School Leaders and teachers everywhere recognize the important contributions parents make toward a child’s success in school. There is no question about it - success at school begins at home. Parents are the single most important variable in a child’s schooling. Parents model both a silent and spoken language in front of their children daily.

One of the most important components of a good school is the partnership between the school and parents who work together for the best interest of children. The close partnership between home and school is one of the exceptional strengths at Mabel Park State School.

Mabel Park State School has a strong tradition of supportive, hard-working parents. Throughout the year parents have the opportunity to develop that partnership in a wide variety of ways. Parents join the P & C (first meeting Thursday 19 February), volunteer in the classrooms, read to their children and help in many other ways. It is important to your child that you are involved in some way at school. It’s a way to let your child know you think his or her school is important.

As we enter week 4 of a new school year, we find teachers establishing school standards and rules. In the most successful classrooms, teachers have established specific routines for the children to follow. This means giving the children a specific place to find and keep materials, a set schedule for classroom instruction, etc. These routines, blended with the teacher’s consistent standards, form a smooth running classroom where the children have the security of understanding their environment and are reinforced positively for their contributions.

At home, it is also important to provide routines. Many families build a daily “quiet time” when the television is turned off. This quiet time provides students the opportunity for completing schoolwork or for recreational reading if there is no homework. During this quiet time a suitable place, somewhat free of other distractions, should be available. The routine of a daily quiet time provides an opportunity to develop self-discipline, stimulate imagination, and enhance reading skills.

Routines can also make completing chores easier for both children and parents. If children are consistently expected to complete routine household duties at the same time on the same day in the same place, they soon begin to develop a responsibility for their commitment and contribution to the family.

As families establish routines for the new school year, it is helpful to keep in mind that childhood is a special time of learning, exploration and growth. Children need to be provided free time to explore their world and experience the joy of discovery.

Hopefully we can provide time for our children to be children. The realities of the adult world will be there all too soon. As children grow and learn, they find joy and satisfaction in working closely with their families toward a common goal. Such is the case with the students at Mabel Park State School. Commitment to the best for our children on the part of parents, students and staff is the key to our success with the children we teach. It is the hope of the staff that all parents will help us fulfill this commitment to excellence on behalf of ALL children at Mabel Park State School. School and home can work together to build skills and knowledge, reinforce values, and develop a strong sense of self worth. We must invest our time and energies in our nation’s most valuable resource - our children.

**Auskick Program**

Please be well aware that the upcoming Auskick program is held at our school but is not supervised by our staff. Auskick representatives supervise the program.
### Upcoming Events

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### Middle Campus News

#### "Meet the teacher" afternoon

Middle Campus students and staff are looking forward to our “Meet the teacher” afternoon this afternoon. We hope to see many parents and carers at the event. Communication between home and school is very important and meeting the teacher will assist with communication.

#### School uniform

Most of our students are in full school uniform each and every school day. We are very thankful to our families for supporting students to take pride in our uniform. A reminder that the uniform includes black shoes and white or grey socks. The black shoes need to have black shoe laces or Velcro. Slip-on-shoes, particularly the canvas type, do not meet the requirements of our school dress code.

#### Year 5 and Year 6 at the high school

At the end of this year, our Year 6 students will leave primary school and transition to high school. To assist our students we will continue to work closely with Mabel Park State High School throughout 2015. Currently our Year 6 [except 5/6CW] students visit the high school to learn Japanese with the MPSHS Japanese teacher and our Year 5 students [except 5/6NP and 5/6CW] go to the high school to be exposed to the science curriculum. Year 5 and 5/6CW will learn Japanese in Semester 2. These opportunities are excellent for our students and their preparation for high school next year.

#### School Departure

At the end of the school day students must depart school in a timely manner. Most of our families have arrangements in place so that children can be picked up or make their own way home in the afternoon. Unfortunately there are currently too many students/families where arrangements are not in place, leaving several students at school well beyond 2:40pm. Children are not to be left waiting at school for long periods after the final bell. Families of children who are repeatedly late to leave school will be contacted and reminded to make suitable arrangements.

#### Test yourself – Language Conventions

1. The trainer liked to (pony) down the horses after the race.
2. (Reduce) means to make something smaller.
3. After eating onions your (breath) may smell bad.
4. My favourite sweet is chocolate (fudge).
5. Mum put on (lipstick) before going out.
Every child, every day, learning and achieving in 2015

Make 2015 the year when your child doesn’t miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out these Every Day Counts videos live on DETE TV.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kkm9ae2xKT4
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eE5P7jAL73M

“Meet the teacher” afternoon

Junior Campus students and staff are looking forward to our “Meet the teacher” afternoon this afternoon. We hope to see many parents and carers at the event. Communication between home and school is very important and meeting the teacher will assist with communication.

Borman Street Gate Changes

As of this week, we will be closing (not locking) the Borman Street gate at approximately 9 am. Please be sure to shut the gate after you leave or enter the school grounds during the day. Keeping our student safe is at the forefront of our minds and we appreciate your assistance with this.

Uniforms - HATS

Thank you to all our parents who have begun the year with their children in the correct uniform ☺. Please be advised that breach notices will be given to students who do not bring their hat to school ☹. Hats are a part of our school uniform and a sensible item to wear in this Queensland sun.

Student Support Services

If you have any concerns about your child’s development please see your child’s teacher. They can then refer your child to our Student Support Services. Our Student Support Services team can assess what areas your child needs support in and support them holistically to achieve their best at school. We will work towards assessing and supporting your child’s needs.

Literacy & Numeracy Resources

The Queensland Government’s website has a number of resources to assist Parents and Carers with supporting their children’s literacy and numeracy development. There are fact sheets and activities. Visit: http://education.qld.gov.au/literacyandnumeracy/resources.html

Alternative Programs

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Special Education Program News

Head of Special Education Services: Diana Boulter

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SIGN OF THE WEEK

Safe
Cup hands together, like a ball and draw towards your body.

