and practical ideas on ways to develop your child’s language, literacy and numeracy skills.

Running over three weeks on Thursdays 27 February, 6 and 13 March 2014 9.30 to 11.30am at Kingston East Neighbourhood Group Inc. 177 Meakin Road, Slacks Creek

For bookings please contact the Centre: p: (07) 3808 1684 e: admin@keng.org.au www.keng.org.au

Free Childcare Provided

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**Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?**

Have you missed out on thousands of dollars?

In 2001, the Government introduced the ‘First Child Tax Offset’ and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits. If you have ANY child that was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to $1,250 off entitlements.

The government has a 30 June 2014 deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelvec.com.au today to receive more information.

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**Parents and Citizens’ News**

President: Joeann Gibbons
Hi and welcome back! My days at school are now Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays. The Chappy Room is open to all students at 1st break on Monday and Tuesday on the junior campus. We play team games, do craft and just hang out. If you have any concerns or would like to talk, please see the office and they'll let me know.

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