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. Should you not have received this, please contact the front office for a copy.

School Development Days
For your information, Mount Pleasant Primary School has scheduled 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

Homework Policy
Parents often ask how long their child should be doing homework for. I have included the table below as a guide. Please read this in the context of the entire homework policy which has been placed on the school website. While there is definitely a place for homework at a primary school level, it is important that it does not become onerous.

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Councillors and House Captains
Congratulations to Councillors and House Captains listed below who were elected by their peers. Badges will be presented at this Friday’s assembly.

- **Green Faction Captain**
  - Oliver Purchase
  - Claire Yap

- **Blue Faction Captain**
  - Jennie Widing
  - Dev Garg

- **Red Faction Captain**
  - Amelie Bolton
  - Griffen Collins

Student Councillor
- Jackson Spencer-James
- Sienna Johnston
- Mischa Rowson

Library Book Donation
A selection of wonderful books was purchased by parents on the Parent Information Night of which several were donated to the library. I sincerely wish to thank all those who supported this event.

Penny Porter—Library Officer
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
Before School:
7:00am—8:35am
After School:
2:55pm—6:00pm
0452 247 189

SWIMMING LESSONS

This Term our Year 5 and Year 6 classes have engaged in beach Swimming lessons at Cottesloe. Meanwhile the Years 3 and 4 have had their swimming lessons at the Melville Pool. Everyone did very well and all of those students involved learned valuable lessons about water safety and how to swim which is an important aspect of our Australian culture.

Pre-primary classes, Year 1 and Year 2 can look forward to swimming lessons later in the year.

Mrs Paula Hooper
Deputy Principal

CHAPLAIN NEWS

Cake Stall
A big thank you to the amazing group of girls who ran a cake stall last Thursday - raising $129.10 for our 5 Cents Challenge. Your enthusiasm and heart to help others less fortunate is to be commended. Thank you also to their families for your kind support. Our running tally of the funds raised, and some examples of the education projects we are supporting amongst poor communities around the world, can be found on the pinup board near Room 1.

Harmony Day
On Monday the 21st March we will be celebrating Harmony Day. The theme for Harmony Day 2016 is our diversity is our strength. Here at Mount Pleasant PS we will have a 'Signature Wall' that everyone can sign their name to, acknowledging our diversity and celebrating that "Everyone Belongs".

45% of Australians are either born overseas or have parents who were.
CONSIDERATION
Consideration is thinking about how your actions will affect other people and how they will feel. It is being thoughtful. Consideration is doing things in manner that benefits you as well as others.

MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you very much to everyone who has come to help so far this term in the canteen.

We are still looking for volunteers. Please Fill out the roster outside the canteen if you can assist.

Dads ’n Kids Camp Out
The canteen will be open to sell snacks, drinks and icy poles until 7:30pm Friday and again Saturday morning from 7:30am for brekkie rolls.

Julie Green—Canteen Manager

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P&C NEWS

Fundraising and Social Committee Update
Dads ‘n Kids Camp Out – Friday 18 March 2016, 5pm
There are lots of ‘camp sites’ already sold, so please don’t be shy Dads, come and book a site: http://www.trybooking.com/185239
Dinner and breakfast can also be pre-ordered online or BYO dinner/picnic online. Canteen will be open to sell snacks, drinks and icy poles until 7.30pm Friday and open again Saturday morning from 7:30am for brekkie rolls. Coffee Van on site Saturday morning!

Please confirm your bookings online, no later than Tuesday, 15 March so that we can organise accordingly.

Easter Raffle – Friday, 18 March 2016
An Easter raffle is currently being organised and tickets will be available to buy at the Camp Out – four baskets filled with goodies are up for grabs and winners will be drawn on Thursday, 24 March (before the Easter long weekend).

For those families whose turn it is to donate an Easter treat, the donations will be collected by your class reps during the next week.

ROAD WISE

Double Parking
Double parking is unfortunately a problem that places the lives of our young children at unnecessary risk. Double-parked vehicles are visual obstructions for young children trying to cross to the other side of the road. They also place children getting in or out of the car at risk, as they must venture to the middle of the road to do so. Please refrain from double parking around our school and use the other safer parking options available to you.
Entertainment Book – Coming Soon!
We will again participate this year in selling the Entertainment Book with a portion of the proceeds going to the school. The book will be on sale from early April.

SCHOOL BANKING

COMMUNITY NOTICES