School Opinion Survey

Your child will be taking home with them this week a letter inviting parents/caregivers to participate in the Department of Education and Training, School Opinion Survey. Please check with your child to ensure that you receive this letter. The results of this survey help us to evaluate and reflect on how well our school is going and to identify areas for future development. The survey results are also an important part of the school’s annual report.

The School Opinion Survey is an online survey and should take less than ten minutes to complete. It will be available for completion up until 3 August, 2014. Details to access the survey are outlined in the letter that has been sent home. If you don’t have access to a computer or the internet and would like to complete the survey please contact us and we will arrange for you to complete it here at school. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us on 3386 5333.

Thank you for your participation in the survey.

NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC celebrations are held around Australia each July (6-13 July) to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year the theme for NAIDOC is ‘Serving Country: Centenary and Beyond’. The year’s NAIDOC theme honours all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who have fought in defence of country. For more information in regards to NAIDOC week, visit the official NAIDOC website: http://www.naidoc.org.au/

At Mabel Park, we will be celebrating NAIDOC week next week. This year we will be holding our annual NAIDOC parade on Tuesday 29 July in conjunction with Mabel Park State High School and we will also be hosting our second NAIDOC Expo on Friday 1 August. Our CEC Leanne Smith and a team of dedicated mums have begun preparations for our Expo. Our Mabel Mob students are also busy rehearsing our NAIDOC parade and Expo. We look forward to seeing you all at these upcoming events.

‘Community in the Classroom’ – Monday 4 August

Monday of week four in each term is our “Community in the Classroom.” This is an opportunity for parents, carers, family and community members to come and see just why we are the best school in Logan. We will begin the day with parade, followed by a short presentation of all the things that are happening in our great school. At 9:40 you will then be invited to go to your child’s classroom and join them in their regular classroom activities. You may join reading groups, a writing session, some maths problem solving, some fabulous activities using iPads, to name a few. This is an opportunity to share in your child’s learning so please mark it on your calendar and come and join us.

Creative Generation

Congratulations to Zu who performed last weekend in Creative Generation State Schools on Stage. She did an unbelievable job and was a wonderful representative of our school. We look forward to her performing a couple of the songs for us in the future. 40 Middle Campus students attended the performance. From all reports these students represented our school beautifully and are congratulated for their conduct. Thank you goes to our staff who supervised the excursion. Mrs Stephenson, Miss Hart, Jane Muil [Community Hub] and Chaplain Fiona provided an excellent experience for our students!

Upcoming Events

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Principal’s Message

Principal: Racquel O’Connor
MPSHS Open Day
Our Year 6 and 7 students will get a taste of high school life at the Mabel Park State High School Open day on Tuesday 5 August [Year 7] and Thursday 7 August [Year 6]. Our students will be exposed to various high school subject areas, facilities and specialised programs. Students will meet with their regular teachers here at school and then be walked across to the high school. Our teachers will remain with students throughout the day. Lunch will be provided by the high school on these days.

Years 6 and 7 Celebration – date claimer
Early notice that our Year 6 and 7 Celebration will take place on Tuesday 9 December at the Salvation Army hall on Paradise Road, Slacks Creek. Both year levels will celebrate together. As in recent years, students will be required to wear full school uniform for this event.

Years 6 and 7 Dinner
It is still our intention to hold a Years 6 and 7 dinner in the last week of school. We share information relating to this dinner at the start of the school year. The following is an excerpt from that information:

Students, parents and carers are advised now that the following criteria will need to be met for students to be invited to the dinner:

- Maintain at least 90% attendance throughout the school year (unless long term illness occurs)
- Classroom resource scheme is paid in full prior to the dinner or families who have chosen to provide stationery have done so
- School uniform is consistent with our School Dress Code
- Maintenance of appropriate behaviour (no disciplinary suspensions from school)
- Attendance at the End of Year Celebration

Although the dinner is at the end of the year, we realise that these criteria must be set up front so that students, parents and carers are well aware of our expectations.

