Welcome to 2014!
I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas break. We’ve had a fabulous start to the year with lots of new enrolments. On behalf of the Mabel Park SS community I’d like to welcome back all of our existing families and give a special welcome to all of our new families. I hope that you love our school as much as we do and enjoy all of the exciting opportunities we provide.

Meet our teachers afternoon – Wednesday 19 Feb 3:00 – 4:00pm
This year instead of class information afternoons we are hosting a “meet the teachers” afternoon BBQ. Each class will have a newsletter that you can collect that outlines rules and routines for your child’s class this year. It will also be a great opportunity to meet all of our wonderful teachers and ask any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

Possible class reshuffle
Our school is staffed according to the number of students enrolled. Education Queensland makes decisions based on the number of students enrolled on Day 8 of the new school year. With our current number of students, it looks likely that we will gain teaching staff. This will mean re-organising classes after our staffing is finalised. At this stage, we believe that the reshuffle could take place in Year 3, Year 6 and Year 7. We cannot say for sure that this will happen in these year levels just yet but needed to let you know sooner rather than later.

Parade
Just a reminder that we have parade each Monday morning at 9am. Everyone is welcome to attend as it’s a great way to hear what is going on at the school and what important events may be coming up.

Mabel Park State School Facebook Page
We have an active Facebook site and so far have 194 “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!

Student Resource Scheme
Thank you to the many parents who have already begun paying the school resource scheme. The payment of our scheme provides your child/ren with all of their requirements for the school year for only $100, ($90 if paid by the end of first term). This is an extremely inexpensive way to ensure that your child has all of the necessary resources for learning. At either office we can help to arrange payment plans and centrelink deductions. Please be aware that if you do not pay the resource scheme you must provide your child with all of the necessary resources from the booklist available at either office. All parents who have paid in full or arranged for a deduction through centrapay by the end of Term One will go into the draw to win one of three $100 vouchers for Lowes or Ikea.
**Great Results Guarantee**

Our school has received additional funding from the *Great Results Guarantee* and we need to decide how we can use this money to better support our students and improve their outcomes. We are now working to develop our own Great Results Guarantee with evidence-based strategies and actions to improve literacy and numeracy. Read more about the guarantee at [www.education.qld.gov.au/resultsguarantee](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/resultsguarantee).

If you have an idea on a way to support our students to learn more or if you would like to take part in the discussion please get in touch.

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**Upcoming Events**

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**Middle Campus News**

**The beginning of a new school year**

Thanks to the excellent preparation of our school staff and the support of our families, students on the middle campus have experienced a solid beginning to the 2014 school year. Individual student targets and goals are being developed and a collective effort toward meeting these will be required.

Our Year 4s have quickly adapted to school life on the middle campus and are focused on their learning. Year 6 and Year 7 students are leading the way and so far have set a wonderful example for our other students to follow.

Students, parents and carers are reminded that students need to be: ‘At school every day, on time, in uniform, ready to be a STAR (Safe, Team, Achieve and Responsible).’

**Sporting House Captains**

Thank you to Miss Radicke for leading the process for selecting our 2014 house captains. All students who nominated for these positions are congratulated for their efforts. Students have not yet been told if they have been selected as a captain or not. Parents/Carers will be contacted and invited to attend our school parade in the next couple of weeks, where we will present our captains with their badges. This year, for the first time, each house will have a Year 6 captain and a Year 7 captain.

**Early Departures**

If it is absolutely necessary to pick your child up prior to the end of the school day, please report to one of the offices and speak with the ladies. They will contact the class teacher and have your child come to the office. Parents/Carers are not to go to classrooms to collect children.
Contact and Personal Details
Please make sure that we have up to date contact and personal details for your child/ren. This is incredibly important to ensure that you can be contacted, particularly if an emergency arises. A telephone call, or note sent with your child/ren, to the ladies in the office is all that is required to update information.

Mr Maher’s mind benders

What number should come next in this series?
475120 62374 4706 697 ?

Rearrange the following letters to give two different 9-letter words:
ACGEMINS

There was an old woman who lived in a shoe, and the only food she had for her ten children was six potatoes. How did she make sure that each child had an equal share?

If solving word puzzles if one of the things at which you are proficient, see if you can think of a 9-letter word that contains only one vowel.

Answers in the next newsletter

Junior Campus News

Welcome to 2014
Welcome back to another school year that is bound to be full of our student’s growing, learning and succeeding as individuals. I was thrilled to learn that I would be continuing in the Deputy role and I look forward to working with you all over the coming year.
Welcome and congratulations to the 92 Prep students who have successfully started their first year of schooling. It was fantastic to see them all being wonderful Mabel Park STARS at our first whole school parade. Our Year 1 to 7 students certainly set a fantastic example for our Preps and Monday’s parade certainly reinforced why we believe we are ‘the best school in Logan.’

Free Uniform
Congratulations to Larby in PNM for winning a free Mabel Park State School uniform this year! All of our Prep students who were enrolled prior to December 6 2013 went into the draw, however, there can only be one winner. We hope Larby enjoys wearing her new school uniform to Prep this year.

