Reconciliation Week
This week is National Reconciliation Week. Here at Mabel Park SS we recognise this by hosting our annual Reconciliation BBQ for all of our Indigenous families. Again this year we will share in a ‘Smoking Ceremony’ and be entertained by our very own Mabel Mob dancers. Please make the time to come along to share in a lovely afternoon. To find out more about Reconciliation Week visit the following website [http://www.reconciliation.org.au/nrw](http://www.reconciliation.org.au/nrw).

Brain Day Challenge – Mabel Park State High School
Congratulations to all of the students from 6/7VH who competed in the Brain Day challenge last Thursday. Students were asked to create a water rocket and test the distance travelled at the end of the day. The Year 6 rocket travelled the furthest of the day reaching 64 metres. It was an extremely successful day for us taking out the Year 6 and Year 7 trophies as well as Champion School. Well done to everyone involved!

Regional Showcase Award
Last Tuesday night at the Regional Showcase awards we won the Excellence in Leadership category for our significant contribution to improving student outcomes over the last four years. This is a fantastic recognition from the region for all of the amazing work staff do to make our school a great school. We are now invited to apply for the state awards which will be announced in October.

Get Connected
Each Monday after parade Jane Muil our Community Hub Leader is hosting a parent “Get Connected” morning tea. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet many of the staff here at school, chat with other parents as well as connect with local agencies that can offer a variety of support. Please drop in on these sessions each Monday after parade.

Fanfare
On Tuesday 3 June our school drumline will be competing in the Regional Fanfare competition. Mrs Stephenson and Mr Paton have been working extremely hard with these students to prepare them for the competition. We wish them all the best.

Every day counts
As the weather becomes cooler and cold and flu season kicks in, student attendance figures can drop. To gain the best possible opportunities at school and in the future it is vital that students are at school, on time, every day. One day off a fortnight equates to missing 4 weeks of school every year.
## Upcoming Events

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## Middle Campus News

### Deputy Principal: Troy Maher

**Punctuality**

I am delighted that the majority of our students arrive for school on time, in uniform, ready to learn and ready to be a Mabel Park STAR. Our first bell rings at 8:30am and it is at this time that students should be at school. Any student who arrives after 8:40am is considered late for school and this disrupts their own learning, the learning of other students in their class, the teaching of teachers and the operation of the office.

**Mobile Phones and electronic devices**

If students need to bring a mobile phone and/or MP3 player, iPod, etc. to school it must be clearly labelled with their name and handed in to the office before class. No phones or electronic devices are to be kept either in classrooms or students’ bags during school hours.

**Scooters and skateboards**

As stated in our Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students, scooters, skateboards and the like are not to be ridden nor brought to school. Each of these has historically created problems at our school including risking safety and increasing the theft of such items.

### Mr Maher’s mind benders

| Rearrange the letters of the following phrase to give the title of a classic western movie: MAIN EVENT: FIGHT SCENE |
| Which is the largest number? (a) The number of half-pints in 45 gallons, (b) The number of half-inches in 10 yards, (c) The number of half-seconds in 6 minutes |
| What do the following words have in common? BACK BREAK DISH RAIN UNDER |
| Rearrange these letters to form five different 3-letter words: A E G I L N R T |

30 April newsletter’s answers: Lloyd, Aidan, Ernie, Lenny; 3 – the series shows the number of letters in each number; 80; acerbic, concern, viceroy

## Junior Campus News

### Deputy Principal: Nicole Miller

**Students achieving learning targets**

The Junior Campus Office has been a very busy place over the past 5 weeks with 386 individual learning targets being achieved by our Junior Campus students. I am always thrilled to see so many of our students, who have obviously been working very hard in class, achieve either a maths, reading, writing or personal target. Special mention needs to go to our Prep students! As the youngest members of our school, they received the most targets this term. Be sure to ask your child what their learning targets are and find out how they are working towards these in class.

**Attendance**

I realise I discuss attendance quite regularly in the newsletter and there will be many of you thinking to yourself, “here she goes again”. I encourage all of our students to be at school every day, learning and achieving and that’s not just because it’s the Mabel Park State
School mantra! It is because the benefits of attending school far outweigh the benefits of not attending. Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves. When they start building the habit of regular attendance in Prep, they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help your child do well in high school, university and at work. Here are some tips to help you support your child.

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before
- Don’t let your child stay home unless s/he is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home
- If your child seems anxious about going to school discuss this with your child’s teacher or other parents for advice on how to make him/her feel comfortable and excited about learning
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbour, or another parent
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session

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, especially since we have had a few accidents of late that have involved children playing before school.

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

Thank you to the parents who ensure their children are here at a reasonable time and who also monitor their children’s behaviour before school.