Team
Start with thumbs in crook of pointer fingers, palms facing outwards. Turn hands in an outward arc toward the front.

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

Weekly Awards

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**House Captains**

House Captains for 2015 has been decided through a selection process. Successful candidates will be announced and presented with their badge on parade at 9:00am on Monday 23 February.

**Logan District Sport**

Students turning 11 or 12 years of age are eligible to trial for selection in a district team of choice. Experience at club level in the sport of choice is advisable. There are costs involved for each chosen sport if your child is selected in the team and it is the expectation that your child attends training sessions which will be held outside school hours in preparation to compete at the regional carnival. Information regarding district trials will be sent home with selected/interested students.

**Logan District Swimming Trials**

Tate H competed at the Logan District Swimming Trials held on Monday 16 February. Congratulations on your effort.

**Afternoon Sport**

Afternoon sport for Years 4 to 6 commenced last week. Students are participating in a round robin competition of AFL.

Results from last week:

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<td>SCE played against 5DH. SCE won 36-0. 5CK played against 5/6NP. 5CK won 20-7.</td>
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**Library News**

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Opening Hours for parents and their children:
8 – 8:30am
2:40 – 3pm

All students need a material library bag to borrow from the library. Some classroom teachers have a permanent library time for their class to borrow. Class days are as follows:

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Some teachers encourage their students to be independent borrowers. If your child borrows before school or after school they receive a raffle ticket that goes into a weekly draw. It is drawn on parade each Monday.

**OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS FROM 2014**
There are still a lot of overdue library books from last year. Please encourage your child/children to return them as soon as possible. Unfortunately, children with overdue books will not be able to borrow.

**Scripture Union Camp**
We have a camp coming up over the April holidays through Scripture Union.

Dates: Tuesday 7 April - Friday 10 April 2015  
Grades: 5-10  
Time: Tuesday 8.30am meet at Springwood SHS and return Friday 4pm  
Cost: $270 (subsidised fees available if needed)  
Venue: CYC Burleigh Heads  
Activities: Learning to surf, paddle boarding, swimming, shopping, indoor/outdoor games, bowling, spiritual input.

For more info: Contact Fiona (Chaplain Mabel Park SS) 0401 953 676 or Karen Weston (High School) 0407 410 970

**Advertisements and Notifications**

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**FREE Learn to Sew Classes**

Join us every Wednesday at the Gould Adams Community Centre to learn how to use sewing machines and how to make clothes for adults and children!

**When:** Wednesdays 9am-12pm

**Where:** Gould Adams Community Centre  
558 Kingston Road, Kingston (meet in the swimming pool)

**ALL EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED**

**FREE TRANSPORT:** Meet at Access Reception - 90 Mombloy Road, every Wednesday at 8.30am (no later). You will be dropped back to Access Reception after the class.

Supported by Access, Community Services, and Rotary

For more information see your caseworker.

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**Community Hubs**

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 3313.
She Rides. 
For fitness. To make friends. For freedom!

She Rides for fun, for freedom, for friends. Have you heard about She Rides? Would you like to ride your bike more for fun and fitness, but lack the confidence to ride, or simply don’t have anyone to go riding with? She Rides is a ladies only riding program developed by Cycling Australia, and is focused on improving your confidence & fitness, skills development and creating a social riding community of women - to get you ready to make riding part of your everyday life. I am running two programs aimed at different skill and fitness levels, one is held at Cleveland starting Sunday 15 March the the second is held at Birkdale starting Monday 16 March each program is held weekly for a total of 8 sessions. Fun is guaranteed. Friendship is a bonus. www.sherides.com.au The program includes face to face sessions with your coach, in a small group environment (max 9 per group). Price $169. Registrations close 1 March. For more information, contact Vickie Burr on 0406828619
Are you a parent of a child with type 1 diabetes?

Every day, thousands of Australian children suffer the effects of type 1 diabetes and families struggle with illness management and children’s behavioural and emotional adjustment.

Positive Parenting for Healthy Living is an adaptation of the successful Triple P- Positive Parenting Program offering practical ideas and support for parents of children with type 1 diabetes. This innovative group program is designed to help parents manage their child’s illness, assist children in coping with their illness and emotions, and prevent and manage difficult child behaviour.

Over the next few months and for a limited time only, parents of 2-10 year old children with type 1 diabetes are able to access Positive Parenting for Healthy Living Triple P as part of a University of Queensland research project. Parents will be able to attend the program free of charge, and will be asked to complete 2 sets of assessment measures (questionnaire and family observation) over a 6 month period, as part of the study. Contact Aditi Lohan on (07) 3346 7689 or email diabetes, healthyliving@uq.edu.au, or visit https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/t1diabetes for more information.
You are invited to our

2015 COMMUNITY INTO THE CLASSROOM DAYS

Venue: Student Centre
Time: 8.40am – 10.10 am
Dates:
Term 1 Monday 9 February
Term 2 Monday 4 May
Term 3 Monday 27 July
Term 4 Tuesday 20 October

What’s on?
8:40 Student Assembly
9:00 Parent Information Session – What’s new at MPSHS in 2015?
9:30 Classroom Visits – Find out what your student is learning about today.
10:00 Sausage Sizzle - $2 Drinks, $2 Sausage

Tiny Touchies

Intro to Touch Footy for kids
When: Thursday afternoons
Start: Thursday 12 February 2015
Time: 4.00pm - 5.00pm
Who: Boys and Girls aged 4-7 years
Cost: $70 for a 7 week program
Email: admin@bmia.com.au or 3397 5133

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