NAIDOC Celebrations
Thank you to Ms Trethewey and Mrs Smith for coordinating our NAIDOC Parade and NAIDOC Expo last week. Thank you to all of our parents who assisted in making sure that these events were enjoyable and successful. Thank you also to the many community organisations who ran stalls at the expo. Our students were recognised for their wonderful academic and attendance efforts at the parade and everyone left the expo smiling.

Community in the Classroom
Thank you to all of the parents and community members who came along to share in another exciting Community in the Classroom this week. We will continue to host this event every term on Monday of week 4, please mark the next one in your diary, 26 October. We’d love to see at least 1 adult from every family at our next Community in the Classroom.

The Importance of Student Attendance at School
Did you know?
Students who achieve 90% attendance in a school year still have had 4 weeks (20 days) away from school!
Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement. Mabel Park SS’s target for attendance is 95%. For students to achieve 95% attendance they have to have less than 10 days off in a year. Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day. They learn better, they make friends, they are happier and they have a brighter future.
Under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have an acceptable reason. Illness or competing in a school sporting event are acceptable reasons for being absent from school.
As Principal, I decide if the reason given for your child’s absence is acceptable.
Avoid keeping your child away from school for:
Birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends, if they sleep in, looking after other children, minor check-ups or care such as haircuts.
These are unacceptable reasons for being absent from school.
Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.
Family Holidays: You are encouraged not to schedule holidays during school time. If your family holiday is during school time, let the school know in advance and talk about what arrangements can be made for your child. Depending on the circumstances the school may be able to provide tasks for your child to complete while they are absent or assist you to organise an exemption from schooling.
Are you having problems getting your child to school for some of these reasons?
Won’t get out of bed in the morning, won’t go to bed at night, can’t find their uniform, books, school bag ..., Slow to eat breakfast, haven’t done their homework, watching TV, have a test or presentation to do, have an assignment to hand in, it’s their birthday.
If so, a set routine can help:
• a set time to go to bed
• a set time to get out of bed
• have uniform and school bag ready the night before
• a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
• set a time for daily homework activities
• speak about school positively
• be firm, send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term!
Mabel Park SS teachers regularly monitor student attendance and student progress in this area is displayed prominently at the entrance of each classroom in our school on the ‘Attendance Matters’ posters. Students are regularly rewarded by teachers for improvements in their attendance. We have recently revised the cut offs for our Attendance Matters Posters to reflect our school attendance target of 95%. Classroom ‘Attendance Matters’ Posters will be reprinted to reflect the new target groupings. Late arrival or non-attendance at school significantly impacts student learning. Please refer to the information below.

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**Upcoming Events**

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**Middle Campus News**

**School Attendance**

With our revised school goal of achieving 95% attendance across all our classes, the Middle School Campus will be introducing the presentation of weekly trophies on parade acknowledging:

- Class with the best attendance
- Class with the most improved attendance

In addition, the attendance levels for all classes will be on display in the office foyer each week so all members of our school community can check their progress.

**Future Logan Leaders Breakfast – Friday 14 August**

Members of the administration team, classroom teachers, year 6 student leaders and their parents are invited to the first event in this program which aims to inspire talented young leaders of tomorrow and provide future opportunities for them.

There will be a number of special guest speakers including Mr Cameron Dick, Member for Woodridge plus local business supporters and a range of community leaders will also be in attendance. Our student leaders will receive a letter to take home at the end of this week.
Mabel Park State High School Open Day for Year 5 students, teachers and parents – Wednesday 26 August
This day for students and teachers will run from 9.30am until 2.00pm. During the day the students will be able to experience various high school subject areas, facilities and specialised programs by participating in the following activities: SCIENCE, JAPANESE, HOME ECONOMICS, MANUAL ARTS and MUSIC.

The day will be followed by a Parent – Teacher information session commencing at 4.30pm and concluding at 5.30pm.

Additional information will be handed out next week.

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 in Term 4.

Celebrating NAIDOC week 2015
What a wonderful week we had last week recognising and celebrating NAIDOC week. Our NAIDOC Parade and NAIDOC EXPO have become one of the many highlights in our school yearly calendar. Here are just a few of the photos taken...enjoy!
Uniforms
Thank you for continuing to support of our uniform policy. It is always a pleasure to see our students looking smart and proud of Mabel Park State School. If your child is receiving uniform breaches, can you please be sure to send the acknowledgement back to the class teacher and if you are experiencing any financial difficulties, please contact the Deputy Principal.

