Great Results Guarantee
Mabel Park State School will receive an additional $258,000 this year under the Great Results Guarantee initiative to improve student literacy and numeracy. We have worked to create a plan that we have submitted for approval. Following approval it will be placed on our school website. The strategies we have targeted are as follows:

1. Intensive reading intervention in Year One
2. Introduction of an oral language program in Prep
3. Consistent, research based reading program across Prep-Year Seven
4. Staff capacity building in the teaching of reading

These are exciting strategies that we look forward to implementing in the near future. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Responsible – Keep hands feet and object to yourself
This week and last week our school expectation focus has been “Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.” We select each week’s focus based on the behaviour referrals from the previous week. Unfortunately students have continued to be referred to the office for not following this rule. Please follow up at home on the importance of this rule to ensure that every child at our school has the best possible opportunity to learn in a safe and supportive environment.

Community Hub
Last year we were fortunate to win a grant to start up a community hub here at Mabel Park. Our hub will begin next week and be led by Miss Jane Muil. I welcome her to our school community. Jane’s role will be to support students and their families to ensure successful enrolment, attendance and engagement at school. She has many established community contacts and will be able to connect families to these services to make school a successful experience. More information will follow in the next newsletter.

Student Resource Scheme – 4 weeks left 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.

School Website
Have you had a look at our school website lately? www.mabelparkss.eq.edu.au

Emergency/Evacuation Drills
Each term our staff and students practice emergency/evacuation drills to ensure that if a situation was ever to arise that everyone was calm and educated about the processes required. Here at Mabel Park SS our fire evacuation sound is a ‘continuous siren’ whilst our lockdown signal is “The Macarena.” If you are present in the school grounds during a drill you must comply with school procedures. For a fire we need to gather on either oval and for a lockdown you need to go to either admin building. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.
Parent/Teacher Interviews—Tuesday 25 March
All parents/carers are encouraged to take advantage of the upcoming 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. The interviews will occur on Tuesday 25 March. Information on parent/teacher interviews will be sent home shortly.

P&C Meeting
Our next P&C Meeting is Thursday 20 March at 6pm. This will be our Annual General Meeting. Please come along and share your ideas for our school.

Upcoming Events

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The end of the school day
Thank you very much to our families who ensure that children depart, or are picked up from school, on time each and every day. Your continuing cooperation is truly appreciated.

Frustratingly, a small number of our families neglect to collect their children on time, neglect to contact school to advise us of late collection and are not able to be contacted on the phone numbers we have in our system. We do not have staff available to supervise children after school. School finishes at 2:40pm and it is at this time that children must make their way home or must be collected. Alternately after school care arrangements must be made.

Scooters, bikes and helmets
A reminder that scooters are not to be ridden to school. When students ride a bike to school, they must wear a helmet and it is strongly recommended that the bike is securely locked.

QSchools app
The QSchools app allows parents, teachers and students to have instant access to live school updates and information, connecting the school community.

The app displays school location, contact information, news, calendar events and newsletters. This information feeds directly from our school website.

App benefits for parents/caregivers include:

- accessing the latest school news and events to stay informed
- receiving emergency announcements and information around school closures
- convenient and prompt method of receiving messages/information from school/s
The QSchools app is available for parents to download free via the Apple iTunes store and Google Play.

**Mr Maher’s mind benders**

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Last newsletter’s answers: Each can be followed by ‘tail’; 45; The Sound of Music; analogy, cologne, prologue, slogan.

**Junior Campus News**

**Deputy Principal: Nicole Miller**

**Reading at home with your child – some tips to assist!**

- It is very important that a home reading session is relaxed and enjoyable. If the child becomes anxious or stressed is best to read to the child.
- If the child has difficulty with more than one word in every ten, then the book is too difficult and you should read it to the child.
- Don’t be over anxious about errors and continually correct the child. This will discourage a beginning reader. The child may develop the ineffective habit of beginning to wait for you to always give an unknown word.
- Remember to talk about the book; before, during and after the reading. This promotes comprehension and an understanding that reading is more than just getting the words right.

**Arriving and leaving school**

A number of students pass through the Junior Campus every day on their way to and from school and I am very happy to report that the majority do this with great respect and responsibility. There are a few students however who need to be reminded of the expectations when arriving and leaving our school grounds.

- Before and after school is not a time to play
- Play equipment is out of bounds

**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.

**Gunyiju Playgroup**

Our Gunyiju playgroup has stared in the Murri Club on a Monday morning from 9:30-11:30am. Please bring along your little ones to engage in a morning of fun activities and learning. Look forward to seeing you there!
Student Targets
Congratulations to those students who have achieved one or more of their personal targets so far this term. It has been extremely pleasing to see so many of our new Prep students achieving their first targets. Thank you also to the dedicated staff of our school who work tirelessly to ‘move’ our students academically.

