



# Newsletter

*Every child, every day, learning and achieving*



## Term 4, Week 3



**Every Student – Whatever it takes!**

Mabel Park State School respectfully acknowledges 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. We extend our 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.

**From the Principal – Mr Keith Poulter**

**Culture      Students      Community**  
**Term 4**

Dear Parents and Carers

My name is Keith Poulter and I am the Principal at Mabel Park State School for the remainder of the year. Over the last two weeks I have spent a lot of time visiting the classrooms in order to get to know the amazing teachers and our wonderful students. There are many great things happening at Mabel Park State School including some brilliant teaching and learning across all classrooms. This is my passion. That every child, every day is learning and achieving.

### **2022 Prep Enrolments**

Believe it or not, now is the time that we start organising Prep enrolments for 2022. We aim to provide a number of opportunities for future Prep students and parents to learn more about Prep and participate in transitions in order to ensure future students are as prepared for Prep as possible. Early meetings with the school and attendance at these transitions and information sessions for parents also allows the school to learn more about future students in order to best prepare for them and their individual needs. If you have a child who is commencing Prep in 2022, or know someone who has, please come to the office and collect an enrolment pack as soon as possible.

### **High 5 Strategy**

As the school looks for ways to bring about positive change, we aim to educate students about appropriate ways to manage behaviour of others that is inappropriate. This is where the 'Remember to High 5' comes in. This process provides a framework for students to follow should they encounter behaviour towards them that is inappropriate. I encourage parents and caregivers to discuss these steps with your children.



### **Attendance**

Please remember that everyday counts! As we have just commenced a new term, it is critical that student attendance remains a priority to support the teaching and learning that is taking place. Regular attendance also strengthens relationships, builds resilience and helps students to develop positive habits and routines. Thank you for supporting the attendance of your child.



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### **How is your child going with their learning?**

A great way to help your child with their learning is to discuss what they are learning about at school with them. Below are some questions that you could ask to start a conversation. A really great way to be engaged in what your child is learning is to ask the 5 Questions for Students. These are:

1. What are you learning?
2. How are you going?
3. How do you know?
4. How can you improve?
5. Where can you go for help?

Utilising these questions within your conversation will support your child's learning for the rest of the year. When parents, students and teachers work together and have a shared understanding of what is required to be successful, student success is more likely.

All the best!

Mr Poulter – Principal

**Deputy Principal: Prep & Year 1 – Mrs Alexis Bell**

### **Book Week 2021**

Congratulations to our Book Week 2021 award winners! We had a fantastic Book Week parade, on the last day of Term 3. It was made even more special by the parents and families who were able to attend this year. A huge "well done" goes out to all the parents and carers who put together the amazing array of costumes that we saw! Every year we are amazed with the time and effort that goes into the design and creation of Book Week costumes.







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## Prep 2022 Enrolments

Enrolments for Prep 2022 are open now. It is important to enrol early so we can consider how to best place your student in their Prep class. If you have a child who is 4 years old, or who has turned 5 since the beginning of July, or know somebody who does, please call the school on 3386 5333 to organise collection of an enrolment pack. [This website](#) has a calculator to help you find out if your child is eligible to start Prep in 2021. You will need to show a birth certificate for the child you are enrolling to complete the enrolment process. If you do not have a birth certificate for your child, please follow [this link](#) to find out how to apply for one.

## Prep Readiness

Please call the school to enquire about our Prep Readiness sessions. Our first Prep Readiness session was held last week and will run for five more weeks, each Thursday morning from 8am - 10am. Prep Readiness is a great opportunity for your child to meet their new Prep friends and get to know the school setting before they start school next year.



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**Deputy Principal: Year 2, 3 – Mrs Natalie Van Zyl**

### Year 2 & 3 Swimming Lessons-Week 4

Students in Year 2 & 3 have the opportunity to participate in a learn-to-swim program. Learning to swim is a vital skill for all ages, especially children. Students will learn how to be confident in the water and learn basic water safety with a 30-minute lesson per day for 5 days from trained instructors at Gould Adams Park Aquatic Centre. Gould Adams Park Aquatic Centre operates under the Swimming Pool and Aquatic Centre Industry COVID Safe Plan Stage 3.

Students are required to wear their full school uniform to school each day. Students will change into their swimwear before leaving the school grounds to minimise lost property. Please mark all student items clearly with your child's name. Please be aware that due to COVID restrictions, that your child will not be able to attend swimming lessons if they forget their swimming cap or towel. Boys are to wear either board shorts or speedos with a swim shirt. Girls are to wear a one-piece or bikinis with a swim shirt. It is compulsory for all students to wear a swimming cap. Goggles are optional.