Telephone Messages
The ladies in our office receive regular phone calls from families organising or reorganising arrangements for children getting home after school as well as general day to day family related messages. These messages interrupt teaching and learning for all students in the classes contacted. I understand that this may be necessary on the very odd occasion and request that families only do this in emergency or urgent situations.

Creative Generation Excursion
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Mr Maher’s Mind Benders

What do the following words have in common?
ROW RACK RAGE GAIN KING

Rearrange these letters to form two different eight-letter words:
BFHILOS W
2015 PREP Enrolments

Enrolments for 2015 Prep are open and we are advising our community to ‘get in quick’. Our lovely office ladies have the enrolment forms ready to be picked up or alternatively you can always access an enrolment form from our website www.mabelparkss.eq.edu.au. When enrolling your child for Prep, you will need to bring in your child’s birth certificate as we are required under the Education Act 2006 to sight this document. We also look forward to seeing many of our future Preps at Prep Readiness in Term 4.

Playgroup

Thank you to those families who have been supporting our two playgroups. We are very, very keen to continue offering playgroup at Mabel Park twice a week but it does rely on people coming. Please support our playgroups each week so we do not lose them to another venue. Playgroup is open to any children who are not attending school (birth to pre school age).

- Every Monday 9:30am – 11:30am – Murri Club
- Every Tuesday 12:30pm – 2:30pm – Borman Street entrance (under the trees)

Targets

It is always great to start a new term with our students achieving their individual learning targets. I have already congratulated many Junior Campus students and look forward to seeing many more visit my office for achieving their targets this term. Please be sure to ask your child/ren what their targets are. Your interest in their learning helps support what our teachers are doing for your child/ren in the classroom.

Curriculum News

Head of Curriculum: Glen O’Halloran

Supporting your child’s education

Taking an interest in your child’s education is the most important thing you can do to help them realise their full potential. You can improve your child’s chances at school and later in life by supporting them in how they learn. From getting to know what your child should be learning to having regular conversations with your child regarding their literacy and numeracy targets, there are simple ways to make a difference without changing the way you live.

- Show them you’re interested. Get to know their timetable and talk about what they’ve learned that day. If you’re not familiar with a subject, get them to teach you so that they are putting their new knowledge into practice.
- Get to know what your student is learning at school. If you have access to the internet at home, visit www.acara.edu.au to find out what is being taught. Make time to talk to your child’s teacher.
- Encourage a good attendance record. Any time off from school affects your child’s progress. Make sure they arrive on time, and give them a healthy breakfast before they leave home to help their concentration.
- Have a handy ‘toolbox’. Keep a box of pens, pencils, rubbers, books and so on so that your child has all the ‘tools’ they need to do learn at home.

Reading at Home

With Book Week fast approaching, now is a great time to refresh some strategies you can practise at home to help support your child’s reading. Reading with children is a proven way to promote early literacy. As most parents know, however, it’s not always easy to carve out time each day for reading. Luckily, by putting a few simple strategies into action a parent can make a significant contribution to their child’s reading in as little as 20 minutes per day.
Set aside special reading time (and a special reading place). Setting a designated reading time helps in several ways. First, it allows a parent to plan their day more effectively and make time for reading. It also helps the child, especially reluctant readers, to think of reading as a normal scheduled daily activity.

Read a child’s favourite book over and over again. This will provide positive reinforcement and your child will gain confidence as they are able to successfully recognize words.

Choose stories with rhyming words and lines that repeat. Invite the child to join in on these parts.

Stop and ask about the pictures and about what is happening in the story.

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**Disability Services Queensland**

Did you know that if you have a child with a disability you could be eligible for support through Disability Services Queensland. You will need to apply to access their support and your child’s needs will be prioritised against others. To start the process for applying you need to contact our closest services centers. These are:

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**Special Education Teachers**

With Mrs. Boulter being on leave this week, it has allowed time for SEP teachers to spend some time tracking verified students against the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standards. This is a beneficial activity as it provides a comprehensive picture of each Special Education student and their future learning needs. It is also a fantastic way to track the progress made by these students. These ongoing professional opportunities are another way Mabel Park State School continues to provide the best education to all students enrolled at our school.

