Reconciliation Week BBQ – Wednesday 28 May 3:00pm – 4:30pm

National Reconciliation Week is the week beginning the 26 May. Here at Mabel Park SS we recognise this by hosting our annual Reconciliation BBQ for all of our families. Again this year we will share in a “Smoking Ceremony” and be entertained by our very own “Mabel Mob.” Please make the time to come along to share in our cultural activities. To find out more about Reconciliation Week visit the following website http://www.reconciliation.rocon26rorg.au/nrw

NAPLAN

This week our students have undertaken the NAPLAN testing. I have been very impressed by their dedication, perseverance and effort. Well done to everyone involved! Results will be released and shared with everyone later in the year.

Community in the Classroom

A huge “thank you” to the many parents and community members who attended “Community in the Classroom,” on Monday. It was wonderful to see a mix of parents and local community members sharing in our students learning. We hold these events each term in week four so please mark 4 August on your calendar for the next “Community in the Classroom.”

Facebook

Our Facebook site is a good way to keep informed of upcoming events. “Like us” to keep updated. Please ensure that you read the “guidelines” posted on our page before commenting on any posts. I hope that this is an easy, practical and safe way to share information and keep up to date. www.facebook.com/mabelpark0356

Creative Generation

Zu has again been selected from auditions held for students across the state to be a featured vocalist at this year’s “Creative Generation- State Schools Onstage.” If you are interested in an entertaining night out, go and see Queensland’s most exciting young talent performing alongside some of the industry’s most renowned artists. For more information about CGEN visit the website. www.education.qld.gov.au/community/events/creativegeneration/index.html

Sports Day - Monday 16 June

Date claimer: our Sports Day this year will be held on Monday 16 June beginning at 8:40am. Come along and enjoy a day of participation and competition. Don’t forget that the P&C are selling reversible hats with your child’s house colour on the inside. These look great!

P&C meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be held next Thursday 15 May at 6pm in the resource centre. Please come along and join us. Thank you to the P&C for running our annual Mother’s Day stall and to all of those parents for supporting it.

Upcoming Events

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Uniforms
Thank you to all parents and carers who are working hard to ensure our school uniform policy is supported. It is wonderful to see so many of our students have come back to school this term wearing the correct uniform right down to their black lace up shoes. If your child receives a breech notice for not wearing the correct uniform and you are experiencing difficulty adhering to our policy, please contact myself or Mr Maher so we can resolve any issues. We want all of our students to feel pride in themselves and our school and wearing the correct uniform helps us achieve this.

Attendance
At Mabel Park State School we talk about student attendance a great deal and believe that every day counts for your child/ren. It is important for us as a school to support your child/ren to become the best they can be – a successful learner, a confident and creative individual, and an active and informed citizen. Continual and repeated non-attendance impacts not only on your child/ren’s academic performance but also on their opportunities to develop socially and emotionally. While we are aware and understand that there are many reasons why students are away including illness, holidays, bereavement, family priorities, we do ask that we all work together to ensure every day counts for your child. If your child is not attending school on any day and for any reason, we ask you to please contact the office to keep us informed. If your child is absent from school you must contact us by: phoning the office on 3386 5333, email absence@mabelparkss.eq.edu.au or a note to the teacher the following day.

Community Education Counsellor
Leanne Smith, our Community Education Counsellor will now be working on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week. In her role as Community Education Counsellor, Leanne provides counselling and support to our Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander families. She also works with a variety of community groups to ensure the best possible assistance and services are made readily available. Leanne is a great asset to our school and if you have any questions or concerns with regards to your children or school in general, please feel free to contact Leanne as she is always willing to assist.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability
Information for Parents and Carers
Schools across Australia are taking part in a new national data collection on school students with disability. The data collection is being introduced in stages over three years, and started in 2013. From 2015, this information will be collected in every school across Australia, every year.
All Australian governments have agreed to this.
WHAT IS THE BENEFIT FOR MY CHILD?
All Australian governments agree that every child in an Australian school should have a high quality education. It shouldn’t matter what the individual child’s circumstances are – every child should have the same opportunity to succeed at school.
The aim of this new data collection is to have better information about school students with disability in Australia. Better information about school students with disability will help teachers, principals and education authorities to support students with disability to take part in school on the same basis as students without disability.
WHY IS THIS DATA BEING COLLECTED?
There is nothing new about schools collecting information about students with disability – in fact, schools have had to do this by law for some time. But the type of information currently collected varies between each state and territory.
With the new data collection, every school in Australia will use the same method to collect this information – that is, a government school in suburban Sydney will collect and report data in the same way as a Catholic school in country Victoria and an independent school in the Northern Territory.
The information provided through this new national data collection will enable all Australian governments to better target support and resources to benefit students with disability. It will help to put the right supports in place for students with disability so that they have the same opportunities for a high quality education as students without a disability.

WHAT ARE SCHOOLS REQUIRED TO DO?
Every school in Australia is likely to have a student with disability at some point. Schools need to be able to support students with disability by removing any obstacles for them to participate in their education. By law, schools are required to make reasonable adjustments where needed to assist students with disability. These responsibilities are outlined in the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005. This means that schools need to talk to the student and/or their parent/carer about reasonable adjustments. These are things the schools do now and this won’t change. The new data collection will record students who have been identified by a school team as meeting the definition of disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and provided with an adjustment.

