Dear parents, caregivers, friends of Mabel Park SS and students,

Welcome to the 2015 academic school year. It is a great pleasure to write this first newsletter for the Mabel Park State School Community. This marks a new beginning for Primary School as Prep – Year 6 schools with the Year 7 students transitioning into the Secondary context. The demand for enrolments at our school has again been very high and with Year 7 leaving the Primary School setting, our student population is hovering around 705, much the same as last year. Therefore, we welcome our new families, students and new staff – they will provide fresh energy, enthusiasm and talent to our community. For our Year One Students, this marks their entrance into the world of formal education and for our Prep students, it is their preparatory year for the world of schooling. The months ahead will see them all progress significantly, especially in the areas of literacy and numeracy. We are welcoming the following new staff to the school for 2015: Miss Cowling (Prep), Miss Smith and Miss Mellor (Year 1), Miss Conomos (Year 3) and Miss Gordon (Year 6 supporting the Special Education Program). We have two teachers returning from leave to re-join the Mabel Park State School family: Mrs Gee, who coordinates our valued Prep Start Program and Miss Brown who teaches History to most of our students. Congratulations to Miss Byrne (Year 4) who was married over the holidays and will now be known as Mrs Robertson.

I am so excited about this upcoming year and I pledge to you that we will do all within our power to make this school year the best ever for your child. We are trying many new innovative strategies this year to help make sure we are placing each student into the most progressive learning situations possible to meet the individual needs of each child.

As in previous years our teachers continue to have common non-contact time for each year level. It is important for our teachers to have this collaboration time in order to plan teaching activities, discuss assessment data, create next steps for lessons and projects, and receive training or supplement guidance on technology or lesson implementation. Through this process, they have become much more cohesive year level teams, working together to make the learning process for each child more effective and progressive. One of our goals is for Mabel Park State School to be a showplace of exceptional educational practices and this is one practice that research has shown to be very effective.

In providing high quality education relevant to the needs of our students, we rely on close collaboration with our parents and community. Parents have the opportunity to work with teachers and children: in classrooms, at special activities, on excursions and camps to name a few. We are committed to encouraging parental involvement in our school and to providing parents with the best possible information on their child’s progress.

For all parents and friends of the Mabel Park SS, I sincerely encourage you to please come see us, get involved in your child’s educational programs, and help us make this the best school year ever. Have a great day, a wonderful upcoming weekend and until next time, stay safe, healthy, and happy.

Upcoming Events

| 9 February | Parade |

Principal: Karen Brown

Principal's Message

Upcoming Events Commencing 4 February 2015
Middle Campus News

The beginning of a new school year
Thanks to the excellent preparation of our school staff and the support of our families, students on the middle campus have experienced a solid beginning to the 2015 school year.

Our Year 3 extension class students and our Year 4s have quickly adapted to school life on the middle campus and are focused on their learning. Year 5 and Year 6 students are leading the way and so far have set a wonderful example for our other students to follow. Students, parents and carers are reminded that students need to be: ‘At school every day, on time, in uniform, ready to be a STAR (Safe, Team, Achieve and Responsible).’

Sporting House Captains
Thank you to Miss Radicke for leading the process for selecting our 2015 house captains. All students who nominated for these positions are congratulated for their efforts. Students have not yet been told if they have been selected as a captain or not. Parents/Carers will be contacted and invited to attend our school parade in the next couple of weeks, where we will present our captains with their badges.

Class changes on the Middle Campus
Parents/Carers have been notified this week of the need to change some classes on the Middle Campus. Those students who are moving classes will do so on Thursday 5 February. Thank you in advance to staff, students and parents/carers for making these changes seamless.

Contact and Personal Details
Please make sure that we have up to date contact and personal details for your child/ren. This is incredibly important to ensure that you can be contacted, particularly if an emergency arises. A telephone call, or note sent with your child/ren, to the ladies in the office is all that is required to update information.

Early Departures
If it is absolutely necessary to pick your child up prior to the end of the school day, please report to one of the offices and speak with the ladies. They will contact the class teacher and have your child come to the office. Parents/Carers are not to go to classrooms to collect children.

Junior Campus News

Welcome to 2015!
Welcome to all the new families who have joined us this year and welcome back to our existing families. It has been a great start to the New Year and a brilliant one for the newest and youngest members of our school — Our Prep students. What a wonderful start to the year we have had.

Be safe, play safe – before and after school
One of our SAFE expectations at school is be safe, play safe. This has become a very important message on the Junior Campus and it is timely that I remind parents and carers that there is no play before or after school. There are no teachers on duty during these times and the expectation is that the students sit down and wait near their classrooms for the 8:30 am bell and exit the school in a timely manner after 2:40 pm. To ensure that students are be safe prior to and after school we all need to work together. In the morning, this will mean sitting with
your child near the classroom ensuring they are not running around. At the end of the day, this will involve exiting then school grounds in a timely manner and not playing on the playground equipment.