Prep iPad Licences
Congratulations to all students in Prep KC, who recently earned their iPad Licence. To receive their licence they had to demonstrate how to take a picture on the iPad, locate the home key, take a screen shot, close down the apps correctly, hold the iPad responsibly and import a photo from the camera roll into Pic Collage. All the children were very excited and extremely proud when they received their lanyard and iPad licence, complete with their own photo, to put around their neck. I can’t wait to see what their next achievement will be with the iPads.

NAPLAN
Well done to all students who completed all NAPLAN tests during week four. I was great to see the attendance of the Year 5 and 7 cohorts – 98% of students completed all tests. I would like to thank our local fruit shop, Fresh on Allamanda, for supplying the children with a healthy start to the day. The shop, located at 12 Allamanda Drive, Daisy Hill, provided fresh apples, bananas and mandarins for every child participating in testing every day. The children were also offered an Up and Go to get their brains going. Thanks to all who helped out with the testing and the teachers for the work they have put in preparing the students.

Coffee Apple
Last Friday morning saw over 25 teachers and prac students attend our Coffee Apple session. This is a professional development session, held before school, which allows teachers to share ideas and collaborate on best practice, incorporating iPads into teaching and learning in their classrooms. This is a regular occurrence and is one way we ensure that teachers are constant learners at Mabel Park, continuing to be the best school in Logan!
Individual Learning Plans and Individual Support Plans
Your child’s Special Education Teacher will be contacting you to organise a meeting for their Individual Learning/Support Plan. It is best practice for this to be a collaborative process with the school and family. Individual Learning Plans are for students who have a disability and are working at an alternative year level. The following is an excerpt from the P-12 curriculum, assessment and reporting framework that gives basis for alternative year level curriculum, assessment and reporting.

The Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA) and the Disability Standards for Education 2005 (the Standards) require education providers to make reasonable adjustments to assist a student with disability to participate in learning and to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding.1 The Standards (Part 3) describe the process for determining if a reasonable adjustment is necessary. All Queensland education providers are required to adhere to the Standards.

The Standards provide a framework to ensure that students with disability are able to access and participate in education on the same basis as other students. The Standards do this by providing clarity and specificity for education and training providers and for students with disability. The Standards are intended to give students with disability the same rights as other students.

Individual Support Plans will continue for students who are not accessing an alternative year level. It is important that we recognise that these students have individual goals to work towards. Again, best practice is for a collaborative process with the school and family.

Sensory Tools
Throughout the school you may see students with sensory tools (eg stress balls). These tools aid in reducing stress and distractions, therefore increasing learning and positive behaviour. These tools are used within strict guidelines and have been individually selected for each student.

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): Josh M, Cooper S
Silver Gotcha (15): Gwendoline B, Ilaisaane T
**AUSLAN Sign of the Week**

**Aborigine**

**Torres Strait Islands**

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**Weekly Awards**

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**Sports Carnival**

The P-7 Sports Day Carnival will be held on Monday 16 June. Sports Day is where students compete in many activities with the emphasis on enjoyment, improving personal performances, skill development, fitness, participation and success by all. It is not a free dress day but students are encouraged to wear their house colours as it is easier to identify the house to which they belong and also creates team spirit. Colouring of hair or writing on skin is not allowed.

The Tuckshop will operate from the Junior Campus on Sports Day. Spectators can purchase the following items throughout the day.

- Cold drinks
- Muffins, cookies and snack lines
- Fresh Sandwiches
- Pies and Sausage Rolls
- Ice blocks

STUDENT LUNCHES MUST BE PRE-ORDERED; NO ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN ON THE DAY.
Orders need to be handed into the Junior Campus tuckshop along with payment by 8:40am on Wednesday 11 June so we know how much food to prepare for Sports Day. NO orders will be taken on the day from students.

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
Are you ready to get your dance on? Are you interested in volunteering to teach dance classes?

Where: Mabel Park State Primary School
When: One class a week during school time, 1 hour (times and days negotiable)
For who: Families, parents and pre-school aged children
Why: I’m on the lookout for fun activities to bring families into the school. You get to share something fun about YOUR great culture with other families!
Contact: Jane Muil, Community Hub Leader Mabel Park State School (3386 5333 OR jmuil2@eq.edu.au)
Mabel Park Playgroup

Come have a yarn

Transport is available

Activities for the children

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

Mobile Playscheme

Free playgroup

Mabel Park State School

Borman Street, Slacks Creek

For children birth to six years of age. Come and join in with some free play, structured activities, craft, singing songs, a healthy afternoon tea and a visit to the library.

Tuesday afternoons 1 - 3.30pm

During the school term

For further information, please contact

Cell: 0411 66 88 52 or 3190 0511

QLD Winter School Holiday Sports Camps!

AFL, Basketball, Rugby Union,

Rugby League, Soccer and Netball!

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