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.

As I walk around the school and meet with our students and staff I detect an undercurrent of positivity and energy and this can only be good for their goals and academic outcomes. May I encourage you to keep on encouraging and supporting your children in all of their endeavours.

Many of you will know that I was away from the school for two weeks due to a bout of Influenza Type A. I have returned to school fit and healthy and I would like to publicly recognise the efforts of our Leadership Team and staff who have all stepped up to the mark to ensure the smooth running of the school during my absence. It is great to have been able to go away secure in the knowledge that Mabel Park SS was in good hands. Thank you Mrs Diana Boulter, Ms Nicole Trethewey, Mr Glen O’Halloran, Mr Omen Facto and the rest of the team!

Uniform
Mabel Park State School is a uniform school. The school dress code has been developed in consultation with the school community, including staff, students and the P & C. The dress code addresses three major issues: safety, appearance and comfort.

Mabel Park State School students are required to wear:

- MPSS polo shirt (or maroon polo shirt)
- grey or maroon shorts / grey or maroon skirt
- white socks
- black, enclosed, lace-up, polishable shoes (matching black shoe laces or velcro) – This is a P & C endorsed amendment to our previous uniform policy and applies from the beginning of 2016.
- a hat – Junior: Maroon broad brimmed MPSS bucket hat; Middle: Any hat/cap or the MPSS P & C endorsed uniform cap (optional 2016, compulsory 2017).
- a maroon or grey jumper (during colder months)
- grey or maroon tracksuit pants (during colder months)
- ‘skin coloured’ tights / stockings

Students are not allowed to wear:

- canvas shoes
- Any other shoes that are not black.
- high top boots
- hoodies
- clothing bearing brand names (e.g. Billabong) even if in the correct colour
- jeans
• leggings
• a visible shirt beneath a school shirt
• sandals or thongs
• makeup
• nail polish
• rings, necklaces, bangles (except medical)

Parents/Carers are always welcome to discuss with the Principal or the Deputy Principal financial difficulties or extenuating circumstances. Uniforms can be purchased from Lowes, Woodridge K Mart Plaza.

**I4S – Investing for Success (formerly Great Results Guarantee)**

Mabel Park State School will receive an additional $582,000 this year under the I4S (Investing for Success) initiative to improve student literacy, numeracy and attendance. We have worked to create a plan that we have submitted for approval. Following approval it will be placed on our school website. The strategies we have targeted are as follows:

1. Intensive reading intervention in Year One, Two, Three, Four and Five
2. Continuation of an oral language program in Prep and Year One
3. Consistent, research based reading program across Prep-Year Six
4. Staff capacity building in the teaching of reading

These are exciting strategies that we look forward to implementing in the near future. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

**Responsible: Follow Instructions:**

This week and last week our school expectation focus has been “Follow Instructions”. We select each week’s focus based on the behaviour referrals from the previous week. Unfortunately students have continued to be referred to the office for not following this rule. Please follow up at home on the importance of this rule to ensure that every child at our school has the best possible opportunity to learn in a safe and supportive environment.

**Community Hub**

Our hub activities have started for 2016 and will be led by Ms Kerrie Hirini. I welcome her to our school community. Kerrie’s role will be to support students and their families to ensure successful enrolment, attendance and engagement at school. She has many established community contacts and will be able to connect families to these services to make school a successful experience. More information will follow in the next newsletter.

**Student Resource Scheme – 4 weeks left 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.
School Website
Have you had a look at our school website lately? www.mabelparkss.eq.edu.au

Emergency/Evacuation Drills
Each term our staff and students practice emergency/evacuation drills to ensure that if a situation was ever to arise that everyone was calm and educated about the processes required. Here at Mabel Park SS our fire evacuation sound is a ‘continuous siren’ whilst our lockdown signal is “The Macarena.” If you are present in the school grounds during a drill you must comply with school procedures. For a fire we need to gather on either oval and for a lockdown you need to go to either admin building. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Parent/Teacher Interviews—Tuesday 22 March
All parents/carers are encouraged to take advantage of the upcoming 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. The interviews will occur on Tuesday 22 March. Information on parent/teacher interviews will be sent home shortly.