### The Lion King Musical tickets are available to purchase from Flexischools!



MABEL PARK STATE SCHOOL PRESENTS:

# The Lion King Musical

Dates & Times:  
 Tuesday 9th November (5pm)  
 Wednesday 10th November (5pm)

Price per ticket: \$5    Tickets available on Flexischools now!!

**Step 1:**  
Open Flexischools and go to our home page



**Step 2:** Select "The Lion King Musical"



**Step 3:** Select quantity



**Step 4:** Select payment option














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## Deputy Principal - Year 4, 5 & 6: Mrs Karley Taylor

### Friday Afternoon Fun Year 5-6

On Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of October, we launched Friday Afternoon Fun activities. Every Friday afternoon during Term 4 our Year 5 and 6 students will participate in either craft, art, Lego building, just dance, soap making, touch football, basketball or soccer. Students thoroughly enjoyed last weeks activities. Below are some work samples from clay sculpting with Mrs Walsh.



### Student Council Disco



Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October our Student Council has organised a DISCO.

**Where:** JC Resource Centre/Parade Area

Prep -3 Disco from 4-5pm

4-6 Disco from 5-6pm

Gold Coin donation upon entry.

**Must be in free dress to attend.**

### Transition to Mabel Park State High School

This term we are liaising with Mabel Park State High School (MPSHS) to ensure our Year 6 students have a successful transition to high school. Year 6 parents may have noticed permission forms going home about attending MPSHS Gala/Trial days for AFL, basketball, rugby league and touch in addition to Logan Leaders and transition days. Keep your eyes posted for more trial and transition days in the upcoming weeks. On Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of October, our Year 6 teachers and MPSHS Year 7 teachers will observe each other. This is an exciting opportunity for both schools and is a giant step towards building a greater understanding of how to prepare students here at Mabel Primary for high school.





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**Head of Curriculum: Mrs Danielle Finlay**

### Five Questions to Discuss Learning

1. What did you learn today?
2. How did you do?
3. What did you do if you didn't understand?
4. How can you improve your learning?
5. What are you most proud of?

### Supporting Reading at Home

Reading every day for 10 – 30 minutes is important for children of every age. Below are some ideas to encourage your child to read at home:

-  Home reading program (Prep and Year 1)
-  Borrow books from the school library or Logan City Council libraries
-  Watch a TV show with subtitles / CC
-  Read a recipe

## Term 4 English Focus

This term in English...

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| <b>Prep</b>   | Our Prep students are reading and exploring letters from a mystery character. Once the mystery character is unveiled, students will write their own letter to the character.  |
| <b>Year 1</b> | Our Year 1 students are reading and listening to the story, The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. Students will create a multimodal procedure that explains how to make a disgusting sandwich.   |
| <b>Year 2</b> | Our Year 2 students are reading and listening to the story, Alexander's Outing and The Spirit of Hope. Students will create a multimodal narrative which includes an imaginative new event to solve a problem.  |
| <b>Year 3</b> | Our Year 3 students are reading and listening to a variety of poems. Students will examine the author's word choices and text structure used in the poem. They will apply their learning to write a descriptive poem focused on the three senses of sight, hearing and touch.   |
| <b>Year 4</b> | Our Year 4 students are examining persuasive techniques used in food packaging. Students will identify, interpret and explain the effect of persuasive devices, language features and visual features used in the design of a cereal box. They will then apply this understanding to design their own cereal box and advertisement. |
| <b>Year 5</b> | Our Year 5 students are exploring how characters and events are represented through novels and films. They will compare the representation of characters, events and messages in the novel and film, Storm Boy and state a preference of which one they preferred.  |
| <b>Year 6</b> | Our Year 6 students are learning about letter writing. They are examining how language features can be used to establish time and place and evoke an emotional response in the reader.  |



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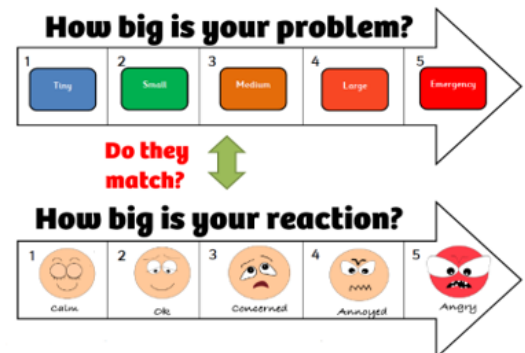
**Head of Department – Student Services – Ms Jessica Galbraith**

## PBL

This week's PBL Focus was 'Size of the Problem'. Students explored different problems and what the appropriate reactions to these problems should be. For example:

Your pencil breaks – Tiny Problem – Calm reaction – sharpen pencil or ask the teacher for a new one.