**We have had a great start with uniforms on the Junior Campus!**

Congratulations to those of you who have ensured your child/ren is/are in the correct uniform from top to toe each day. The students are very proud of their uniform and are enjoying showing me their new shoes or new hats. Keep up the great work!

I would like to remind everyone that the wearing of a hat should be a habit that starts in childhood and continues throughout life. Research indicates that childhood sun exposure is an important contributing factor to the development of skin cancer in later life. Skin cancer occurs when skin cells are damaged, for example, by overexposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun. Every year, in Australia:

- skin cancers account for around 80% of all newly diagnosed cancers
- between 95 and 99% of skin cancers are caused by exposure to the sun
- GPs have over 1 million patient consultations per year for skin cancer
- the incidence of skin cancer is one of the highest in the world, two to three times the rates in Canada, the US and the UK

Our P&C continue to support our school uniform policy and their initiative to purchase school bucket hats has proven to be a huge success, especially for our Prep students who receive one as part of the resource scheme. You can purchase a Mabel Park State School hat at the Junior Campus office for $12.50.

**Special Education Program News**

**Welcome back to school for 2015!**

As always our Special education program aims at delivering inclusive support alongside targeted intervention for students with disabilities. Our Special Education staff for 2015 are:

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<td>Judy Waldie (replaced by Amina Ferizovic)</td>
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<td>Melissa Gordon</td>
<td>Sonya Reardon</td>
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As always staffing is dependent on Day 8 staffing. I would like to welcome our new staff.
**Nutrition Workshops**
The Logan City Council is offering free workshops for all to learn about food additives, how they affect children and alternatives for them. For more information please the flyer in the newsletter or visit: [www.MealPlanningYourWay.com/events](http://www.MealPlanningYourWay.com/events)

**Disability Services Queensland**
Disability Services Queensland (DSQ) offers a range of supports to assist families who care for a person with a disability. For more information visit the following website or talk with myself and we can link you into support services.


**Campus Timetable**
I will be across both the Junior and Middle Campuses to support all staff and students. In order to do this I will base myself on the Junior and Middle Campus on particular days but will be available to all across the five days.

- **Junior Campus**: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
- **Middle Campus**: Tuesday and Friday

**Curriculum @ Mabel**
Welcome back to another fantastic year at Mabel Park State School. The classrooms are well into their first curriculum unit, where targets and goals are being set with student ready to achieve great things in 2015. Classroom teachers are concentrating on English, maths and science and students will have specialist teachers for health and physical education, music, history and geography. Teachers are following the Queensland Curriculum into the Classroom (C2C) units, which are based on the Australian Curriculum. Be sure to ask your child about their first weeks at school. To get more than a one word response try some of these questions...

1. Tell me about the best part of your day.
2. What was the hardest thing you had to do today?
3. Did any of your classmates do anything funny?
4. Tell me about what you read in class.
5. Who did you play with today? What did you play?
6. Do you think math [or any subject] is too easy or too hard?
7. What's the biggest difference between this year and last year?
8. What rules are different at school than our rules at home? Do you think they're fair?
9. Who did you sit with at lunch?
10. Can you show me something you learned (or did) today?

**Mabel Park State School Facebook Page**
We have an active Facebook site and so far have 350 likes. This year we are striving to reach 500 likes. If you have an account please like our page, it is a great way to hear about things happening at our school. [www.facebook.com/mabelpark0356](http://www.facebook.com/mabelpark0356).

Download the i-nigma app to read the QR codes in the newsletter. Scan the following code to like our Facebook page!
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**Parade**
Parade is held every Monday commencing at 9am. Everyone is welcome to attend as it’s a great way to hear what is going on at the school and what important events may be coming up.

**NAPLAN 2015**
2015 will see the first year where we will have only Year 3 and 5 students sit the national testing. I will provide more specific details in the near future, but for now, dates for the calendar are the 13, 14 and 15 May.

**Workplace Health and Safety**
As the workplace health and safety adviser within the school it is my obligation to advise of new tobacco laws. Specifically, the smoking ban within 5m of the school ground that has been imposed. Please see below for more details from the region. We appreciate your cooperation.

*Smoking ban extended to 5m around school grounds from 1 January 2015*

As of January 1 2015, smoking any tobacco products or using an electronic cigarette within five metres of any state or private school grounds has been banned.

This applies before, during and after school hours as well as over weekends and school holidays.

On the spot fines can be issued by environmental health officers, police officers or other officers authorised by the local government to anyone found in breach of this legislation.

The ban does not extend over businesses or residences that share a property boundary with a 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): NA

Silver Gotcha (15): NA

Bronze Gotcha (10): NA
Prep: Ivana L, Tiara H, Adilah L, Sione V  
Year 1: Jorge L, Irie K  
Year 2: Kortniee S, Onga T  
Year 3: Sam R, Isabel W, Jade VA, Tiana-Rose J  
Year 4: Eleni G  
Year 5: Corey H, Bob N  
Year 6: Ranil S, Reyhaneh S, Lachlan H  
Extension: Noah F, Kate A  
Music: Blake MC  
PE: Ondraya V

**Important Information for parents from the Queensland Police Service**

Please find attached information from the Queensland Police Service regarding safe transport of students to and from school.