P&C Meeting – Thursday 17 March
Our next P&C Meeting is Thursday 17 March at 3pm. This will be our Annual General Meeting. Please come along and share your ideas for our school.

Upcoming Events

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From the Middle Campus Deputies

Parent/Teacher Interviews—Tuesday 22 March

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Parent-teacher interviews are a great way to find out how your child is going and show your interest in your child’s learning and school life. Parent-teacher interviews give you a great opportunity to:

- learn more about your child’s academic, emotional and social development
- meet and get to know your child’s teachers
- help your child’s teachers understand more about your child
- make plans with the teacher about how you can both support your child
- build a relationship with your child’s school

Scooters, bikes and helmets

A reminder that scooters are not to be ridden to school. When students ride a bike to school, they must wear a helmet and it is strongly recommended that the bike is securely locked.

From the Junior Campus Deputies

Playgroups at Mabel Park State School

We have three playgroups that run at Mabel Park State School. Playgroup is a time where mums, dads, grandparents, caregivers, children and babies can meet together in a relaxed environment.

In a playgroup, parents and caregivers stay to interact with the other adults; and to play with the children.

No child is too young for playgroup. All children from 0-5 years, including babies, love new experiences and benefit from developing sensory, social and communication skills through activities at playgroup.

Children like playgroup because they can:

- Participate in new experiences
- Develop and increase their social skills
- Learn sharing, co-operation and simple routines
- Interact with other adults and children in a safe environment
- Enjoy learning more about their world

Adults also benefit from playgroup - a time to talk, make friends and share experiences, while children learn through their play experiences.

Playgroup @ Mabel Park State School
Open to all families
Community Hub Playgroup
Tuesday 8.30-9.30
Thursday 9.00-10.00

Open to our indigenous families
Indigenous Playgroup
Wednesday 9.00-10.40
Uniforms

Thank you to all our parents and carers who are ensuring your children come to school in the correct school uniform. We appreciate your support with regards to this as it helps our school remain ‘the best school in Logan’, especially during this onslaught of wet weather. Wearing the correct school uniform not only instils pride in our students, it ensures that our students are easily recognisable in the playground and they avoid the peer pressure associated with wearing ‘trendy’ items to school. If you are having any difficulty with sending your child/ren in school uniform, please make the time to discuss this with the Deputy Principal.

Cross Country

Cross Country is on Monday 7 March after parade. Cross Country is where students complete a set distance in the quickest time possible with the emphasis on enjoyment, improving personal performances, fitness, participation and success by all. Students can either walk or run the set distance.

Place ribbons for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will be awarded on the day. Medallions will be awarded to year/age champions on parade the following week.

It is NOT a free dress day but students are encouraged to wear their house colours as it is easier to identify what house they belong to and it creates team spirit. 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. They do not have to be black.

Below are the sporting house names and colours.

Shailer – Red

Kingston – Yellow

Logan – Blue

Mayes – Green

Fun Run

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting the Run 4 Fun Program. The response to date has been fantastic! Just a reminder to fill out the prize request section on the back of the Sponsorship Form and return to the Junior Campus office along with your money inside an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name and class by Monday 7 March.

There is a 2GB MPS player for the highest fundraising student and a surprise party for the highest fundraising class. Thank you for your support.

Come and Play Netball

Junior Stars Netball Program is all about getting children out and active after school while introducing them to the basic skills of Netball in a fun, inclusive environment. Both boys and girls can come and join!

Location: Netball court – Junior Campus

Day & Time: Thursdays from 3pm – 4pm

Cost: $2.00 per week

To register please see Kerry Hirini the Community Hub Leader for a Registration Form.
**Sporting Schools Program**
Students in Years 4 – 6 have the opportunity to be involved in a Golf program held on Wednesday afternoons commencing Wednesday 24 February. The program will run for four weeks, concluding Wednesday 16 March. The program can only have a maximum of 30 participants. Students selected to participate must maintain above 95% school attendance and maintain appropriate behaviour to remain in the program. Please be aware that should a student not be picked up on time from after school activities, it is likely that they will be removed from the program.

