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.

Reconciliation Week – Our History, Our Story, Our Future.

As Australians, we are all here, woven into this country.
As part of our reconciliation journey, there are truths to tell, stories to celebrate, and relationships to grow.
Reconciliation is at the heart of our nations’ future.
Join us on our nation’s reconciliation journey.

Reconciliation Week is celebrated around our country between May 27 and June 3. It coincides with two significant dates in Australia’s history both of which provide strong symbols of our hopes and aims for reconciliation.

May 27 marks the anniversary of 1967 Referendum in which more than 90% of Australians voted to remove clauses from the Australian Constitution which discriminated against Indigenous Australians and afforded them Australian Citizenship.

June 3 marks the anniversary of the High Court of Australia’s judgement in 1992 on the Mabo case. This Decision recognised Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the original inhabitants of this continent and validated their legal right to Traditional Land.

This year the theme is ‘Our History, Our Story, Our Future’. ‘Our History’ reminds us all, that historical acceptance is essential to our reconciliation journey. Historical acceptance will exist when all Australians understand and accept the fact that past laws, practices and policies deeply affected the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, often having devastating immediate impacts and causing much of the disadvantage that exists today. It is also a commitment to ensuring these wrongs are never repeated in the future.

‘Our Story’ reflects the fact that the journey towards reconciliation forms a significant part of Australia’s story, as do the stories of both trauma and triumph told by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It also encourages each and every one of us to make reconciliation part of our own story.

‘Our Future’ reinforces that reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, in the knowledge that we believe in fairness for everyone, that our diversity makes us richer, and that together, we are stronger.

Mabel Park State School’s vision for reconciliation:

Our School’s vision for Reconciliation is for all students to understand and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and culture.
We will do this through:

- Valuing and acknowledging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and history
- Participating in and promoting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures
- Developing relationships with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Integrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives into key learning areas and integrated units of work

Reconciliation Week is always a point of recognition and acknowledgement at Mabel Park State School.

**Reconciliation BBQ – Wednesday 25 May**
Again this year we will share in a ‘Smoking Ceremony’ and be entertained by our very own Mabel Mob dancers. Please make the time to come along to share in a lovely afternoon. To find out more about Reconciliation Week visit the following website [http://www.reconciliation.org.au/nrw](http://www.reconciliation.org.au/nrw)

**Community in the Classroom – Monday 30 May**
Monday of week eight this term is our “Community in the Classroom.” This is an opportunity for parents, carers, family and community members to come and see just why we are the best school in Logan. We will begin the day with parade, followed by a short presentation of all the things that are happening in our great school. At 9:40 you will then be invited to go to your child’s classroom and join them in their regular classroom activities. You may join reading groups, a writing session, some maths problem solving or some fabulous activities using iPads. This is an opportunity to share in your child’s learning so please mark it on your calendar and come and join us.

**School Disco 3 June – Theme: Pyjamas 5.00pm – 7.30pm**
Please encourage your children to join us for the first disco of the year on Friday 3 June. This is a wonderful way for them to celebrate a wonderful term and have a fun night out with their friends. The 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. As usual, we will not be selling tickets at the door on the night of the disco. Siblings are not able to attend the disco. Only students from our school are to attend. Prep students are be accompanied by a parent or guardian. To ensure safety of our students, all students who attend the disco must be dropped to the disco by an adult. No students will be allowed to leave the disco until an adult collects them. During the disco we ask that all parents remain contactable by telephone. Thank you for your assistance.

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Emergency Evacuation and Lockdown Drills
We run evacuation and lockdown drills every term. Our staff ensure that our students are well versed in procedures for each of these drills. If parents/carers are ever on the school site during a drill, you are required to follow the direction of school staff.

Contact Details
I have sent home a number of Student Contact Details Update forms with students recently. Should your family details change, please advise our office in writing. Changes may relate to:
- Phone numbers (land line or mobile)
- Home or postal address
- Email addresses (for OneSchool and School newsletter)
- Arrangements between family members (e.g., custody orders)
- Medical information — e.g., asthma or allergies
- Emergency contacts

In the event that we need to contact parents or carers urgently, it is vital that our information is current. Thank you for your assistance.

Scooters at school
A number of our students have been riding scooters to and from school recently. I would like to remind all families that scooters are not an approved form of transport for our students. If students are found to be riding scooters to school they will be asked to store the scooter in the office and collect it at the end of the day. If students ride the scooter to school again after this the scooter will be kept in the office until a parent comes to collect it. Thank you for your support in ensuring our students travel safely to school.

Additional Classes
Word is obviously out that Mabel Park State School is the best school in Logan and we have seen a significant rise in enrolments this year. This has meant that we have been approved for two additional classes this term. A new Prep/1 class commenced on Monday 16 May with Ms Raval in F block. Our 2/3 class will start on Wednesday 18 May with Mrs Imrani in the newly refurbished G block. Miss Crump will step back into the role of teacher for 2LC.

Positive Behaviour for Learning
As a Positive Behaviour for Learning school our students are encouraged to meet our school expectations of Safe — Team — Achieve — Responsible.
When they achieve these expectations students are given positive reinforcement at an individual, class and school level. As per our Responsible Behaviour Plan students are given the following to redirect their behaviour in a positive manner:

1. Warning
2. Time Out
3. Time Out
4. Buddy Class
5. Office Referral

When students are sent to the office parents will be notified either by phone call or letter. This is so you can support the school in your child meeting our expectations.

### Positive Partnerships Autism Spectrum Disorder

Positive Partnerships is a federally funded initiative that offers programs across Australia to strengthen partnerships between home and school. Partnerships are strengthened by increasing and sharing knowledge and skills around the most effective ways to support individuals on the autism spectrum.

A **Three Day Parent/Carer** program is being offered in Logan on the following dates:

- **2 day model on the 15/16 November 2016**
- **1 day follow up program on 6 December 2016**

For further information please contact Wendy Hickson (QLD Team Leader) on email: whickson@autismspectrum.org.au
Early Childhood Intervention in Qld and the NDIS
Speakers from major stakeholders in early childhood intervention, followed by a Q & A session facilitated by Mark Hunter.

Thursday 2 June 2016
7:00pm to 9:00pm
Mezzanine Level – M1 and M2 rooms
Brisbane Convention and Entertainment Centre
Southbank, Brisbane
Free event, everyone welcome
Austen Interpreter will be present
Please register your intent to attend
- Online at www.eciaqld.org.au
- Phone Bernie Dickson on (07) 3374 4214
- Email eciaqld@bigpond.com

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): Michael F

Weekly Awards

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P & C Meeting Change of Date
The next P & C Meeting will be on the 26 May.

Banking
School banking is on Tuesdays. Please hand in your bank books to the Junior Office before school every Tuesday.

P & C Disco
The P & C Disco will be held on Friday 3 June. Payment is due at the Junior Office by 30 May.

Thank You
Thank you to all who helped with the Mothers’ Day Stall and to all of the parents for supporting the P & C. Thank you also to the Rolph family for your donation towards a new school banner.
Mabel Park State School
Reconciliation BBQ
OUR HISTORY. OUR STORY. OUR FUTURE

Parents / Carers
Please join with us as a community to recognise and celebrate Reconciliation Week 2016

Wednesday 25 May 3 pm – 4:30 pm
Resource Centre, Junior Campus

Looking forward to seeing you all there!