Dear Parents and Community members,

**NAPLAN**

Students in Year 3 and 5 at Mount Pleasant Primary School will be involved in the NAPLAN testing on May 10, 11 and 12. Last week students in Years 3 and 5 were given an information sheet. If you have not received this, please contact the front office for a copy.

**Anaphylactic Reaction**

Several students at Mount Pleasant Primary School have severe anaphylactic allergies that can be triggered by peanuts and other nuts. The best way to reduce the risk factors is to remove the triggers. To this end, I urge you not to send nuts or peanuts to school. This also includes, peanut butter, hazelnut spread (Nutella), certain muesli bars, chocolate bars and biscuits containing nuts.

This is a very significant issue at Mount Pleasant Primary so I urge you to support our school.

**After School Supervision**

Recently, there have been several student accidents on our play equipment before and after school. While I encourage parents to socialise and be a part of our school community, we assume that once you pick your child up from the classroom, that duty of care rests with you. I urge parents to be diligent with supervision.

**Welcome Morning Tea**

We would like to invite new parents for morning tea on Thursday March 3 at 9:00am in our staffroom. This will be an opportunity to clarify policies or any other queries you may have. This will also be an opportunity to meet other new parents at our school.

Wendy Anderson
Chaplain

**School Development Days**

For your information, Mount Pleasant Primary School has scheduled in the following School Development Days for 2016.

- Tuesday April 26
- Monday July 18
- Tuesday July 19 –this day has been approved for all schools as an extra day specifically for Curriculum Development.
- Monday October 10

**Easter Tuesday**

For clarification, please note that schools in WA will not be open on Easter Tuesday March 29. This is part of the Education Act General Agreement 2014 for teaching and non-teaching staff. This is not a public holiday and has not been a usual occurrence for schools as it generally falls within the school holidays.

**Some Moans….**

Numerous parents are using the car parks on St Michael’s Terrace and Henley Road to drop off their children. This is a massive safety issue. Please use the parking bays in both these streets or the Kiss and Drop.

The Kiss and Drop is not designed for parking. It needs to be flowing both morning and afternoon. If your child is not ready to be picked up when you arrive, please drive around the block.

Smoking is prohibited in or around the school. This is an Education Act regulation and obviously supports the welfare of the students.

Joe Fasolo
**SCHOOL HOURS**
Commence: 8:45am  
Conclude: 2:55pm  
Morning recess: 10:50am-11:10am  
Lunch Recess: 12:40pm-1:20pm

**CANTEEN DAYS**
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
9316 4003

**BANKING DAYS**
Wednesday Mornings before school commences

**CAMP AUSTRALIA**
Before and After School Care

**COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE**
Welcome to the new school year. My name is Trish Hendrick, and I am the Community Health Nurse who visits your school.

Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program.

Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential.

If you have a concern about your child’s health or development, please contact me via your school office or at my Community Health Base on 9314 0100.

Trish Hendrick

**SWIMMING TRAINING**
Swimming training for years 4 to 6 is starting week 5 (Tuesday March 1 and Thursday March 3). The venue is Applecross Senior High School and times are from 7:30am to 8:00am. This will run for 4 weeks to build stamina for our swimmers leading into the house carnival and interschool carnival. The training sessions are free.

If your children are interested in attending swimming training, please ring the school and leave your name, your child’s name and class with your contact number with the office. Places will be confirmed and further information will be provided by Mrs Paula Hooper.

Mrs Paula Hooper  
Deputy Principal

**CHAPLAIN NEWS**

5 Cents Challenge
Thank you everyone for your support last year of the Mount Pleasant P.S. 5 Cents Challenge. Your generosity meant we raised $2008.95! The funds have been allocated to long-term community development in the area of education - helping to lift children and families out of poverty and offer them a brighter future. Last year the funds were allocated to projects like: developing a community school, sponsoring children to receive a primary education, and the provision of school supplies. More information can be found on the TEAR Australia website [www.tear.org.au](http://www.tear.org.au), or on the pinup board near Room 1.

We are continuing to collect 5 cent coins this year, jars have again be placed in each classroom. Through our fundraising, not only are we helping to create doors of opportunity for others, but we are also fostering in our own children the importance of being community minded, caring for those in need, and helping them to appreciate the value and privilege of education in their own lives.

**Cake Stall**
Thursday 3rd March  
Variety of goodies will be for sale at lunchtime.  
Prices usually range from $1 to $3  
(fundraising for education projects amongst the poor)
Canteen is now open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Orders can be placed online at ouronlinecanteen.com.au or placed in the canteen.

**Helpers are needed. The roster is up outside the canteen.**

**Cleanliness**
Cleanliness means bathing regularly and keeping your body clean. It means wearing clean clothes. Cleanliness means keeping your belongings neat and clean. You can practise cleanliness at home by helping to keep your room neat and clean.

**P&C NEWS**

**Fundraising and Social Committee Update**

**SAVE THE DATE – Friday 18 March 2016**

**Dads ‘n Kids Camp Out – Friday 18 March 2016, 5pm**
Our first social fundraiser has been booked for 2016 so save the date! Set up your tent on the school oval for a fun night! More information and booking instructions will follow in the coming weeks.

Follow us on the Mount Pleasant Primary School Community Facebook page and keep up to date!

**ROAD WISE**
Cycling to school
Road safety experts recommend that children under the age of 10 should not be cycling to and from school unaccompanied. Here are some tips for you to ensure your children get to and from school safely every day:
- Cycle to school with your children
- Arrange for another adult to cycle to school with your child
- Encourage your child to ride with older children
- Children under 12 years can legally ride on footpaths, which is a safer option.
- Cyclists must give way to pedestrians
- Always make sure that your child is wearing an approved helmet that is fitted correctly.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

YOUTH JAZZ BAND

Recruiting students for our highly successful *South Perth Lions Youth Jazz Band Program.*

A Focus of the program is the opportunity to learn jazz improvisation skills while playing in a jazz band.

Fees are $50 per team with scholarships available to those in need. Also, instrument hire is available if needed.

Interested parents should contract Phil Hatton on phiip.t.hatton@gmail.com or 0417 916 733