**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):**
- **Silver Gotcha (15):** Ruby E
- **Bronze Gotcha (10):** Ronny CF, Alex L, Hemi S, Esther K, Caitlin S
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Week One and Two, Term Three 2014

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图书馆新闻

The theme for Book Week this year is ‘Connect to reading - Reading to connect’. Book Week runs from Saturday 16 – Friday 22 August. Each year, schools and libraries from all over Australia spend a week celebrating books, and Australian authors and illustrators. The Children’s Book Council of Australia’s aim is to foster children’s enjoyment of books, and to highlight the importance of reading.

Mabel Park is celebrating Book Week by having a Fancy Dress Parade on Friday 22 August, starting at 9am in the parade area. Come dressed up as your favourite book character or a character based on the theme.

There will be prizes for the best dressed student in each year level, and a parents’ prize too. So come and join our celebration.
Advertisements and Notifications

Mabel Park State School and Mabel Park State High School cordially invite you to attend our 2014 NAIDOC Week Ceremony and Morning Tea.

Tuesday 29 July 2014
9.00am – 11.00am
Mabel Park SS Junior Campus
Borman Street, Slacks Creek

To confirm your attendance please contact Nicole Miller prior to 25 July
3386 5333
nmill32@eq.edu.au
Artwork by Chad Briggs

Southern Stars Baseball Club
Regency Drive, Regents Park
Come & Try Days
26 July and 2 August
9am – 2pm
Under 8 – Seniors welcome
Contact Karen – 0421 773 768
FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER
Saturday 9 August 2014

Mabel Park State School invites you to participate in our Family Portrait Fundraiser. Advanced life Professional Photographers will provide you with a Family Portrait for only $20 (valued at $130).

For your $20, you receive your choice of a 10 x 13 inch print (in colour) OR a Pencil Sketch with a bonus key ring with a family portrait photo to fit. 100% of this money is retained by Mabel Park State School.

Please contact Mark Fletcher on 0499159898, or mdfletcher72@gmail.com to reserve your photography session before they’re all gone! Our fundraiser will be held on Saturday 9 August 2014 at Mabel Park State School.

Additional photos will be available for purchase at no obligation. These additional photos include: Portraits & Greeting Cards – featuring your Family Portrait & other photos taken on the day, with a Complete Package for only $199.00! Please visit our facebook page on www.facebook.com/advancedlifefundraising for more information about the images on offer, what to wear or other general queries.

There are four rules for participation in this fundraiser:

Rule 1 Minimum of two generations in the Family Portrait
Rule 2 No person may appear in two separate fundraising Family Portraits (exception of separated couples)
Rule 3 An adult family member appearing in the fundraising Family Portrait must be present to collect & view their family portraits (or able to make alternative arrangements)
Rule 4 Families must sit for a minimum of three separate poses on the day

Please help Mabel Park State School raise valuable funds by participating in our upcoming advanced life Family Portrait Fundraiser. Invite your neighbours and friends - Family Portraits provide memories to be kept & cherished by the entire family for years & generations to come.
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, craft, singing, stories, a healthy afternoon snack and lots of fun.

Tuesday afternoons 12.30pm
During the school term

For further information, please contact
Celia 0411 66 88 52 or 3199 0511

LOGAN METRO TOUCH

Junior Touch Competition
SUMMER 2014

(Fully affiliated and insured with Touch Football Australia)

Sign On - Saturday Aug 2nd 2014
9am – 10.30am
Games Starts: Saturday 16th Aug 2014
GRAND FINALS: 29th Nov 2014

Interested in playing Touch Footy? Great!
Come on down to Goonellabah Park Touch Fields.
Register your team or we can help find you a team to play in. Don’t miss out!
Season is for 12 rounds plus finals.

For further information, please contact
Celia 0411 66 88 52 or 3199 0511

For more information, please visit our website at: www.loganmetro.mtouchofa.com