



# MAPLETON STATE SCHOOL TOP OF THE RANGE



**Principal:** Mrs Julianne Emmert **Email:** principal@mapletonss.eq.edu.au Mar 2021 nl04-03



**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
- 09 Mar School Photos
- 16 Mar Cosmic Kids Club  
6-8pm (yr 5&6)
- 18 Mar Cross Country
- 26 Mar Yr 6 Excursion
- 31 Mar Small Schools  
Volleyball
- 01 Apr End Term 1
  
- 19 Apr Term 2 Begins
- 23 Apr Small Schools Cross  
Country
- 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

## 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.

Is it really Week 7 already?! Our classes are very busy, working hard, as we head towards the end of Term 1.

The grounds are looking lovely thanks to our wonderful staff and students. We have been busy weeding, mulching and planting. Each class has taken on an area and the students have been actively involved with designing and planning their space. Recently Bevan McMartin donated twenty bales of sugar cane mulch for our gardens which is amazing.



## Regional Swimming

On Wednesday Hamish and Elise attended Regional Swimming Carnival at Burpengary. Congratulations to you both we are so proud! Hamish walked away with two great PB's in his races. Such a great swim for his first regionals! Elise has managed to get 2nd in her 100m backstroke. That takes her to the next level of State championship which will be held in a few weeks. Well done you are both amazing!



## Random Acts of Kindness

We feel privileged at Mapleton State School to be working within a wonderful community with such beautiful families. We have seen many generous, thoughtful people spread kindness throughout our school community over the years. Joannie Baptist donated 270 cards that she personally made for Chappy Vicki's fundraisers. We are filled with gratitude and want to encourage our students to reach out to others in kindness too.

## Soft plastic recycling

Families can now drop off your soft plastics and access the blue and yellow bins each day outside the administration building. A huge thanks to Kristy Canavan for the wonderful initiative and suggestions. Kristy collects the items when the bin is full and takes them to Coles or Woolworths who are participating in the REDcycle Program. She recently dropped our school's first batch of soft plastic to Coles. 10 big bags—it only just fitted into a large trolley and completely filled the collection point in Coles! The plastics must be dry and as empty as possible. Please see documents attached with this newsletter for more information about this program and a list of items that can be recycled and put into this bin.



## 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

### School Leadership Ceremony

Our School Leadership Presentation for our Year 6 families was beautiful. The speeches were inspiring from staff and students. Cr David Law and Lloyd Anderson from the Mapleton RSL Sub Branch presented our students with their badges. We are all very proud of our leaders and we wish you all the best this year. Congratulations!! Also a huge thanks to Mrs Qazim, Mr Price, Renee and Christine for all your help organising a wonderful event.



A huge congratulations to those students taking on leadership roles in 2021, we know you will do a wonderful job:

**School Captains:** Ethan D and Cindy Mc

**Vice Captains:** Emily Mc, Jasper C, Charli W and Matilda Mc

**Sporting House Captains:**

**Eagles Captains:** Casey V and Joshua E

**Eagles Vice Captains:** Joshua B and Suzanna J

**Kangaroos Captains:** Elise Mc and Pearl F

**Kangaroos Vice Captains:** Lola B and Nathaniel B

**Sharks Captains:** Bella Mc and Hamish J

**Sharks Vice Captains:** Eli W and Joshua P

**Student Council:**

**President:** Scarlett R

**Vice President:** Noah J

**Secretary:** Maddie H

**Treasurers:** Rhys K and Levi R

**Fundraising:** Jessie-Ruby E and Eve E

**Members:** Casey W, Ruby S, Harry L, Harry B, Charlie D, Ziggy H, Alice R, and Beau W





## News Items - Spelling

Our school is implementing PLD (Promoting Literacy Development) which includes a structured, synthetic phonics approach to teaching spelling. This approach is being rolled out across our whole school as it aligns with scientifically proven practices about the most effective ways to improve literacy. Information will continue to be provided to parents and carers during the year regarding PLD and the evidence-based practices that help our kids improve their learning.

As part of our whole school approach to improving spelling, we recently completed a diagnostic spelling assessment from Year 1 - 6 to identify any gaps in each student's spelling understanding. Spelling instruction, practice and lists will target each student's area of need. This week your child will come home with a spelling list targeted to their specific learning needs. During the week, students will complete lessons and activities designed to build their understanding about their focus spelling concept. Spelling practice at home will help to consolidate these skills. Thank you to all of our families for helping us to work towards our goal of creating confident, competent spellers.

