Student absences

When a student is absent from school, a reason for the absence must be given. This is a legal requirement. To advise us of the reason for an absence, you can:

- Send a note with your child
- Telephone the school 3386 5333
- Email the school absence@mabelparkss.eq.edu.au

Report Cards

Report Cards go home in Week 10. Please ensure that you take the time to sit down and discuss the results with your children and focus on improvements they may like to work towards next term. Is attendance or effort affecting their results? If you have any questions about report cards don’t hesitate to phone and make an appointment with your child’s classroom teacher.

Regional Fanfare

Congratulations to our drumline and strings students who performed exceptionally well at the regional Fanfare competition last week. Our drumline were awarded a gold award and our strings a silver. Thanks to Mrs Stephenson, Mrs Wilson and Mr Paton for their ongoing dedication to our successful music program.

Sports Day - Monday 16 June

Our Sports Day this year will be held next 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. 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.

P&C meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be held next Thursday 19 May at 6pm in the resource centre. Please come along and join us.

Upcoming Events

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Mabel Park State High School Science and Japanese

At the end of this semester 6/7VH and 7GW will stop Japanese lessons at the high school. These 2 classes will begin science lessons when we return from the mid-year holidays. Similarly, 6/7BB, 6JN, 6LC and 6NP will stop science lessons and begin Japanese lessons in Semester 2.

Emergency Evacuation and Lockdown Drills

We run evacuation and lockdown drills every term. Our staff ensure that our students are well versed in procedures for each of these drills. If parents/carers are ever on the school site during a drill, you are required to follow the direction of school staff.
Newsletter Feedback
We are always interested in improvement at our school. We would like to make sure that our school newsletter provides you, the parents/carers of our school, with relevant information. If you would like to provide us with your feedback on our newsletter, please do so by talking with a member of administration or by leaving us a note in one of the offices.

Mr Maher’s mind benders

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<th>What do the following words have in common?</th>
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<th>Here are the names of four colors, with the vowels removed. What are the four colors?</th>
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30 April newsletter’s answers: The Magnificent Seven; 720 in each case; Each can be followed by WATER to form a new word; alerting, altering, integral, relating, triangle

Go the mighty maroons!

Junior Campus News

Junior Campus Attendance and Uniforms
I am so thrilled to see the Junior Campus attendance rates back up over the last week. I urge you all to keep us on track and ensure we ‘stay in the green’ and make sure every day counts for your child. Thank you also parents and carers for ensuring your children are in the correct school uniform over the past few weeks. It looks great and feels great when we are all taking pride in our uniform!

Reconciliation BBQ and Thank you
A huge thank you goes to all of our community who attended our reconciliation BBQ to help us celebrate and recognise National Reconciliation Week (NRW). NRW is celebrated across Australia each year between 27 May and 3 June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision. Reconciliation at Mabel Park State School is about having respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage and valuing justice and equity for all Australians.

Thank you to Uncle Barry for welcoming us all to the BBQ and for playing some traditional games with our students. I know Uncle Barry was definitely tired by the end of the afternoon especially after all the running and dodging he did. An especially huge thank you to Greg Duncan for performing the smoking ceremony again this year. We value the contribution Greg makes to our school and are very happy that Greg agrees to do this each year. Thank you also to Chad Briggs for attending and helping us create a ‘yet to be revealed’ painting full of fingerprints. We look forward to seeing this completed and hung in our school.
Every child, every day, learning and achieving
Reminder – Register for the Premier’s Reading Challenge today!

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. The reading period for the 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge commenced on Tuesday 20 May and closes Friday 5 September.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is not a competition but a way to encourage students to develop a love of reading for life. Through the challenge students are given an opportunity to further develop their appreciation of the English language and are encouraged to explore and enjoy a wide range of literary texts. For a student to successfully complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge they must read or experience the number of books indicated in the table below.

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*Experiencing a book can include classroom or at-home activities such as shared reading, listening and reading along with a text, or being read to. The requirement for Year 5 through to Year 7 students to read 15 books rather than 20 books acknowledges that older students are likely to select longer, more complex books that may take them longer to read.

Students are encouraged to select a range of fiction and non-fiction books suited to their reading ability. While there is no compulsory reading list for the challenge, a booklist has been developed to help students, teachers, parents and guardians select appropriate reading material. The booklist has been divided into year level groups. Students are also welcome to read books from previous years’ booklists and from lists for higher year levels. The [2014 booklist](#) is now available. Students who complete the challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier. The celebration weeks will be held from 10 November to 21 November 2014.

An individual reader registration requires the parent/guardian to be the main contact for all PRC correspondence. Parents/guardians will:
- register their child on the PRC database
- download and assist their child to complete a [reading record form](#)
- enter their child’s data from reading record form into the PRC database by Friday 12 September 2014
- fax or email the signed reading record form to the [PRC project manager](#).

Before entering, please read the relevant [Registration kit](#) and the [Terms and conditions of entry](#).

Register now! ([http://prc.cpxonline.net.au/](http://prc.cpxonline.net.au/))

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**Special Education Program News**

**Head of Special Education Services: Diana Boulter**

**Nationally Consistent Collection of Data – School Students with Disability**

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.

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.

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.

If you have further questions about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability and how it may affect your child please contact the school office or you can also visit www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability.

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): Bryson B
Silver Gotcha (15):

AUSLAN Sign of the Week

Australia

New Zealand

Africa

Sign of the Week

Weekly Awards

Prep: Mia P, Curtis TW, Siaolo T, Lista L, Saylhor S, Oliver H, Mia J
Year 1: Come N, Jaquan D
Year 2: Jazmin L, Sharnay-Leigh M
Year 3: Cam B, Shannae K, Melanie BW, Hemi S, Rylei L

Week Seven and Eight, Term Two
P&C News

P&C Meeting
The next P&C Meeting is on Thursday 19 June at 6pm in the library.

Sports Day
The P&C will have refreshments available on the oval on Sports day.

Hamburgers $4.50
Sausage Sizzle $2.50
Drinks $2.00
Poppers $1.50

Snacks $1.50
Hamburger and Drink $5.50
Sausage Sizzle and Drink $4.00

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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 3380 5333.

COMMENCING Monday 19 May, 2014
PARENT HELPERS NEEDED FOR YMCA BREAKFAST CLUB

Can you please help serve breakfast on Thursday morning?

No cooking required!

Time required: 7:40 – 9:00am

Please contact Ben Simpson from the YMCA on Ben.Simpson@ymcabrisbane.org or 3440 3400.