



MAPLETON STATE SCHOOL TOP OF THE RANGE



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Core Priorities: Writing

Value: Every child matters every day!

Vision: We as the Mapleton State School community, stand united in our vision of creating an inclusive environment in which students are supported to follow the Mapleton Way to become successful, engaged learners.

Mapleton State School acknowledges the traditional Jinibara people on whose land it stands.



2021 DATE CLAIMERS

27 Jan Term 1 Begins
01 Apr End Term 1

19 Apr Term 2 Begins
26 Apr Anzac Day Public Holiday
3 May Labour Day Public Holiday
25 Jun End Term 2

12 Jul Term 3 Begins
3 Sep Student Free Day
17 Sep End Term 3

4 Oct **Queen's Birthday** Public Holiday
5 Oct Term 4 Begins
10 Dec End Term 4



IMPORTANT NOTICE

All parents, carers and visitors need to report to the school office when collecting/dropping off children or belongings during school time.

From the Principal

Mapleton State School acknowledge the traditional custodians of the place we now call our school. We pay our respects to the Elders past and present and are proud to be supporting and encouraging emerging Indigenous leaders every day.

It is lovely to see all of our beautiful new and existing families back ready for the commencement of 2021. A huge welcome also to our little preps! It certainly is a very exciting time for students and parents and I'm sure it won't take too long before everyone settles back into school routines. My favourite time of day is catching up with parents/carers and students in the mornings and afternoons and having a chat. It is so lovely to see so many smiling faces from students and hearing such beautiful manners as they walk through the gate.

Classrooms look amazing!

A huge thanks to all of our wonderful teachers, Chappy and staff who have volunteered a lot of extra hours over the holidays working in their classroom to be ready for day 1. The spaces are beautifully decorated with some new ideas.

Prep Fence

Our prep room is finally air-conditioned. Hooray! Just in time for this hot weather. BAS needed to dig a new trench to install cabling and therefore the prep playground fence needed to be moved to allow this to happen. Hopefully, BAS will fix the prep fence soon. In the meantime, students can still access the playground with teacher supervision.

Grounds

We are so fortunate to have such vast and lush surroundings and grounds. We are working hard to try and get on top of the mowing and garden maintenance. It is challenging at the moment with the consistent humidity and rain. Each class has taken on the responsibility of a garden area and students and teachers have been busy weeding and tidying up the gardens.

I'd like to thank Nicole Choveaux for your ongoing support working in the vegetable patch, orchards and gardens. All your hard work is very much appreciated. You're doing an amazing job. Thanks

Parent Teacher Interviews

The following classes will be holding parent teacher interviews next week:

- ⇒ Prep
- ⇒ Mrs Wirth P/1
- ⇒ Mrs Harold 1/2
- ⇒ Mrs Shillig 2/3
- ⇒ Mrs Mason & Mrs Proellocks 3/4

Parent Information Sessions will be held throughout week 4 for these classes:

- ⇒ Mrs Pappagallo Year 4/5 Tuesday afternoon
- ⇒ Mr Price
- ⇒ Mrs Qazmin

Teachers will email more detailed information to families via their class newsletters or please see your class teacher.

From the Principal

A warm welcome to our new Guidance Officer **Kirsty Brady**. We look forward to working with you every Wednesday. We would also like to wish Louise Blanch the very best in her full time role as Guidance Officer at another school.

Bus Duty and Drop Off Zone

The yellow marked area at the front of the school is a 2 minute drop off or pick up zone. The buses that come and pick students up need to be able to access the front area of the school.

When the bell goes at 3pm, students who are being collected by their parents/carers need to sit on the seats outside the office area as soon as possible where they will be supervised by a teacher. Please be mindful that if your child is not out the front waiting, can you please do the loop and come back around to allow the traffic to keep moving.

The front car park is owned by the council and the police are constantly conducting spot checks and will be booking parents who are illegally parked in and around schools.

