Dear Parents and Community members,

This is the time of the year when we look at structuring new classrooms for 2017 and placing students appropriately. I have included the class placement policy to give you an understanding of the process.

CLASS PLACEMENT POLICY
Guiding Principle
The child’s educational interests will be the basis for class placement ahead of all other considerations.

Rationale
Individual class placements can have significant impact on student achievement and must primarily be based on the school’s professional judgements of each child’s educational needs, circumstances and interests.

Policy and Procedures
Principal presents the staff with the anticipated year numbers for the following year and possible class groupings (i.e. number of year classes, split classes).

Staff members meet to determine the placements of their current students for the following year taking into consideration the criteria listed below:

• Balance of academic performance
• Gender
• Social network
• Behaviour and social development
• Students with special needs and students at educational risk
• Special needs such as twins and family situations

Forming Composite Classes
• Independent students
• Student maturity and behaviour
• Social development
• Social network
• Previous class placements
• Special needs such as twins and family situations

Lists will be submitted to the Principal for final ratification.
Lists will be published two days before students commence school.

Thank You Morning Tea
To show our appreciation to parents and community members who have supported our school in any way, Mount Pleasant Primary School would like to invite you to a Thank You morning tea on Friday, 9 December at 10.30am to be held on the grassed area in front of the staff room. If you have assisted the school in any way, we look forward to seeing you on the day. The 10:30 time slot has been selected so that staff can show their appreciation at 10:50 which is the recess break.

Please RSVP to the office on 9316 1045 if you are able to attend.

Book Awards
This year we are introducing book awards in Years Pre-primary to 5. There will be two books per classroom, one for achievement and one for endeavour. These will be presented at a special assembly on Wednesday, 14 December. Please note that Year 6 awards will be presented at the Graduation assembly.

Thank you to the P&C
At the last P&C meeting, the P&C approved the following items:
• Purchase of 42 iPads and charging stations
• Sporting awards for 2017
• End of year book awards
• Supporting Literacy focus weeks including Author in Residence program and various Literature workshops
• Kindergarten textless picture books
• Upper primary novels

This totalled $23,750. This is an amazing donation and I would like to thank the P&C for their generous support.

Assemblies
I have included assembly dates for the remaining of the year for your information.
• Friday, 25 November - Brass Assembly
• Friday, 9 December - Carols Assembly
• Monday, 12 December - Graduation Assembly
• Wednesday, 14 December - Awards Ceremony
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

LIBRARY DAYS/HOURS
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
8:30am before school and 2:55pm after school
Lunchtime: Monday, Wednesday and Friday

HEALTH CARE PLANS

Asthma Friendly School
Mount Pleasant Primary School is committed to the care, safety and protection of all students. We are an Asthma Friendly School and we have in place detailed plans for our Anaphylaxis and Allergy students. We are updating plans and our management of these students for 2017. Please take the time to fill in the Student Health Care Summary form which is coming home with your child in an envelope today. This would have been filled in when your child/ren were first enrolled at Mount Pleasant Primary School but we are aware, that over time, some health care for students may have changed.

This important form needs to be returned to the front office before the end of the school year please.

If you have any further questions regarding the Health Care Plans please contact me at school.

Jenny Hogan
Deputy Principal

SPORTS NEWS

Handball Competition
A highly successful handball competition was held two weeks ago and we would like to congratulate the following students Talia Edgar who is our 2016 Handball Champion and Panav Kotahri who won the Fairest & Best competitor. Thank you to all students for nominating to be in the event. Our year 6 captains coordinated the event with particular thanks going to Lachlan Jarvis who ran the final with fairness and great organisational skills- thanks Lachlan.