Special Education Program News

Transition to High School – Special Education
A note will be going home this week to inform parents of the Transition Program for Mabel Park State High School. This transition program will be supported by our Special Education Teacher – Melissa Gordon and/or Special Education Teacher Aide – Sonya Reardon.

If your child is not attending Mabel Park State High School and you are unsure if your child’s high school offers a transition program please contact the school and I can assist you in finding out more information. Unfortunately, we can only support the transition program to Mabel Park State High School at this stage.

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.

Curriculum News

Book Week 2015
There are only three more weeks until Book Week! It’s time to start thinking about your costume. Perhaps it will be one of the characters from the 2015 Shortlisted Books of the Year? Or maybe it will be another one of your favourite book characters. The theme for book week this year is Books Light Up Our World. In the resource centre you will find a display of the Younger Readers, Early Childhood and Picture Books of the Year. While these are not yet able to be borrowed, Ms Kinnon is very happy for you to read and enjoy them in the library. The winner of the Children’s Book of the Year 2015 will be announced on August 21.
This year’s shortlisted picture books are:

The Simple Things  Pig the Pug  Scary Night  A House of her Own  My Two Blankets

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge is currently underway. There is still time to register online and record the number of books you have read over the Reading Challenge period. The Premier’s Reading Challenge gives children the opportunity to explore stories and ideas in new books and is a great way to encourage your child’s lifelong love of reading. You can find out more by searching “Premier’s Reading Challenge 2015” online.

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): Zoe H, Sophie F, Maddy G

Weekly Awards

Prep  Talai V, Jennifer B, Matai T, Valencia S, Phoenix S, Margaret M, Jahmeya T, Jai B, Jordan K
Year 1  Jacob OH, Terrell M, Nastaren A, James C
Year 2  Jeremiah VA, Sean F, Jackson G, Aila S, Victoria K
Year 3  Duy N, Maddy G, Irene MB, Jai K, Kasey H
Year 4  Joshua BF, Manaia F, Shannahie K, Mohammad A
Year 5  Marco M, Tyler W
Year 6  NA
Extension  Fiva TM
Music  Kena F, Suani R
PE  Nikki T, Esita N
Library News

**Book Week Parade**

**WHEN:** Friday 28 August at 9am

**WHERE:** Parade Area

Come and help us celebrate Book Week and dress up as your favourite book character.

Prizes for the best costume in each year level
**Woolworths Earn and Learn is Back!**

Shop at Woolworths and you’ll get 1 Earn and Learn Sticker for every $10 you spend. Stick them on a Woolworths Earn and Learn Sticker sheet. You can pick one up from your local Woolworths store or from the Junior Campus Office. Once you’ve filled your sticker sheet, pop it into a Collection Box in the Junior Campus Office. Help us this year to continue to make a difference so start collecting today.

**Advertisements and Notifications**

**Changes to payments for families**


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[Express Plus mobile apps](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/spw/customer/resources/express-plus.jpg) offers you a simple, fast, mobile way to do your business with us on the go using your mobile device.

**Monday 4 May 2015**

There are a number of Budget measures that come into effect from 1 July 2015. You do not need to do anything. If you’re affected, your payment will change automatically.

From 1 July 2015, changes to Family Tax Benefit[2] include:
- Large Family Supplement will be paid to families receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A for 4 or more children
- Family Tax Benefit Part B primary earner’s income limit will be $100,000
- the higher income test free area for Family Tax Benefit Part A will remain—the additional amount for the second child or subsequent children will not apply. This means that families with more than 1 child will not receive an add on amount per child

Next steps
- Read more about the changes to Family Tax Benefit and estimate what your payment will be for 1 July 2015[3]
- Regularly check this page for updates
- Read more News for families[4]
Logan Futsal Sign On

Logan Futsal will be holding sign on online at www.australianfutsal.com and having a "Come N Try" session at Logan on Monday the 17th August. To try out futsal or learn more about it email logan@australianfutsal.com

The new season starts mid September for boys and girls from ages 6 and up. For more information go to QLD Futsal or contact Gail logan@australianfutsal.com or phone on 0448176191 or 0408 780 612
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CRICKET SIGN ON
HOMESTEAD PARK, JODIE STREET, SHAILER PARK.
9.00 AM to 1.00 PM
SATURDAY: 22 & 29 AUGUST
SUNDAY: 23 & 30 AUGUST

REGISTRATION FEES:
- Govt. Sports Subsidy Vouchers Welcome
- In2Cricket (5-8yrs Friday nights) $85.00
- Juniors (9-17yrs Saturday morn) $85.00
- Seniors (Saturday a/noon) $140.00

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