Principal’s Message

Principal's Morning Tea
Our first Principal’s Morning Tea for 2014 will be held on Monday 31 March at 9am. Students will be acknowledged and rewarded for showing excellence in three areas. Firstly all students who have achieved 100% attendance for the entire term (up to and including 25 March), along with students who have received 20 “Gotchas” for their positive effort in the playground and finally one student from each year level who has demonstrated excellence in class for the entire term. This event celebrates exceptional achievements by our students and we look forward to sharing this day with them and their parents/carers.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Next Tuesday 25 March will be our first Parent Teacher interviews for the year. We would love to see ALL parents in attendance. Parent teacher interviews are held twice a year and are a fantastic opportunity to discuss your child’s achievements and future goals with their teacher. Every parent will receive a student learning plan, please keep this handy at home and help your child work towards attaining their next learning goals. Please book your appointment online at www.parentteacheronline.com.au or phone the office for assistance.

School Disco – 21 March
Please encourage your children to join us for the first disco of the year this Friday 21 March. This is a wonderful way for them to celebrate a wonderful term and have a fun night out with their friends. Siblings are not able to attend the disco. Only students from our school are to attend. Prep students are be accompanied by a parent or guardian. To ensure safety of our students, all students who attend the disco must be dropped to the disco by an adult. No students will be allowed to leave the disco until an adult collects them. During the disco we ask that all parents remain contactable by telephone. Thank you for your assistance.

P&C AGM Meeting
Our final P&C meeting for this term will be, tomorrow night, Thursday 20 March at 6pm. This will also be our AGM. Please come along and keep informed about what is happening at our school.

School Gates
A reminder that the school gates are closed and locked between 9:30am and 2pm. This ensures the safety of our students. During the day you can enter the school grounds using the Paradise Road or Borman Street gates.

Student Resource Scheme – Final reminder to go in the draw for fabulous prizes
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 centrepay by the end of Term One will go into the draw to win one of three $100 vouchers for Lowes or Ikea.
Parent/Teacher Interviews—Tuesday 25 March
I encourage all parents/carers to take advantage of the opportunity to meet formally with your child’s teachers and discuss academic progress. Communication between home and school is vital and interviews are an excellent opportunity for home/school communication.

Students arriving at school early
Students are encouraged to arrive at school just prior to the first bell that rings at 8:30am. We certainly do not want students arriving prior to 8am. No staff are rostered for supervision before school. Students who are at school prior to 8:30am are expected to sit outside their own classroom.

Cybersafety
The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) provide comprehensive cybersafety initiatives and education programs as part of the Australian Government’s cybersafety policy. The ACMA site offers a parent section of information, tips and advice to help you and your family make the most of being online. For more information, visit: www.cybersmart.gov.au

2015 Year 7 at high school
2015 is the year that Queensland undergoes change to primary schooling years and secondary schooling year. Beginning in 2015, Year 7 becomes part of high school. Our current Year 6 and Year 7 students will begin high school in 2015 as Year 7 and Year 8 students. If you have any queries in relation to 2015 and high school, please speak with a Middle Campus teacher or me.

Mobile phones and other expensive things at school
Students were reminded at parade this week that it is best if expensive items are not brought to school. Where it is necessary for a student to have a mobile phone at school, it must be left at the office upon arrival at school.

Mr Maher's mind benders

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<th>Rearrange the following letters to give two different 11-letter words.</th>
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<th>What do the following words have in common?</th>
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Last newsletter's answers: The Eiger Sanction; 45, 49, 51; 2 digit odd numbers excluding primes; removing the first letter leaves the name or a bird; Neal Simon, Eugene O’Neill, Joe Orton.

Pre-Service Teachers
A number of Pre-service teachers will be beginning their practicums this semester and we would like to officially welcome them to the Mabel Park State School community. The students joining us are currently studying their teaching degree at either Griffith University, University of Southern Queensland or Queensland University of Technology. I am sure they will not only enjoy their experience with us but leave knowing they have been to the ‘best school in Logan.’

Celebrations on the Junior Campus
• 2FC is to be congratulated for achieving 100% attendance for 7 days in a row. This is something to be proud of and definitely shows that it can be done!
• Our new Prep Students have achieved a grand total of 225 targets thus far this term. It is so exciting to see our Preps engaging in school and achieving their learning targets so early in the year!

Head lice
The presence of head lice is a very common childhood occurrence in the community. The primary responsibility for the management and treatment of head lice in students belongs with parents. In Queensland schools the management of head lice infestations is a recurring and challenging matter and requires commitment from the school community to treat outbreaks and minimise transmission.

Listed below are some facts about head lice:
• Head lice do not jump or fly. They are spread mainly by direct head to head contact. They have strong claws and move by swinging from hair to hair. This can happen when people play, cuddle or work closely together.
• A few head lice can be found on combs, hairbrushes and pillowcases. However, transmission from these objects can only occur when the item is used within the 24 hour period following use by an infested person. This is because head lice can survive only up to a day away from the human host. Head lice must feed on human blood every six hours to replenish their water supply or they will die from dehydration. The longer they are away from a human host, the weaker they become and the less likely they are to infest the next person.
• Head lice do not live or breed on animals, bedding, furniture, carpets, clothes or soft toys. Their life cycle must be completed on the human head.
• Head lice are a very common problem in schools and institutions everywhere in the world. While they are not a threat to health and do not transmit disease, they do cause a lot of distress and anxiety for families and schools.
• Anyone can get head lice. They affect all socioeconomic groups and are not a sign of poor hygiene. They have no preference for ethnic background, hair colour, hair type or age.