An alternative to the front pick up area along Flaxton Drive is at the back of the school along Obi Obi Road.

Every day counts!

Being at school every day counts. If your child is absent one day per week, this quickly adds up to two months of missed school in a year. School absenteeism and truancy can impact significantly on students' learning and wellbeing. Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance is associated, on average, with higher student achievement. Additionally, attending school every day helps children to build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience.

Under the law, you must make sure your child is enrolled and attends school on all school days unless there is a reasonable excuse. Schools must monitor the attendance of students and follow up with parents and caregivers any unexplained absences.

If your child is away from school can you please either:

- ⇒ phone the office (5456 3333),
- ⇒ leave a message on the absentee hotline (5456 3360), or
- ⇒ send an email: admin@mapletonss.eq.edu.au

If you are dropping off or collecting your child throughout the day and the office is unattended, can you please complete the student register which is located on the bench in the office?

If your child does not want to go to school, or is missing school without you knowing, contact your school immediately for assistance and support.

If your child is...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes late per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>half a year</u>
20 minutes late per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
30 minutes late per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 and a half years</u>
1 hour late per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over <u>2 and a half years</u>

Uniform Shop

The school Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday morning from 8:30am to 9am. Thanks to Janet McKeering and Katherine Robertson for your ongoing support as coordinators.

Containers for Change

Thanks Ros Banks for your continued support with taking our containers down to be cashed in. Since the end of last term Ros has taken two full loads to be cashed in. Absolutely wonderful!

School Banking

Get involved in the School Banking Program with the Commonwealth Bank. It's a fun, interactive and engaging way to help teach your child the importance of saving. Please see attached flyers for more information.

News Items

Prep

We have welcomed 21 new Preppies to our Prep class. In Prep this year, we have Mrs Karen Lynch teaching Monday-Thursday and Mrs Maryanne Primmer teaching on Fridays. Our fabulous teacher aide is Mrs Sue Xavier also works Monday-Friday.

During the first few weeks we will begin to do some curriculum work, but a lot of our work initially will centre around socialising and learning about life and routines at school. This time is important to build the children's confidence and provide a happy work environment for them.

This week we met our Year 6 Buddies. They are helping the children settle into the school environment and have a "big person" to share their experiences with. This is a long-held Mapleton tradition which the Year 6s look forward to as much as the little children. There were lots of happy faces and excited children when we were all introduced.

We are looking forward to working as a team with all the parents and families throughout 2021!



THE BABY
SITTERS CLUB
IS HERE!

Thank
You!

Located in A Block at Mapleton State School

The Baby Sitters Club runs from 3pm until 6pm
Monday – Friday

Pricing:

\$10 per hour per child

\$20 cancelation fee (if cancelled with in 24 hours of original
booking)

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL CHARLOTTE ON 0412 521 109 OR EMAIL
mapletonbabysittersclub@gmail.com

Thank you so much
to the English family
for the donation of
Lego to our school.
It is being put to
good use!

Chappy Chat

Welcome to all the new families joining us this year and welcome back to all those who are not so new. I am looking forward to a joyous year working with the beautiful Mapleton school community.

Throughout the year the chaplaincy service runs a number of programs to assist our students to build and enhance their social or emotional skills. One of these programs is Seasons for Growth. The Seasons for Growth program supports children to understand and respond well to the issues they experience as a result of death, separation, divorce or other significant change and loss in their lives. This program runs at school during school hours. If you feel you would like your child to participate in this program please email me to let me know. I will then send out some more information and permission forms so your child can participate.

Your Chappy,

Vicki Eland

velan1@eq.edu.au

Notices

Ian Cowan Tennis

I am presently taking bookings for student courses held at Mapleton Tennis Club on a Wednesday morning for beginning and developing players. First lesson is FREE with no obligation to continue. All equipment provided.

I will also be offering ADULT programs at Montville Tennis Club during the following times:

Tuesday, 10am to 11.30am (Drop the kids off and get active!)

