Welcome to term 2

We all hit the ground running this term.
You will see at the bottom of the newsletter a few dates to remember, however please bookmark the schools website for up to date information and newsletters http://www.mountpleasantps.wa.edu.au/

Literacy
Bug Club is up to date; every child should have books allocated, if not please let us know. Please check in with your child every now and again to make sure they are answering the questions (the little bug on the page) and not just racing through the books. 
There will be 104 new books coming online in the near future.

Writing-What is a Persuasive Text?
A Persuasive text is a written argument that tries to convince you to believe or do something. Next time your children try to persuade you to do something for them, ask them to give you three reasons. See if they can really convince you. We will be looking at both sides of each argument.

Spelling
Please continue to read and discuss last terms sounds, a-e, sh, ch, oy, ear, er
 e-e, th, oi, ur, i-e, ng, ck., or, air
 o-e, oo (book), oo (moon), ar, ure (pure)
 u-e, oo, ow, ss, ll, zz
 qu, are, ou, ore, ow, ue, igh
Remember your spelling lists are on Spelling City to help you practice.

Numeracy
Last term we looked at the names and order of the months and the seasons. Daily we look at the calendar to identify the day and date and the number of days in each month. This term we will be looking at time. Your child made a clock last term to help them practice, o’clock, half past and identify the concept of 5 minute intervals. Incidental games can reinforce this language and skill. When you have to be somewhere, e.g., tell them they will be leaving at 3.15 and ask them what that looks like on the clock. We are leaving in 15 minutes what time will it be?

In Numbers we have been looking at the relationships between addition and subtraction. We have found that we can find fact families (e.g. 5+3=8, 8-3=5) These families can then be used to solve more difficult examples (e.g. 25+13=38) In Statistics we will be using a key to interpret a graph.

Science
We are still working on the topic, Water Works and will move on to Watch It Grow, for the rest of Term 2.

History
We have been reading a book, The Road to Goonong, to help the children identify what occurred in the past and discussing how our lifestyle has evolved and changed.

Please ensure your child has all their school supplies, e.g. lead pencils, red pencil, glue etc.

House keeping
Library-Monday
Bring diaries every day.
Sip n crunch every day.
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Swimming Lessons 2014

They are very excited to be on the bus and heading to the pool.

For your Calendar
May 9 Last day of swimming
May 14 Early childhood health information talk
May 16 School disco
June 4 Building resilience Information talk
June 13 Incursion The Right Balance
June 25 Building your child’s mind talk