I respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Yugambeh and Jagera people and recognise that this area has always been a place of teaching and learning.

I extend my respect to the Elders, past, present and emerging for they hold the memories, the traditions, the cultures and hopes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

Principal’s Morning Tea
Our first Principal’s Morning Tea for 2016 will be held on Monday 21 March at 9am. Students will be acknowledged and rewarded for showing excellence in three areas. Firstly all students who have achieved 100% attendance for the entire term (up to and including 25 March), along with students who have received 20 “Gotchas” for their positive effort in the playground and finally one student from each year level who has demonstrated excellence in class for the entire term. This event celebrates exceptional achievements by our students and we look forward to sharing this day with them and their parents/carers.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Next Tuesday 22 March will be our first Parent Teacher interviews for the year. We would love to see ALL parents in attendance. Parent teacher interviews are held twice a year and are a fantastic opportunity to discuss your child’s achievements and future goals with their teacher. Every parent will receive a student learning plan. Please keep this handy at home and help your child work towards attaining their next learning goals. Please book your appointment online at www.parentteacheronline.com.au or phone the office for assistance.

P&C AGM Meeting
Our final P&C meeting for this term will be, tomorrow night, Thursday 20 March at 6pm. This will also be our AGM. Please come along and keep informed about what is happening at our school.

Student Resource Scheme – Final reminder to go in the draw for fabulous prizes
Thank you to the many parents who have already begun paying the school resource scheme. The payment of our scheme provides your child/ren with all of their requirements for the school year for only $100 ($90 if paid by the end of first term). This is an extremely inexpensive way to ensure that your child has all of the necessary resources for learning. At either office we can help to arrange payment plans and centrelink deductions. Please be aware that if you do not pay the resource scheme you must provide your child with all of the necessary resources from the booklist available at either office. All parents who have paid in full or arranged for a deduction through centrepay by the end of Term One will go into the draw to win one of three $100 vouchers for Lowes or Ikea.

Smoking on or near School Grounds
Laws in Queensland include smoking bans for indoor and outdoor public places, as well as tough restrictions on the retail advertising, display and promotion of tobacco products.

These laws create a culture that:
• reduces exposure to environmental tobacco smoke
• supports smokers trying to quit
• discourages young people from taking up the habit.
Research also indicates that children are much less likely to take up smoking if their schools, homes and recreation areas are smoke-free. Efforts to help adults to quit smoking and reducing exposure to smoking in public places sends a positive message to children about not smoking.

From 1 January 2015
- electronic cigarettes cannot be used in existing non-smoking indoor and outdoor areas, sold to children under 18 years of age, or advertised, promoted or displayed at retail outlets
- no smoking at public and private hospitals and health facilities, and for 5 metres beyond their boundaries
- no smoking at state and non-state schools, and for 5 metres beyond their boundaries.

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From the Middle Campus Deputies

Brain Day Challenge
On Friday 4 March a selected group of Year 5 and 6 students represented our school at the annual Mabel Park State High School Brain Day Challenge. The students worked their way through a series of mathematical, scientific and technology based challenges. The culminating activity saw all students work together to design and test an air propelled rocket. Our school was wonderfully represented by all of the students and this resulted in both our Year 5 and Year 6 teams winning awards. Our Year 6 team received the Highly Commended Award while our Year 5 team was announced the Year 5 2016 Brain Day Champions. Well done to all the students involved.

Another example of Mabel Park State School being “Logan’s Best School”.

Parent/Teacher Interviews—Tuesday 22 March
We encourage all parents/carers to take advantage of the opportunity to meet formally with your child’s teachers and discuss academic progress. Communication between home and school is vital and interviews are an excellent opportunity for home/school communication. Please log on to Parent Teacher Online and use the log in details attached to the note previously sent home or call Ms Brampton, Ms Robinson or Mrs Oberhauser in the office to book a time. A link to Parent Teacher Online can be found on the school website at https://mabelparkss.eq.edu.au/

Be Safe, Play Safe – Positive Behaviour for Learning
Last week, Mr Facto and Mr O’Halloran talked to all Middle Campus about our school expectations, in particular Being Safe. When students are being safe they are playing in supervised areas, are arriving at school at an appropriate time (after 8.15 am) and are working in the classroom. Unfortunately a number of our students are not following these expectations. We ask parents to have conversations with your children at home regarding these behaviours and help ensure that while our students are at school they are Safe and in class being Mabel Park STARS.
Seniors Shirts
A reminder to parents that our Year 6 students are currently being offered the opportunity to purchase a 2016 Seniors Shirt. This shirt is able to be worn as part of our school uniform and clearly defines the Year 6 students as leaders in our school. If you would like to purchase one of these shirts please talk to one of the Year 6 classroom teachers or see the officers at the Junior Campus for payment.

From the Junior Campus Deputies

Celebrations on the Junior Campus
What a wonderful term we have had on the Junior Campus! Below are just a few of our achievements.

- 310 targets have been achieved. Thank you teachers for ensuring learning occurs for every child, every day
- 121 postcards have been sent home to recognise and celebrate student success
- A special congratulations to whole Junior Campus who have maintained above 90% for 5 weeks over the term!
- Investing for Schools initiatives have started and our Year 2, 3 and 4 students engaged in Support-A-Reader are well on their way to improving their reading and literacy development.