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

Student Support Services
If you have any concerns about your child’s development please see your child’s teacher. They can then refer your child to our Student Support Services. Our Student Support Services team can assess what areas your child needs support in and support them holistically to achieve their best at school. We will work towards assessing and supporting your child’s needs.

Literacy & Numeracy Resources
The Queensland Government’s website has a number of resources to assist Parents and Carers with supporting their children’s literacy and numeracy development. There are fact sheets and activities. Visit: http://education.qld.gov.au/literacyandnumeracy/resources.html

Fun & Educational Websites for kids
The DET website has a number of links for websites to assist your child with literacy, mathematics, science & SOSE. For the full list of websites visit: http://education.qld.gov.au/parents/information/website-links.html

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support
Our expectations at Mabel Park State School are encouraging students to be independent, safe and active learners. These expectations are:

Safe
Team
Achieve
Responsible

Students who show positive behaviours across these areas are known as our Mabel STARs. Every day teachers are recognising Mabel STARs in their classroom and in the playground.

Curriculum News
Head of Curriculum: Vicki Hailstone

NAPLAN 2014
Term Two is fast approaching, which means the National Assessment Program: Literacy and Numeracy is too. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. NAPLAN tests provide very valuable information, but there are no consequences for individual students for poor or good performance. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress. To provide an overview of the format of the tests, a full set of example tests is available at http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/the-tests/the-tests.html. In 2014, NAPLAN tests will be held on 13-15 May. Please see on the next page for a more detailed timetable. Information specifically for parents and carers can be found in the 2014 NAPLAN information brochure for parents and carers at http://www.nap.edu.au/verve/_resources/NAPLAN_2014_Information_for_parents_brochure_web.pdf
## School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

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

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Sport House Names

Kingston
- Ilani S, Hijaze A, Angel L, Mia P, Karel S, Tracey O, Alexandra C

Shailer
- Year 1: Zion F, Esita N
- Year 2: Boyd H, Felicity C
- Year 3: Joshua M, Talia B

Logan
- Year 4: Rodney V, Gabrisha C, Kena F, Kaelyn MG

Mayes
- Year 5: Junneang S, Zac P, Amber B, Shivan S, Elisha M

Year 6
- Darius R, Emily M, Monica D, Langaola T
- Rosina S, Maria L

Year 7
- Extension: Brianna C, James H, Astara S, Taniera D
- Music: Banjora W, Lincoln C
- PE: Montana F, Jason L

Weekly Awards

Congratulations to the following year level or age champions from Cross Country for 2014.

Prep - Zion F, Esita N
Year 1 - Boyd H, Felicity C
Year 2 - Joshua M, Talia B

PE News

PE Teacher: Teresa Radicke
Year 3 - Nicholas S, Udgon A
Year 4 - Fred V, Estarsha F, Phoebe I, Taylor K
10 Years - Locky H, Tate H
11 Years - Tyler W, Nicki L
12 Years - Kizito O, Radrisse I
13 Years - Biyaan Q

Congratulations to all students for completing the track. The overall house points:
1st Place - Kingston 323 points
2nd Place - Logan 278 points
3rd Place - Shailer 276 points
4th Place - Mayes 262 points

The Logan District Cross Country trials will be held on Wednesday 26 March at John Paul College playing fields.

Chappy News
Chaplain: Fiona Wilson

Chappy News
I've been at Mabel Park for over a year now. As the School Chaplain my role at school is to look after the spiritual, emotional and social side, to support the student services team and the School Community.

My room is located on the Junior Campus in H Block and is open Mondays and Tuesdays first break for Wild Wacky games and is a safe place open to all grades.

I'm looking for volunteers to help with a reading program during school. If you’re interested and have a few hours a week to spare, please give your details to the office and they will let me know. Alternatively, if you would like to help in other areas or would like to see me about anything, leave your details with the office.

Parents and Citizens’ News
President: Joeann Gibbons

School Disco
The first disco for the year will be held on 21 March and the theme is Crazy Hair. This disco will be a little different than we have done previously. It will be a whole school disco from 5pm ‘til 7:30pm. The cost will be $6 prior to the night or $8 on the night. Prep parents will need to stay for the duration of the disco. Hope to see you all there!

Collection
We need your help in helping a parent collect the ring pulls from the top of aluminium cans. She is collecting as many as she can to help her grandfather purchase a wheelchair. Please hand them in to either office or to a P&C member, it would be greatly appreciated.

AGM
Our next meeting will be the AGM on Thursday 20 March at 6 pm in the library. We would love for more people to come along.