WHAT IS AN ADJUSTMENT?
An adjustment is a measure or action taken to help a student with disability participate in education on the same basis as other students. Adjustments can be made across the whole school setting (like ramps into classrooms), in the classroom and at an individual student level (like extra tuition for a student with a learning difficulty).

National Parents/Carers Fact Sheet Version No. 2 as at 27 February 2014
For more information go to www.schooldisabilitydataapl.edu.au

WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE COLLECTED?
Your child’s school will collect and report information every year about:

- the level of adjustment provided
- the number of students who receive each level of adjustment
- where known, the student’s broad type of disability.

Some students who are not provided with an adjustment at the time of the collection will meet the definition of disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and will be eligible to be included in the data collection.

WHO WILL COLLECT MY CHILD’S INFORMATION?
Teachers and other school staff from your child’s school will collect the above information based on:

- consultation with parents/carers
- the school team’s observations and professional judgements
- any medical diagnosis
- other relevant information.

School principals are responsible for making sure that the information collected about each student is accurate.

HOW WILL MY CHILD’S PRIVACY BE PROTECTED?
Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of all children and their families is very important. With the new data collection, this will be done in the following ways:

- Personal or confidential information will not be given to anyone not authorised to see it.
- When the information is sent by your child’s school to the local or federal education authority for combination with information from other schools, it will be by school only – student names will not be recorded as part of the data collection.
- When the information is reported from 2016 onwards, it will be by school only – student names will not be recorded as part of the data collection.

WHEN AND WHERE WILL THE DATA BE AVAILABLE?
When all Australian schools are taking part in the new data collection, the information will be reported on the My School website from 2016 onwards. It will be by school only – no student names are recorded as part of the data collection.

CAN I DECIDE WHETHER MY CHILD’S INFORMATION IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?
It’s your decision about whether you want your child’s information to be included in the national reporting or not.
Including every school child who is being provided with an adjustment because of disability in this new national data collection each year will help schools, education authorities and governments to better meet students’ needs.

Your school will tell you what you need to do if you don’t want to have your child’s information included in the national data collection. Even if your child’s information is not included in the national data collection, your school is still required to provide support to your child with disability and any adjustments that may be needed to help him/her participate at school.

FURTHER INFORMATION
Contact us at school if you have further questions about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability and how it may affect your child.
You can also visit www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability

CURRICULUM NEWS

NAPLAN 2014
Congratulations to all Year 3, 5, 7 students who are currently taking part in national testing this week. The behaviour and attitude of students whilst undertaking these tests has been exemplary. All students have put in their best efforts and done all that they can to achieve the best results. Good luck to all for the final test tomorrow – numeracy. Catch up tests will be conducted Friday for any students who were absent. Results can be expected towards the end of the year.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
Registrations are now open for the 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge. The reading period is between 20 May and 5 September. The celebration weeks will be held 10 - 21 November 2014. The Premier’s Reading Challenge is an annual state wide event for students from Prep to Year 7 in state, Catholic and independent schools as well as home-educated students. Individual students, whole schools or individual classes can enter the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Since 2006 the Premier’s Reading Challenge has aimed to improve literacy and encourage children to engage in reading for learning and pleasure. Click here for registration information. (http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/registration.html)

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): John P
Silver Gotcha (15): Cooper S, Joshua M, Blake MC
**AUSLAN Sign of the Week**

**Sign of the Week**

Baseball

Volleyball

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**Weekly Awards**

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**P&C News**

** Mothers’ Day Stall**

We would like to thank all the parents who helped and contributed to the Mothers’ Day stall as well as all the students who bought gifts for their Mums and Grandmothers.

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**Chaplaincy News**

**Chappy Week: Sunday 18 May – Saturday 24 May**

Next week, Sunday 18 May – Saturday 24 May in Queensland is ‘Chappy Week’. A week of raising awareness of School Chaplaincy Services. We are here to provide spiritual, emotional and social support to the School Community. We are another face that supports the Student Support Services team here at school. If you would like to have a chat about Chaplaincy, please leave your details with the office and I will call you back.
Advertisements and Notifications

Get CONNECTED!

PARENTS / GUARDIANS / CARERS
WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US...

- Every MONDAY after PARADE
- FREE morning tea
- Come and get connected
- Find out what’s going on in our School Community
- Meet and hear from our friendly staff

For more information—please contact the office 3386 5333.

COMMENCING Monday 19 May, 2014
Every child, every day, learning and achieving

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 5 years
For further information please contact on
1800 794 303 or 3200 4762

Mabel Park SHS
Proudly Presents
The Performing Arts Showcase
Come along and meet our friendly staff as you experience an afternoon of musical talent

Thursday June 5
3:15pm-4:15pm
Paradise Rd, Slacks Creek
2015 Enrolment Information Sausage Sizzle - Gold Coin Donation

Save the Children Australia

Mobile Playscheme
Free playgroup
Mabel Park State School
Borman Street, Slacks Creek
For children 0 to 5, their parents and other carers. Come and join in with some free play, structured activities, crafts, singing, dancing, a healthy afternoon snack and lots of fun.
Tuesday afternoons 12.30pm
During the school term
For further information, please contact
Celia 0411 668852 or 3199 0511
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