WELCOME BACK
Welcome back to Mount Pleasant Primary. A particular warm welcome to new families who have enrolled this year.

Our enrolment stands at 377 students. For your information, I have included the school structure on the following page. I would also like to welcome new staff to Mount Pleasant Primary School and wish them a very fulfilling experience.

Parent Information Sessions
To provide you with information regarding your child's program of work and maintain open communication links, Parent Information sessions will be held on Tuesday 16th February. In an attempt to accommodate parents with students in several classes we have staggered the times.

Tuesday 16 Feb
5:30
K-4B Mrs Nicolay
K-4R Mrs Klinger
PP - R14 Miss Edmonds
PP/Y1 - R13 Mrs Harnett
Y1 - R11 Mrs Bulmer & Mrs Ward
Y1/2 - R15 Mrs Gaudieri & Mrs Spencer-James
Y2 - R12 Ms Gardiner
Y2 - R16 Ms Burke
6:00
Y3 - R9 Mrs Griffiths & Mrs Cull
3/4 - R8 Miss Osmond
Y4 - R4 Mrs Williams & Mrs Hooper

6:30
Y4/5 - R2 Miss Brown
Y5 - R1 Ms Nichols
Y6 - R18 Mr Clee

Tuesday 23 Feb
5:30
Y3-Room 7 Mrs Kukura

Class Representatives
The P&C has asked me to remind you that they urgently require class representatives to assist with general communication and as a contact between the P&C, parents and the classroom. If you are able to assist with this initiative, please let your classroom teacher know.

Friendship List
Each classroom teacher has been given a friendship list for communication and social purposes. The P&C asks that you provide your details on this list so that class representatives can pass on important information. The Parent Information evening would be a good time to do this.

Sports Faction Tops
Order forms for faction tops have been provided to each teacher and are also available from the front office.

Staffing
Staffing at Mount Pleasant Primary School has remained relatively stable with some minor changes. I would like to welcome Mrs Paula Hooper, Deputy Principal. Welcome also to Mrs Sarah Gaudieri sharing a Year 1/2 with Mrs Spencer-James and Mrs Nicole Conrad who will be involved in a special support program. I would also like to welcome Mrs Jennifer Coleman, our new Music Specialist and Mrs Angie Clarke, a Special Needs Education Assistant. Welcome back to Miss Celia Nichols, returning from leave in 2015. I look forward to working with all our new staff members and wish them a very successful year.

P&C AGM
The P&C AGM will be held on Wednesday 17 February at 7:30pm in the staff room. There will be a short meeting followed by complimentary snacks and drinks. The P&C is not only a wonderful support committee for the school but also presents itself as a great social opportunity. I strongly encourage your attendance.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

2016 CLASS ORGANISATION

KINDERGARTEN RED  Mrs Zeta Klinger/Mrs Mila Sirr
KINDERGARTEN BLUE  Mrs Linda Nicolay
PRE-PRIMARY ROOM 14  Miss Katie Edmonds
PRE-PRIMARY/YEAR 1 ROOM 13  Mrs Glenda Harnett
YEAR 1 ROOM 11  Mrs Anne Bulmer/Mrs Robyn Ward
YEAR 1 ROOM 15  Mrs Sarah Gaudieri/Mrs Desley Spencer-James
YEAR 2 ROOM 12  Ms Brooke Gardener
YEAR 2 ROOM 16  Ms Jo Burke
YEAR 2/3 ROOM 9  Mrs Margaret Griffiths / Mrs Andrea Cull
YEAR 3 ROOM 7  Ms Nicole Kukura
YEAR 3/4 ROOM 8  Miss Erin Osmond
YEAR 4 ROOM 4  Ms Kathryn Williams
YEAR 4/5 ROOM 2  Ms Gerri Brown
YEAR 5 ROOM 1  Miss Ceila Nichols
YEAR 6 ROOM 18  Mr Steve Clea
MUSIC  Mrs Jennifer Coleman
ART  Ms Jo Mascaro
SPORT  Mr Ian Allen
ESL  Ms Nicola Sparkes/Mrs Nicole Conrad
HISTORY  Mrs Jacqueline Inglis

CHAPLAIN NEWS

Mount Pleasant Primary School is a wonderful community and I have the pleasure of serving as Chaplain on Thursdays and Fridays. So what does a Chaplain do?

Pastoral Care

The role of Chaplain is wide and varied, depending on the needs of the school, but the major focus is pastoral care. I count it a privilege to pastorally care for the students, staff and families at our school, so if I can be of help please let me know. We all face challenging times in our lives, and having a ‘safe place’ to share and work through our feelings can help a lot. A message can be left at the front office or feel free to phone or visit me at the school. Of course seeing a Chaplain is voluntary, and if you would rather your child does not catch up with me during the year, please let the front office or myself know.

Other Activities

Other activities a Chaplain may be involved in are: helping out in classrooms and working with groups of students to promote well-being in target areas. For example I am trained to run the program Seasons For Growth which assists children to work through grief and cope with loss & change. A Chaplain may also help out on excursions and camps, and over the past few years I have loved going on the year 6/7 camps to Bridgetown. Making connections with the wider community is an important role of Chaplains, I currently co-ordinate the Ed Connect Program where members of the wider community volunteer their time during school hours to mentor students. Another part of my role at Mount Pleasant Primary School is facilitating whole-school celebrations such as Harmony Day, hosting morning teas such as Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea and we will continue running our ‘5 Cents Challenge’ this year which raises funds for education projects amongst the poor around the world. There are other activities that I am involved with around the school so don’t be surprised if I keep popping up around the place.

I look forward to sharing 2016 with you at Mount Pleasant PS, and wish you and your family a fantastic Term 1 😊

Wendy Anderson
A warm welcome back to the start of 2016.

The Library is staffed by Library Officer, Mrs Penny Porter. The library is open all day Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Student borrowing commences in week two with Pre-Primary to Year Six students able to borrow two books. When Kindy commence borrowing, they can borrow one book.

Please make sure that your child has a cloth library bag or similar, clearly marked with their name, for protecting books as they are carried to and from school. As parents, you can assist by finding out your child’s weekly scheduled borrowing session and ensuring that books are returned on time.

In addition to the class borrowing session, children can return and borrow books at the following times:
- Thursday lunch time – 12.55pm to 1.15pm.
- Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before school (from 8.30am) and after school (until 3.15pm).

Parents are welcome to come with their child to help them borrow on the days that the library is open before and after school.

The library is open for students on Thursday at lunch time. During this time they can carry out research, play board games, read books and access the computers.

At present we have a number of books that were not returned at the end of 2014, we would appreciate if you could search at home for any books that need to be returned to the library. Every year we ask for parent volunteers to help in the library. It can be as little as ten minutes after drop-off in the morning or before pick-up in the afternoon to help with shelving. If you are able to commit to a longer period of time there are a variety of tasks, such as book covering. No experience is necessary and training is provided.

If you would like to volunteer to help, please call in and see Penny Porter in the library on the days that she is here, or leave your name and contact number at the front office.

We look forward to hearing from you.

**Donate-a-Book**
16th February 2016

On the Parent Information Night, we are encouraging parents to come to the Library to donate a book. A large selection of books supplied by Westbooks will be showcased and available for purchase with the option to donate them to the Library.

The books provided are all quality books which are beautifully presented. Books donated to the school will greatly enhance the current library collection and will encourage children to borrow. Purchases can be made on the night by cash or credit card.

We hope you will support our school and look forward to seeing you in the Library on the night! Families who donate a book to the library will be recognised in the front cover.

Penny Porter
Library Officer
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