Tuesday, 5pm to 6.30pm.

Friday, 5pm to 6.30pm.

Saturday, 8am to 9.30am.

Contact Ian on 0405 839079 or go to IanCowanTennis (Facebook)



Mapleton Netball

Thinking of playing netball this year? Come and join the team at Mapleton Netball. We are looking for players, boys and girls, from Grade 3 upwards.

Training is on Monday afternoons from 3.15pm to 4.15pm at our own school netball court. It will commence Monday 1st March.

Games are played at 1pm every Saturday at the Nambour Netball courts at Woombye. Same time, same place.

Important Dates

Feb 13 - sign on and come and try from 10am @ Nambour Netball courts

March 1 - Training begins Mapleton State School.

March 13 - Grading begins for junior teams (11yrs and up)

March 27 - Fixtures begin all teams 1pm Nambour Netball Courts

Contact: Steph Allen or Penny Shaw mapletonnetball@gmail.com



Book Club LOOP

The EASIEST way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!



Parents: Are you registered for LOOP?

LOOP is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order, if you wish to pay by credit card.

Parents who are registered for **LOOP** receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!



Head to scholastic.com.au/LOOP and register today!

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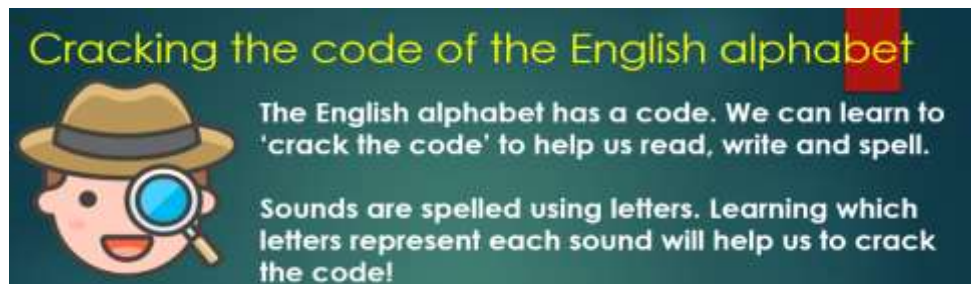


Curriculum Corner

Welcome back to all of our school families. On the pupil free days before school started, our school staff completed a great deal of professional learning. For our teachers and teacher aides, the focus was deepening knowledge about how we learn to read and spell. This involved investigating the latest research from a variety of sources, including neuroscientists, education specialists and speech therapists. We are working together to use what we have learned to refine what we are doing in our classrooms. Just like kids, we are always learning!

Spelling is our school-wide focus this year. Our goal is to further develop a consistent, effective whole-school approach to spelling, which will support all students to become confident spellers. We will be sharing lots of information with parents and carers about spelling throughout the year.

This week, we are sharing information about the alphabetic principle and how we are helping kids to 'crack the code' of the English alphabet.



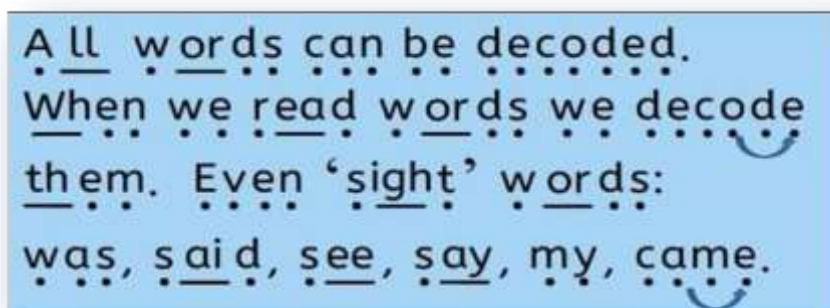
What is the Alphabetic Principle?

An important thing to understand is the Alphabetic Principle. The alphabet was invented (it was a genius moment in history!) so that sounds of speech were represented by symbols. This was an amazing invention because it meant that any language and any word could be written down with relatively few symbols. You simply had to make sure there were enough symbols to spell the sounds in your language.

