Newsletter

I acknowledge the Yugambir people as the traditional custodians of the land on which we are gathered and pay respect to the Elders both past and present.

Every day counts
It is imperative that students are at school, on time, in uniform, ready to learn and ready to be a Mabel Park Star each and every day. This must remain consistent right up until the very last day of this school year, Friday 11 December. Including today that is only 23 days of school remaining in 2015.

Remembrance Day
On Wednesday 11 November our staff and students paid respects to those who have fought in war and those who continue to fight in war for our nation. We held our minute of silence at the end of our eating break during which time students were asked to think of the sacrifices made by the men and women of our defence forces. Many thanks goes to Mr Ryan, our instrumental music teacher, who played the Last Post during the minute of silence on our Middle Campus.

Music Department set to showcase their talents
This term is an extremely busy one for Mrs Stephenson and her music department. Our students will be performing several times between now and the end of the year at school and in public forums. Students here at Mabel Park SS have fantastic musical opportunities across all ages and it is with the help and support of Mrs Stephenson that they get to refine and showcase their enormous talents. Good luck to all of the students for their end of the year performances. Wednesday 25 November is our Instrumental Music Night. We hope to see many of you here for this event.

Disco arrangements
The upcoming P&C disco is for all students in Prep – Year 6. As the safety of our students is our highest priority, students will remain within the ‘disco zone’ separated from parents, siblings, etc. I am confident that they will have an enjoyable evening. This year we will not be selling tickets at the door on the night of the disco.

Considerations for class placement 2016
Any considerations for the placement of students in 2016 were required last week. Thank you to those families who provided us with information to be considered.

Have you enrolled your child for Prep 2016?
If your child is turning 5 before 30 June 2016, please ensure that you collect an enrolment form from either office as a matter of urgency. During the last week of term we allocate Prep children to classes for 2016 and send home information letters.

End of Year procedures
To ensure correct staffing and class allocations for 2016 it is vital that you inform us if you are either not returning next year or returning late from holidays. Schools are staffed on students who have attended school during the first eight days of the New Year. If you are not returning until after Friday 5 February it is vital that we know to secure accurate staffing for 2016. Please contact the school offices or our Family Liaison Officers on 3386 5333 to inform us of your return date.
P&C Meeting

Please join us for the next P&C meeting on next Thursday night [19 November] at 3pm. These meetings are held in our Resource Centre. We hope you can join us.

Thought for the week:

…. Our studies show that teaching people to have a “growth mind-set,” which encourages a focus on effort rather than intelligence or talent, helps make them high achievers in school and life. Carol S Dweck.

Upcoming Events

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School Attendance

For your information, below is our attendance graph for the Middle School Campus– Week 5 update. Our overall attendance average has dipped to 89.5%. We had no classes at 95% or above, however we had four classes in the 93% range.

4BR @ 93.9%, 3/4DF @ 93.5%, 6GW @ 93.1% and 5/6CW @ 93.9% - GREAT EFFORT!

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE GRAPH for MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASSES (Week 5 Update)

- Classes with the best attendance - Year 4BR & Year 5/6CW with 93.9%!
- Class with the most improved attendance – Year 6LP

Congratulations to these classes on their achievement.
It will take hard work to maintain and improve those class averages and we need support from all members of our school community to keep focussed on our target of 95% school attendance – remember everyday counts.

A reminder, that the attendance levels for all classes will be on display in the office foyer each week so all members of our school community can track a class’ progress.

**Date Claimers for End of Year Events**

**Year 6 Celebration – Tuesday 8 December @ 5:45pm @ Salvation Army Hall, Paradise Road**

Invitations with an accompanying letter will be send home to the parents and carers of our Year 6 students next week. This will provide information about the Year 6 Celebration event. Please take the time to read the letter and invitation carefully so everyone is aware of the expectations for the event. In particular, it is important to note the following:

- **We have limited invited guests to a maximum of 2 for each student due to limited space available in the venue.**
- **We ask that younger siblings do not attend and alternate arrangements are made for them on the night.**
- **Our Year 6 students are required to wear full school uniform. Students not in uniform will not be included in the evening’s events. If your child does not have a uniform fit to be worn to our celebration, please contact your child’s teacher prior to Tuesday 1 December to make arrangements.**

We appreciate your support with these factors as we want to ensure that it is a successful night for our students and their guests.

**End of Year Academic Awards – Wednesday 9 December @ 9:00am in the Parade Area**

**2016 Student Leadership Selection Process**

Congratulations to the following students for making it through to the interview stage of the selection process.

