



Newsletter



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From the Principal – Glenn Chippendale

Term 4

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this message finds you well. As we reach the midway point of Term 4 it is certainly a time to look back on what we have accomplished, and what is coming up over the next few weeks.

Across the last few weeks there have been many events. We started the term with Book Fair, which was again an amazing success. The ending of Book Fair was close to coinciding with the release of the Department of Education's Reading Commitment. The commitment acknowledges the importance of reading in all facets of life and commits all Queensland state schools to teaching reading consistently using an evidence informed approach. The Simple View of Reading approach was already being implemented in P-2 this year and we will continue to expand this approach across all year levels in 2024.

Student leadership positions are nearly finalised. I congratulate all Year 5 students who demonstrated the courage to speak with myself and Mrs Wright, before those shortlisted spoke in front of the Year 5 and Year 6 cohorts. I am eagerly awaiting hearing who will lead on student body into 2024.

Our 2024 Prep students have commenced their Prep Readiness program. Thank you to Mrs Alexis Bell and Prep Teachers for your contribution to orientating our future students to the school and beginning their transition to the school now.

I will take this opportunity to remind any families who have yet to enrol their child for 2024 in Prep to please do so urgently. It is essential for our planning that we are planned early to best support your child as they commence their formal schooling.



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The upcoming month holds exciting opportunities for all of us. Our calendar is filled with events, activities, and educational experiences that will enrich our students' lives and help them grow into well-rounded individuals. Of most significance are our academic awards and swimming carnivals both occurring in Week 9.

I would also like to remind Year 6 parents of these final opportunities to enrol your child as Mabel Park State High School. The High School is hosting their Year 6 Transition Day on Tuesday, 28 November 2023. To be able to attend your child must be enrolled. We are currently working to offer an exclusive enrolment event held immediately following the start of our school day within the next week. Information will be distributed very shortly to the Year 6 cohort.

We are also working to finalise our classes for 2024. Teachers devote significant time to the allocation of each child to their new class group. There are many factors that are taken into consideration when placing students into a new class. They include criteria such as friendship groupings, relationships, class dynamics, ability range, boy/girl ratio and total student numbers to name a few. The school does not respond to personal requests for a particular class or teacher. It is our aim to ensure fairness and transparency for all members of our community as we allocate the students to their 2024 class group.

Thank you for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your children. It is a privilege that we take very seriously, and we are dedicated to providing the best educational experience possible. Let's work together to make this a fantastic final few weeks of 2023 for your child!