At Mabel Park we try to approach the prevention of head lice in a fair and respectful way and in keeping with Education Queensland guidelines. The following outlines Mabel Park State School’s approach:
• Advise parents of head lice outbreaks through letters to parents of students in affected classes
• Ask parents to notify the school if their child is affected
• Provide general head lice information on the school website for parent reference
• Contact parents when head lice is detected on their child and send

Responsibility
Families have the responsibility of finding and treating head lice at home.
• It’s important that families work together to beat head lice!
• Remind children can learn to check for head lice themselves and help each other.
• Our school supports families by providing accurate information and reinforcing these messages of school.
treatment information home

For further information with regards to treatment and prevention of head lice, please access the following link:

http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/InfectionsandParasites/Parasites/headLice_fs.asp

NAPLAN Testing

On May 13, 14 and 15 May NAPLAN testing will be occurring across the country for students in Year 3, 5 & 7. For students with special needs we are able to provide a range of accommodations during the testing period. If you would like to discuss these please talk with your child’s class teacher or special education teacher.

Alternative Programs

Alternative Programs have begun across both the Junior and Middle campus. These programs are designed to focus on student’s specific needs. You would have received a letter home outlining what programs your child/children are participating in. If you have any questions regarding this please see their Special Education Teacher or Class Teacher.

NAPLAN 13, 14, 15 May

Students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will be taking part in Language Conventions, Writing, Reading, and Numeracy testing this May as part of the National Assessment Program: Literacy and Numeracy. All eligible students must sit the tests unless they are exempt or withdrawn by parent/carers. Students may be withdrawn from the testing program by their parent/carer. This is a matter for consideration by individual parents/carers in consultation with their child’s school. Withdrawals are intended to address issues such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing. A form is required to be completed, by 9 May, if you wish for your child to be withdrawn from one or all of the tests. Please see the appropriate office and speak with a Deputy, HOSES for Special Education Students or myself.

Here are 2 questions from each of the 3, 5, 7 numeracy tests to have a go at:

1. Which one of these equals 564?
   
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   56 + 46 \\
   50 + 60 + 40 \\
   500 + 40 + 6 \\
   500 + 60 + 4 \\
   \end{array}
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2. Which of these is used to measure length?
   
   ![Picture of measurement tools]
### 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): Talia K**
- **Bronze Gotcha (10): Aila, Karoma-Lee, Maliana, Raiven, Talia, Marie, Maniah, Summyr-Lilly, Ruby, Bryson, Rylei, Kendrix**
**AUSLAN Sign of the Week**

**Sign of the Week**

AFL

Rugby

**Weekly Awards**

**Prep**
Alex M, Curtis TW, Zion F, Jazz MH, Blessing M, Tekafa F, Emman B, Tai-Shun C, Laurie-Jay T

**Year 1**
Jeremiah VA, Griffin M, Kortinee S, Junior B

**Year 2**
Ryan S, Tahlia T, Isabell W, Ben H

**Year 3**
Joshua BF, Tyson R, Jaydn T, Cam B, Rylei L, Kalani GR

**Year 4**
Mereana T, Ryan H, Suliasi T, Nakiah W

**Year 5**
Andrew E, Shani S, Alayna R, Penita V

**Year 6**
Tyrese MG, Sina L, Tane P

**Year 7**
Brendan D, Callum W

**Extension**
Sara H, Shantealle O, Nabil A, Chloe S, Mony Neith L, Anahera S, Ketia K

**Music**
Irfan R

**PE**
Raiven C, Harvest L

**School Disco**
The school disco is Friday 21 March 5:00-7:30pm. The cost is $6 if paid before the night or $8 on the night. Chocolates, lollies and glow products will be available for purchase. Prep parent must stay for the duration. Hope to see you all there.

**AGM**
The AGM is Thursday 20 March at 6:00pm in the library.
T/Shirt, Book and Plant Sale
Logan East Community Neighbourhood Centre is holding a T/Shirt, Book and Pant sale on Saturday 29 March from 8.00am – 12.00pm. There will be brand new T-shirts in all sizes for $2 each and a variety of plants, books and bric a brac. Come along to our centre on the Corner of Cinderella Drive and Vanessa Blvd, Springwood and pick up a bargain. All proceeds from our sale go to support LECNA programs. For more information call 3808 4529.

Sensory Movie Day
Every month we hold a movie at Events Cinemas Browns Plains for Families with Special Needs. These screenings are so children can try every seat, flap, stim. The lights stay on dim and the sound is lowered. You will need to present a “Sensory Movie Day” membership card to purchase tickets. Membership cards are available at the cinema or will be handed out in the foyer before each screening if you don’t have one. Companion i.d cards accepted and children 2 years and under are free.

No Proof of Diagnosis necessary
All family members are welcome!
$5 Small Popcorn and Small Drink available
Face-painting – Spot prizes – Balloons
For more information, please contact:
Jacinta Huch
0458045881
sensory.movies@hotmail.com

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KIDS 4 KINDY PROGRAM

Kindy programs are offered by qualified teachers. Your child will learn while playing.

Give your child the best start for the future

Is your child 3 to 4 years old?

Kingston East Neighbourhood Group offers free kids 4 kindy program funded by the Queensland Government (Office of Early Childhood) to:

- Indigenous families
- Families from Culturally and Linguistically diverse backgrounds.

What do we do? We provide:

- Information on vacancies and costs of kindergarten programs within your area
- Assistance with kindergarten enrolment and enrolment fees
- Support for your child’s transition into kindy
- Information on how Centrelink can assist you
- Free Kindy packs for eligible families
- Information on other educational programs within the community to encourage children’s participation and family involvement

For more information, call Lari (Program Coordinator) on 38081684