- Georgia
- Teina
- Wonderful
- Jesse
- Mony
- Atekaite
- Mia
- Tarik
- Pauline
- Kauri
- Keenan
- Tyson

These students will be interviewed by myself and some other staff members this week. The list of 12 students will be reduced to 6 for the speech stage and after which the 2016 student leaders will be chosen by vote.

Importantly, if your Year 5 child is elected you will be notified by a letter and will be asked to sign a letter of agreement.

Our new student leaders for 2016 will be presented at the Year 6 End of Year Celebration (Tue 8 Dec) and then presented to the whole school at the End of Year Academic Award Parade (Wed 9 Dec).

**WELL DONE**

Congratulations to all our weekly award winners.

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**Junior Campus News**

**Keep up the fantastic effort Junior Campus Students – above 90% attendance for the past 5 weeks 😊😊**

What a tremendous effort the students, their parents /carers and our staff have put into our attendance data. We have had a record 5 weeks and I am looking forward to many more. Mrs Brown is running around furiously delivering ‘Super Doopers’ to all the classes who have reached 95% or above! Let’s keep all the great work going 😊

**Uniform 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 most
common uniform breach on the Junior Campus currently relates to hats. Unfortunately, some students are not bringing a hat to school which is a surprise given we live in Queensland.

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

2016 PREP Enrolments

Enrolments for 2016 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 starting in Term 4.

Braveheart P-3

On Friday 20 November all Prep – Year 3 students will have the opportunity to experience the Braveheart’s Personal Safety Education Program “The Ditto Show”. It provides students with the basic principles of personal safety. If you do not wish your child to participate in the program please let their class teacher know.

Hearing Screeners

All Prep students and some other identified students throughout the school will be having hearing screeners completed at the beginning of December. Hearing has a big impact on student learning. Please ensure you fill out the form sent home and return to the office by Wednesday 18 November.

Learn to Swim - Year 3 Students ONLY

Students in Year 3 have the opportunity to participate in a learn-to-swim program. Learning to swim is a vital skill for all ages, especially children. Learning to swim is a skill for life. Students will learn how to be confident in the water and learn basic water safety with a 30 minute lesson per day for 5 days from trained instructors at Gould Adams Aquatic Centre. The cost of travelling to and from the pool by bus will be covered by the school as part of Education Queensland’s learn-to-swim grant.

When: Monday through to Friday (30 November – 4 December 2015)
Where: Gould Adams Aquatic Centre, Kingston Road, Kingston
What: 5 X 30 min lessons
Cost: $30.00 (for 5 lessons)
Bring: appropriate swimwear, towel and thongs/flip flops in a plastic bag to school each day

Students are required to wear their full school uniform to school each day. Students will change into their swimwear before leaving the school grounds to minimise lost property. Mark all items clearly with your child’s name.
Boys are to wear either board shorts or speedos with a swim shirt. Girls are to wear a one-piece or bikinis with a swim shirt. Swimming caps and goggles are optional.

The completed student survey form, permission slip and payment needs to be returned by Monday 23 November 2015. NO PAYMENT will be accepted after this date.

**Junior Campus Office News**

**Payment Window**
The Payment Window will be closed for one day on Friday 6 November 2015 due to staff training.

The final day to pay CASH or EFTPOS payments through the window for this year is Friday 27 November 2015. The Payment Window will be closed from 30 November.

**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): Zoe H**


**Weekly Awards**

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SOUTHERN STARS NETBALL CLUB

Looking for a Netball Club for 2016 ....
Come Join Southern Stars Netball Club, Cornubia

We are a club who cares about our players, their development
and we celebrate their successes.

In 2015 we had: 5 junior teams aged 5 - 9 yrs.
These teams play Modified rules.
10 camo teams aged 10 - 11 years old. Six of these teams
played finals.

We welcome all players turning 5-10 years old in 2016

Sign on dates for 2016 will be 13, 20, 27th January

Registration
for more information or for an online
application form email
southernstars.netballclub@gmail.com

Pre-season fitness training:
13th, 20th & 27th
January 2016
4.30pm to 6.00pm

Request
a registration
form via email
southernstars.netballclub@gmail.com

2016 Sign On Dates

Sign on Dates:
Wednesday 13th, 20th & 27th January 2016 4.30pm to 6.00pm
Saturday 30th January 2016 9.00am to 12.00noon

SSNC Grading dates:
Wednesday 3rd February 2016 4.30pm to 6.30pm
Saturday 6th February 2016 3.00pm to 5.00pm

Meet & Greet 2016 Teams and Coaches:
Wednesday 10th February 2016 6.00pm to 7.00pm

IDNA Grading Day (Round Robin):
Saturday 27th February 2016 10am to 4pm

Email: southernstars.netballclub@gmail.com