Permission notes are available from the Middle Campus office.

Two of our past students, Corey Allan and Miti Tuatai will be debuting in the Brisbane Broncos Under 20's match this week!

**Community Hub News**

**Playgroup**
Play Group is held in Chappys/Hub Room on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8.30am to 10am every week for ages 0-5 and it is free of charge.

**Get Connected**
Get Connected Morning Tea for parents is on every Monday straight after parade. Come along and share ideas and meet other parents.

**Netball with Multicultural Sports Club Queensland**
Netball with Multicultural Sports Club Queensland is on every Thursday this term straight after school. Students meet in the covered area and play netball on the basketball courts. Please fill out a registration form and return it to the office. There is a fee of $2 per session. You can collect a registration form from U block or ask at the office.

**Good Start**
Free Boot Camp and Health and Nutrition classes for parents are held after school in the covered area by the top car park until 4pm every Monday and Wednesdays at 9.30am until 10.30am in Chappys/Hub Room. Come along and get healthy and fit!

I look forward to meeting all our families here at Mabel Park.

**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
Weekly Awards

Year 1 Soraiya M, Justin C, Eva R, Jazara L
Year 2 Elikana T, James C, Arlette D, Mia P, Mia J, Markeviah C
Year 3 Tyrell T, Brodie H, Drisana A, Zephaniah E, Ana P, Saby T, Miriam E, Praise A
Year 4 Ryan S, Ryan M, Sam R, Lochlan K, Cody H, Jai K
Year 5 Shania K, Bryson B, Patrice W, Ailin M
Year 6 Felix M, Atelaitie P, Sharnti F, Veronica M, Lekesha J
Extension Rochelle T, Saadieh A, Ruby E, Jaron H, Elektra M
PE Maddey D, Sharne’e B
Music Sam R, Ronny C

Advertisements and Notifications

LOGAN RUGBY UNION CLUB – Rookies2Reds
$40 per Participant
200 Queens rd, Slacks Creek
Saturday 27th February
10:00am – 12:30pm
Get Connected Morning Tea
Catch up with our parents about what’s happening at the school over some muesli and a cuppa. Don’t connect but be at Sport Day: the Principal’s morning tea day on Thursday of the classroom days.

Community in the Classroom
For parents and caregivers, you can attend and participate in activities in our school and classroom, starting with the School parade on 9 am. Don’t be afraid to be involved.

Good Start
Come and join the breakfast program — nutrition and health. Improve your health and wellbeing. Breakfast is on Monday after school and is school-based morning.

Chill out Tuesdays
For parents and students — healthy and nutritious breakfast together. Contact the for details.

Taste of Culture
An in-person special for parents and guests to bring a plate to share from your culture, and please bring the recipe with you.

What’s on in your Hub
Term 1, 2016

Multicultural Sports Club QLD
Normal place and Normal place of All children and All's program will be held in the basketball court.

Mabel Park Playgroup
This is a playgroup with healthy eating sessions and other activities. The date of our family night was this playgroup. For children aged 0-5. On Tuesday 10th, Thursday 13th

Community Hub Leader in Logan
5033

Search “Community Hub Logan”
For more information call the
Community Hub Leader on 07 3386

Term 1, 2016

Monday
Tuesday
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Breakfast Club Wide Camp
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Get Connected Morning Tea
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Chill out Tuesday Breakfast Club
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Get a Sweat Club
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Healthy tip 1:
Opt for either rather than toast for breakfast, or next. FCJ1 juice are in Logan.

Taste of Cafe
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Healthy tip 2:
Make sure food is a normal part of everyday life.

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Healthy tip 4:
Eat together, eat the same food and let it make a

Healthy tip 5:
You can easily put all food in the centre of the table and

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Contact the Community Hub Leader on

Community Hubs
Connect, Share, Learn, and Grow