Reading in 2014
This year we are focusing the spotlight on reading in all of our classrooms and we ask that you help participate in the journey. The aim is not only to enhance the teaching of reading in our classrooms but to also improve our students reading achievement in all year levels. As parents, you are your child’s first teacher and therefore it is vitally important for your child’s reading success that you encourage and are involved in your child’s reading development. It can be as simple as merely having your child see you read or reading a book to or with your child before bedtime. I have listed below some tips that may help you to help us improve reading standards across the school.

• Establish a regular time and place for daily read-aloud sessions, such as before bed or during bath time
• Keep on hand a variety of reading materials: picture books, chapter books, atlases, dictionaries, magazines, and newspapers
• Talk about what they read and encourage children to think, solve problems, and make predictions. You may discuss the books a child is reading, then ask questions such as, “Did you ever...?”, or “How would you feel if that happened to you?”
• Store books and writing materials in places children can reach
• Model reading and writing for pleasure and for specific uses, such as making a shopping list, reading the daily news/weather...
Uniforms
I have been thrilled to see the majority of our Junior Campus students in their school uniforms. Not only does it look great and ensure our school is a safer place, it also gives our students a sense of pride in themselves and our school. If you have any financial difficulties or need assistance in providing the correct school uniform, please contact me so I can be of assistance.

Curriculum @ Mabel
I have been impressed with the way students have returned from their holidays, refreshed and focussed, ready to learn. The classrooms are into their first curriculum unit, where targets and goals already being set with student set to achieve great things in 2014. Classroom teachers are concentrating on English, maths and science and students will have specialist teachers for health and physical education, music and history. Teachers are following the Queensland Curriculum into the Classroom unit, which are based on the Australian Curriculum. I am looking forward to visiting classrooms to talk with students about what they are learning. Make sure you ask your child what they are working towards and the things they have discussed in class, as this can be a great way for them to reinforce the things they have learned.

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

**Triple P – Positive Parenting Program**
Triple P – Positive Parenting Program has been offered across Australia for years. It is internationally recognised as one of best parenting programs in the world. It provides parents with support and strategies to manage big and small problems of family life. Through funding, Triple P have now released Stepping Stones - Triple P Project. This is a landmark project as it is the first public health intervention in the world for children with special needs. South East Queensland is the first region in Australia where free sessions (face-to-face or online) are available. Parents can now register for free support under the [Stepping Stones Triple P Project](http://www.triplep-steppingstones.net) by going to [www.triplep-steppingstones.net](http://www.triplep-steppingstones.net)

Curriculum News
Head of Curriculum: Vicki Hailstone

**Stepping Stones Triple P Parenting Seminar**
Turning Problem Behaviour into Positive Behaviour
Children with disabilities are more at risk than others of developing problem behaviours. These behaviours can interfere with growth and development and can be disruptive for the family as a whole. This seminar provides ideas on understanding why a particular behaviour is occurring and practical suggestions on how to promote alternative behaviour.

**Where:** Edens Landing State School
Jamie Nicolson Ave, Edens Landing 4207

**Date:** Thursday 27th February 2014

**Time:** 9:30am – 11:30am

**Cost:** FREE

**Who:** Any parent/caregiver of a child with a disability aged 2-12 years

**How:** RSVP at [www.triplep-steppingstones.net](http://www.triplep-steppingstones.net)

For more information contact: Stepping Stones Triple P Project Team
St Lucia, Qld, 4067
Phone: (07) 3365 6099 Email: steppingstones@uq.edu.au
Information Sharing
Keep up to date with events at Mabel Park by going to the school website, the Queensland Schools App (downloadable from the app store), and our Facebook page;

- [https://mabelparkss.eq.edu.au](https://mabelparkss.eq.edu.au)

Regular updates, photos and information will be posted.

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

Weekly Awards

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Week One, Term One 2014
Welcome back! We hope that everyone enjoyed the holidays and are ready for a big year ahead.

Reversible school hats are available for purchase at $12.50. Please see the ladies in the junior campus office or one of the P&C members. We also have cookbooks available at $6.00.

The first P&C meeting for the year will be held on Thursday 20 February at 6pm in the library. Please come along and share your thoughts and ideas.

There is a School Disco coming soon, so keep an eye out for the date.

Advertisements and Notifications

Assisting children and families with specialist services in Reading Intervention, Speech & Language, Psychology.

Phone: 1300 651 704
www.queenslandldc.com.au
ROCHEDALE TIGERS RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

SIGN ON

Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th February

10:00am - 2:00pm

UNDERWOOD PARK

Boys and Girls - Under 6s to Under 18s and Seniors

Under 6 Free Sign On
All players welcome

For more information contact:
Frank 04322 169 506
Christine 0431 621 820

Rochedale Tigers Leagues Club after 5pm 3341 8922 Monday – Thursday

Library News
At the end of last year there were 230 overdue library books. Those students who have NOT returned their books will have restricted borrowing until the book has been returned or paid for.

Student borrowing starts Week 3. Please ensure you child has a library bag so they can borrow.