So, when we teach reading and spelling we are teaching kids to decode the sound/symbols code that was invented by the Phoenicians, taken on by the Greeks and perfected by the Romans thousands of years ago. This is the Alphabetic Principle. The actual correspondences between the sounds and letters in English is called the 'Alphabetic Code'. English is a 'layered' language that adopted words from other languages (Anglo Saxon, Norse, French, Latin, Greek and more). This has created a complex Alphabetic Code compared to transparent languages such as Spanish or Italian that are so much easier to learn to read and spell.

The image below demonstrates the Alphabetic Principle: how sounds are spelled by letters. Each dot is a one-letter spelling of a sound in a word and a dash has a spelling of more than one letter. Where you have a link symbol - this is a split digraph (a split spelling).

Source – 'Phonic Books'

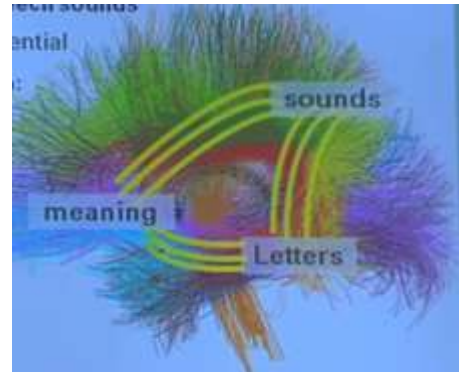


Curriculum Corner (continued)

How the brain learns to read

We also investigated the work of cognitive neuroscientist Stanislas Dehaene, whose research centres on how the brain learns to read. His work brings neuroscience from the laboratory to the classroom, to help us understand exactly how our brains work when we are learning the very complex skill of reading. Some key take-aways are included below. If you are interested, his video 'How the brain learns to read' can be found on YouTube.

- Conclusion: Neurosciences can help education
- Reading, in all cultures relies on the same brain mechanisms
- Reading requires specializing the visual systems of our brains for the shapes of letters, and connecting them to speech sounds
- Teaching letter-sound correspondences is essential
- It is also the fastest way to acquire reading and comprehension
- Once we learn letter-sound connections, self-teaching can occur. That means children can decipher words, recognise when they hear them and access their meaning.



Top Tips for Helping Your Child to Read - Attached to the newsletter, you'll find some great tips for supporting reading for parents and carers.

Have a lovely week. - Tia Page (Head of Curriculum/ST:LaN)

Notices, Contacts and Calendar Events

STUDENT ABSENCES:

Please report any student absences on **5456 3360**

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS:

Tuesday mornings from 8.30 – 9.00am. Email - mapletonuniformshop@gmail.com

P & C:

mapletonpandc@gmail.com

SCHOOL WATCH: 131 788

MAPLETON OBSERVATORY:

Located on the school grounds.
For information please phone 5476 1183 or visit - www.mapletonobservatory.com.au

SCHOOL BANKING DETAILS:

BSB - 064424 Acct - 00090669

P&C BANKING DETAILS:

BSB - 064424 Acct - 00900107



*A Little
Progress
Each Day
Adds Up To
Big Results*

February 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

March 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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THE MAPLETON WAY



Care for yourself-

- Play where it is safe
- Remain in school grounds unless permitted to leave
- Display clean and healthy personal habits
- Maintain suitable dress standard
- Protect yourself from the sun

Care for your school-

- Keep a litter free environment
- Care for trees, gardens and buildings
- Care for equipment (sport, classroom)
- Uphold school's good name in public

Care for others-

- Allow others to learn without distraction
- Treat every other person with respect, courtesy and kindness
- Resolve conflict peacefully
- Respect and care for others' property
- Leave dangerous items alone

Care for your learning-

- Do school work to the best of your ability
- Have all items ready for lessons
- Listen carefully for instructions
- Ask for help if you do not understand