Happy Holidays and Happy Reading!
Research tells us that when students neglect to read over school holidays that there can be a lag in their reading when they return to school. Research also tells us that the more we read, the better we read, so please be sure to use the holidays to read, read, read! Please read through the ideas adjacent to help you to ensure your children are engaged in reading over the holiday break.

I have made it my goal to read every day over the school holidays and I would like to challenge all of our students, with help and encouragement from their parents, to do the same. Reading to and with your children increases their knowledge of the world, their vocabulary, their familiarity with written language and their interest in reading; so spend some time reading over the break. I know I will be!

Have a safe and happy Easter break!
Special Education Program News

NAPLAN
If your child is in Year 3, 5 & 7 and you have concerns regarding them participating in NAPLAN please contact their Class Teacher or Special Education Teacher. For students with disabilities there are a number of options to support your child during this testing period.

Kindy Counts
Unsure of when to send your child to kindy? This simple chart can help. If you require further information, please call the kindy hotline during business hours on 1800 454 639 or visit their website to find Government Approved Kindergartens.

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Sport
Souths United Football Club at Runcorn has partnered with Special Olympics Queensland to provide an inclusive culture and programs for people of all abilities.

The Come and Try day will be held on Friday 18 March from 4:30-5:30 at Wakerley Park – Cnr Dew Street and Nathan Road, Runcorn. All ages and abilities are welcome!

For more information please contact Beth at administrator@southsunited.org.au
Cross Country
Congratulations to all students on their achievements at our annual Cross Country carnival. It was great to see so many students finish the set distance without stopping or minimal walking. Students displayed outstanding sportsmanship towards other competitors. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support their child run.

Year Level/Age Champions:

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The winning sporting house is...

4th MAYES – 254 points
3rd SHAILER – 274 points
2nd KINGSTON – 284 points
1st LOGAN – 310 points

Run 4 Fun Fundraiser
I would like to thank you for the time and effort that was put into this year’s School Run 4 Fun Fundraiser. It was wonderful to see the spirit and enthusiasm that was displayed in supporting our school.

With your assistance we were able to raise $2812.45 which will be used towards purchasing basketball hoops for the Middle Campus.
Sporting Schools Afterschool Programs
Thank you to all Year 4-6 students who participated in the Sporting Schools Afterschool programs this term. Every student learnt new skills and adapted them into a game situation.

There will be more sports on offer next term and it’s FREE! The programs aim to engage children in sport, and through a positive and fun experience, develop a love of sport that motivates them to join a local sporting club. Information about this program will be sent home with students at the beginning of next term. Students who wish to participate in these programs must maintain above 95% school attendance and maintain appropriate behaviour [no office referrals].

Year 4-6 Gala Day
Our first Gala Day for this year will be held on Monday 21 March. Gala Day is a day full of fun, engaging, participation focused, modified sport activities for students. We will be providing students the opportunity to show off their cricket skills and fundraise for the McGrath Foundation.

It is NOT a free dress day. We are encouraging students to wear a touch of PINK to show their support. Students need to be sun smart and wear a shirt with sleeves. It is advisable for students to have a water bottle. Students are able to wear running shoes on this day.

Bring a gold coin donation to show your support on the day and you will receive a FREE sausage sizzle!

WIN a signed Cricket bat from the 2009 Australian Women’s team
For your chance to WIN a signed cricket bat from the 2009 Australian Women’s cricket team simply purchase a raffle ticket.

1 ticket = $1.00
3 tickets = $2.00

House captains will be selling raffle tickets outside the tuckshop area at first and second breaks on the junior and middle campus. Tickets can also be purchased from both administration officers.

WINNER drawn on parade Monday 21 March. Money collected will be donated to the McGrath Foundation ‘Pink Stumps Day’.

WIN a jar full of lollies
Can you guess how many lollies are in the jar?

1 guess = $1.00
3 guesses = $2.00

House captains will be taking guesses outside the tuckshop area at first and second breaks on the junior and middle campus.
The correct or closest guess **WINS** the jar of lollies. WINNER announced on parade Monday 21 March.

Money collected will be donated to the McGrath Foundation ‘Pink Stumps Day’.

### MPSHS News

Mabel Park State High School recently hosted 6 local primary schools for our annual Brain Day. The Year 5 and 6 students had a great day, being challenged with various activities with a focus on Engineering. The winners for the Year 5 division were Mabel Park SS. Well done to all the participants and thanks to the staff for running the events.

For more information on what’s happening at MPSHS, check out http://mabelparkshs.schoolzineplus.com/newsletter/16995

### Community Hub News

All Community Hub programmes including Good Start, Get Connected and Play Group will not be running in the last week of Term 1. They will resume in the second week of Term 2.

### 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):** Hulita K

### Weekly Awards

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Advertisements and Notifications

Get Connected Morning Tea
Sitch up with our parents' council what's happening at the school over some pancakes and a cup of tea. Come and chat in the classroom at 8am.

Good Start
Come and join the exercise program—nutrition, health and wellbeing. Saturdays, 8am-9am.

Taste of Culture
A fun social event for parents and students to bring a plate to share from your country and share the recipes with you.

Multicultural Sports Club QLD
Participate in fun events and learn new skills on Velco and Othello games. Thurs 5th, 12th & 19th Term 1.

Mabel Park Playgroup
This is a playgroup for healthy eating sessions and physical play sessions. Tuesdays 9am-10am. Term 1, Mon, Wed, Fri.

Community in the Classroom
For parents and caregivers, you are invited to participate in activities in our school and classroom, starting with School protest at 9am. Come to be amazed.

Term 1, 2016

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