**PE News**

**Year 6 Leadership Day**

Our Year 6 students took part in Leadership Day on Monday 2 February. Students were involved in many team building and cooperative challenges and activities that developed the skills students need to be great leaders in 2015.

Students had the opportunity to vote for House Captain nominees at the end of the day.

House Captains for 2015 will be formally announced and presented with their badge on parade in the coming weeks.

**Afternoon Sport**

Afternoon Sport will commence in Week 3 for students in Years 3-6. Students will compete in their roll class playing against other classes in their year level in a variety of sports throughout the year.

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Advertisements and Notifications

LOGAN CITY RUGBY UNION
RECRUITING NOW

- Senior Colts & Junior Players Welcome
- Junior players available through the year
- For more information, contact MCRU on 3284 7939
- Logancityrugby@outlook.com
- Like us on Facebook
- Logancityrugby

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 3300 3233.

Going Crazy?

FOOD FOR A HAPPY AND CALM HOUSEHOLD

Are the chemicals in your child’s food causing temper tantrums, sleep disturbance and disruptive behaviour?

If you look at food labels and are confused by all the numbers, make life easier for yourself. Come along to this presentation with Home Economist and Additive Aware Community Talks Presenter Louise D’Auria to find out:

- Startling facts about the way our foods have changed;
- Which food additives are linked to health problems, especially in children;
- Where harmful additives are hiding in our every day foods;
- How to meal plan and shop smarter to avoid harmful additives and improve your health.

When and Where (pick one session):

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<th>Saturday 28 February 2015</th>
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Cost: FREE!

Bring: Notebook, pen and water

Contact: Louise D’Auria on 0468 723 599

Register online for this free event: www.MealPlanningYourWay.com/events

LIVE WELL LOGAN
inspiring a healthy Logan community

NAB AFL Auskick is running at your school now

Where: Mabel Park State School
When: First session is on Thursday 5th February 2015
Time: 3:00pm – 4:00pm
Length of program: 6 weeks*
Cott: $25

For more information visit aflauskick.com.au or call 3394 2398
WANT TO PLAY AT THE 2015 TOYOTA AFL GRAND FINAL?
Enter the NAB AFL Auskicker of the Year competition for your chance to be there!

Mabel Park State School Modified NAB AFL AUSKICK CENTRE

Please note: This is a modified Auskick centre. Participants will receive a football, pencil case, ruler and activity book as part of the registration.

FAQ
* Online registrations forms must be printed and given to AFLQ staff on 1st session.
* Kids turning 5 in Calendar year can participate.
* If you miss the first session, registrations will be accepted at anytime.

Register & Pay Online at www.aflauskick.com.au
Cash and Cheques accepted at this centre.
Please make cheques payable to AFL Queensland

Date: Thursday February 19, 2015
Time: 3:00 — 4:00pm
Cost: $25.00
Length: 6 Weeks
Venue: Mabel Park State School Oval

CONTACT: Damien Richards on 3394 2198 or damien.richards@aflq.com.au

Join Our Team AFLAUSKICK.COM.AU
DANCE CLASSES FOR CHILDREN, TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES


DANCE IS A UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE

Bust A Move Dance (BAMD) is the leading dance program for children, teenagers and young adults with a disability in Brisbane. Ali Phillips founded BAMD in 2009 and began the venture with five enthusiastic students attending one class a week.

Over the past years this social business has been in high demand and experienced exceptional growth with BAMD now facilitating eight to ten classes a week and accommodating over a hundred and fifty participants. BAMD is proud to be working with students of all ages and that have a wide range of disabilities including Autism, Down Syndrome, Deafness, Intellectual impairments, Physical Disabilities to name a few.

The vision for BAMD is that people of all abilities feel equal and powerful in the world and to provide them with an opportunity to express themselves in a comfortable environment. Our organization aims to do this through the vehicle of dance encouraging these young people with disabilities to become independent within their own communities.

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Every child, every day, learning and achieving

PCYC POSSIBILITY PROGRAM

Exclusive Free Program Offer!

Funding provided and supported by: Mazda Foundation

The PCYC Possibility Program at the Beenleigh PCYC has an exclusive FREE Program offer for the community with a successful application to the Mazda Foundation.

All participants of the Program will be able to access the Possibility Program for free for 6 months from 1st February.

Fun & engaging! Specialised Programs! Disability focused At school or PCYC

Anyone with a disability within schools or disability services can access the Program for free. The Program can be run at your school or the Beenleigh PCYC. Call now to book a place!

To book a weekly program session within the PCYC Possibility Program for FREE, please contact:

Peter Speaight (Possibility Program Manager)
3380 1777 / 0431 100 090
peter.speaight@pcyc.org.au