Tia Page,  
HOC



### Woodwork

We are currently looking for a volunteer to come and work with small groups of students or individual students once a week or when available. We have a lovely designated woodwork shed with tools and materials for student use. Maybe you might know of someone locally? A dad, grandparent etc.

All volunteers are required to have a current blue card and complete Mandatory All-Staff Training.

## Chappy Chat

Food for Thought..

I have often been amazed at the generosity of both individuals and organisations in our region who have come together to assist and support people who need a little extra help. At times we all could do with a pick me up and receiving a "Random act of Kindness" can change someone's whole day. At school we have been talking to the students about the very generous "Random acts of Kindness" we have been receiving as a school.

Can you imagine how great it would be to live in this area if we were all looking out for people's needs at all times, not just in times of turmoil? Today, try opening your eyes to the needs of others around you and whenever you can, offer to help. You will discover that there is a real feeling of fulfilment and satisfaction that comes from knowing that you have made a positive difference to someone's day.

Consider the idea that – the more you care for others, the more they care for you. Why don't you plan a "Random act of Kindness" as a family? Cook some biscuits and give them to a neighbour. Wash someone's car together. Write a thank you note to someone. The possibilities are endless.

A message from your Chappy  
Vicki Eland ([velan1@eq.edu.au](mailto:velan1@eq.edu.au))



### 2021 MAPLETON STATE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our Cross Country Championships are coming up soon. We have all been busy training leading up to the day.

**Date:** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

**LOCATION:** Small oval near tennis court.

**TIME:** 9:15am approximately

**Event timetable:** Preps (short course), Year 1 (short course), Year 2 (1km), Year 3 (1km), Age Groups 2012 (2km), 2011 (2km), 2010 (3km), 2009 (3km). Students are to wear appropriate footwear for running in.

We cannot specify the times for each event as we must wait until most students have completed the course before we start the next race



Students in the age groups 2009, 2010, 2011 will be eligible to represent our school in the Small Schools Championship being held at our school in Term 2, Week 1 on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 10:00am.

\*This will also depend on the times they run.

We are promoting this as a fun event where participation is the main focus. All students will have run the courses many times in practice sessions.

Just a reminder to parents that we need to follow COVID safe practices during this event. That includes social distancing, using hand sanitising stations and if feeling sick, remaining at home. We will provide further details to parents before and during the events.

I must stress that if the weather is not appropriate (rain) then we will cancel the event on that day taking into consideration the health and safety of our students. It is regrettable that we do this as I realise parents do take time off work but our students are our first priority. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at school.

Mike Price

### **Cosmic Kids Club is back!**

Adrian and Lainie, our keen local astronomers will share their knowledge and love of the cosmos, using state the art equipment to teach our children all about the amazing world above.



Commencing Tuesday 16th March (yr 5 & 6 students this month)

Due to number constraints we have to limit numbers to no more than 21 students.

RSVP by Friday 12 March to [spapp3@eq.edu.au](mailto:spapp3@eq.edu.au) or call the office on **5456 3333**.

The Baby Sitters club is now offering Before School Care! Please see document attached with this newsletter.

**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!

**BONUS!**

Head to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP) and register today!

**SCHOLASTIC**



### **THE BABY SITTERS CLUB IS HERE!**

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 cancellation 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](mailto:mapletonbabysittersclub@gmail.com)

## 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.

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

#### Important Dates

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](mailto:mapletonnetball@gmail.com)



Do you want to play soccer for a fun, family orientated club. Range united is wanting players for all age groups from U6 to U13.

We are especially looking for U6 at the moment as we haven't quite got a full team. If your child is interested or you know someone who might be please get in contact with us.

Games start this weekend

Secretary: Emma 0418371414

President: Brett 0433668714

## 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](mailto:mapletonuniformshop@gmail.com)

**P & C:**

[mapletonpandc@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.mapletonobservatory.com.au)

**SCHOOL BANKING DETAILS:**

BSB - 064424 Acct - 00090669

**P&C BANKING DETAILS:**

BSB - 064424 Acct - 00900107



### March 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 School Photo Day	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Cosmic Kids Club	17	18 Cross Country	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Yr 6 Excursion	27	28
29	30	31 Small Schools Volleyball				

### April 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1 End Term 1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Term 2 Begins	20	21	22	23 Small Schools Cross Country	24	25
26 Anzac Day Public Holiday	27	28	29	30		



## ***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