Someone hits you at lunchtime – Large Problem – Annoyed and Upset reaction – Report to a teacher



## Uniforms

Please review the School Uniform requirements as the end of the school year approaches and you start to purchase new items. During the colder months there was an influx of students wearing items that did not adhere to the school uniform requirements. Please ensure that your child wears:

- Black shoes
- White Socks
- Maroon or grey shorts
- Maroon skirt
- School polo or maroon polo



## Mabel Park State School Uniform



### Correct Uniform

Mabel Park shirt, grey or maroon shorts, maroon skirt or skirt, maroon or grey jumper, maroon or grey track pants, maroon or grey tights (under skirt or shorts), Mabel Park bucket hat or cap, white socks, black enclosed, polishable shoes.



## Universal Rewards System – Level Up

Mabel Park State School commenced the Universal Rewards System – Level Up at the beginning of this year. Students work towards receiving Gotchas for Trust, Courage and Respect. At the start of Term 3 the Rewards Charts were reset. For every 20 Gotchas received for a single Value they receive a certificate to take home. The certificates are colour coded! It has been fantastic to see so many students achieving the next level and how proud they are to show off their new certificates. Do you have a place at home to display your child's achievements?







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#### Year 4 – Mrs Willis

##### Excursion Update

On Wednesday 13th October, Year 4 students toured the Browns Plains Landfill as a part of their HASS studies for term 4. Students were very excited on the tour to get a 'behind the scenes' look (from the comfort of the bus) at the tip face - the top of the mountain of landfill from the local area. At the tip face we saw garbage trucks emptying their loads and were enamoured by the amount of birdlife searching the trash for snacks. As students learn about sustainability and the role of local government in waste management, they come to understand the impact of waste on our local and global communities.







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## Notices and Advertisements

**The Smith Family – SaverPlus Program – Opportunity for families to receive \$500 towards educational costs**

Smash your savings goals and we'll match it up to \$500

[Find out more](#)

saverplus

The Smith Family is running a matched-savings program for families to help with educational costs. Saver Plus supports eligible families to save for education-related expenses and can provide you with up to **\$500 for educational expenses**. Participants will also be provided with free, online financial skills training.

To be eligible for Saver Plus you must:

- Be over 18 years old
- Have a child at school or starting next year, or studying yourself
- Have a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- You (or your partner) are working, or you receive child support payments\*

\* Many types of income are eligible, please contact us for more information

You can submit an enquiry to join the program on the [website](http://www.saverplus.org.au/) - [www.saverplus.org.au/](http://www.saverplus.org.au/)

Call 0435 523 071 or email [logansp@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:logansp@thesmithfamily.com.au) for more information.



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# Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



**Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.**

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment\*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)\*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

\*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



laptops & tablets



uniforms & shoes



books & supplies



sports fees & gear



lessons & activities



camps & excursion

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:



Grace Nair



[grace.nair@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:grace.nair@thesmithfamily.com.au)



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Find out more  
at [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.





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**GERMS**

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WASH  
your  
HANDS

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COVER  
your  
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STAY HOME  
if you're sick



If you're concerned, **visit your GP**  
or call **13HEALTH (13 43 25 84)**.



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*A community event, shining the light on a very important conversation about mental health – that **it ain't weak to speak.***

**DATE:** 28/10/2021

**TIME:** 17:00–19:00

**LOCATION:** MARSDEN STATE SCHOOL HALL  
(CHAMBERS FLAT ROAD ENTRY)

**TICKETS \$20.00 EACH**

Tickets can be purchased online through Eventbrite  
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/livin-community-well-event-tickets-173078230647>

# LIVIN COMMUNITY WELL EVENT

**TEACHING OUR YOUTH THAT  
IT AIN'T WEAK TO SPEAK**

**#Itaintweaktospeak.**

Various mental health providers will be present on the evening to share their services through pop up stall concepts from 17:00 to 17:30.

LIVIN will facilitate the **LIVIN WELL program**, as well as a variety of guest speakers speaking out about our role in stigma reduction and teaching our youth about positive mental health practices.

We look forward to seeing as many Educators and community members there as possible!

*The aim of this event is to **raise money for LIVIN**, to ensure they can facilitate as many LIVIN well programs in schools as possible. LIVIN is a non for profit, mental health charity raising awareness around stigma reduction.*

[www.livin.org](http://www.livin.org)

**ALL MONIES RAISED WILL BE DONATED TO LIVIN.**