T20 Blast Cup
We had a great day on Wednesday 2nd November at Shirley Strickland reserve for the annual T20 Blast Cup cricket competition. We took three boys’ teams and one girls’ team to the day. The students displayed their outstanding sportsmanship and cricket skills across the rotation of games throughout the day. Congratulations to Mount Pleasant Team 2 who won the boys’ event. The girls team came third in the competition. Thank you to our captains for the day, Tom Mulroney, Oakleigh Robins, Tommy Glass and the all the girls who rotated the captaincy for the games. The icy poles and large picnic rugs provided by Jo Peris and Annette Ellul were greatly appreciated by all and we thank you both for providing these for the students. I felt very proud of these great cricketers from Mount Pleasant Primary School who displayed great behaviour, skills and sportsmanship for the day.

Jenny Hogan
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Cake Stall
Well done and thank you to the wonderful girls and their families for a successful cake stall last Thursday. The $149.95 you raised will help provide education opportunities for children living in poverty around the world.

NEXT CAKE STALL
Thursday 24th November
A variety of delicious goodies will be for sale at lunchtime. Prices usually range from 50c to $2.

Christmas Hampers
Another wonderful community-minded tradition we have at M.P.P.S. is the collection of food hampers in the lead up to Christmas. The hampers will be presented at our Carol’s Assembly in week 9 and will be a blessing to those who are struggling around our city at Christmas time. If you would like to donate, there will be a box in each classroom where items can be placed. Non-perishable food items, festive Christmas food, decorations and gifts would be very much appreciated. Thank you for your kind support.

Lunchtime Games
Lunchtime games have continued this term, with a tug-of-war challenge on the oval. Students participated with great enthusiasm and lots of smiles. Thank you to Maddy and Kate for your fantastic help!

Grounds Committee
The Quiet Zone is the latest addition to our school from the ever hard working Grounds Committee. Over the year, the grounds committee has completed several projects to enhance the school and provide various appealing areas for our students. I would like to thank Robina Chidlow as the coordinator of this committee and her hard working committee members for the amazing projects that they have completed around the school. They all look amazing.

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**P&C**

**SAVE THE P&C**

Would you like to be a part of a proactive and positive P&C? Then read on...

If your children enjoy any of the following:

- playing in the our wonderful new nature playground, enjoying outdoor quiet areas, using the life size chess sets or hand ball squares
- ordering from the canteen
- taking home new books from the library to read each term
- utilising brand new iPads and other learning resources in their classrooms
- attending incursions/excursions
- representing their faction on sports day
- attending school discos

...Then we need you!

These are all provided for, or subsidised by the MPPS P&C and parents at the school.

**We are seeking new ideas and fresh people to be part of our P&C**

You NEED to VOLUNTEER to make these things happen at Mt Pleasant!

Currently our present P&C committee involves mainly our older children’s parents and this needs to change! We need new fresh blood, we need someone like you!

A couple of hours a year from each parent would keep the P&C and all those activities running – how can you help out?

We would love to invite all parents to attend the P&C AGM on Wednesday, 9 December 2016 and get involved. It really doesn’t have to take much of your time.

A number of positions are vacant on the P&C committee this year and without volunteers such as you the P&C cannot continue effectively. Bring a group of friends and make it a social event as well as enjoying the benefit of helping your kids.

**There are so many little ways you can help!**

**Ideas for helping your children at the school**

If you work during the week or have younger children;

- come to the busy bee on the weekends and help with the school gardens.....
- Come to P&C meetings and contribute your ideas (one evening a month at most)
- Assist for 2-3 hours in our canteen or ask your parents or parents-in-law to help out
- Help organise the quiz night or social events
- Volunteer to help on sports days or inter-school sport carnivals
- Volunteer to be the secretary or treasurer of the P&C
- Volunteer to help your child’s class teacher – reading, excursions, cooking class....
- Update the school website
- Help with school banking on Wednesday mornings
- Become a class representative on the P&C
- Put your name down to help at the disco or the school picnic.

We have been very proud to donate $60,000 this year to fund the following:

- New iPads for the kids to utilise
- New Readers for Junior classes and Novels for Years 4-6
- Construction of the Nature play areas and a Quiet Zone for Year 6 students to enjoy
- New furniture for class rooms including desks and chairs for your children
- Sporting and Year Book Awards and Year 6 Graduation Dinner
- Author In Residence Programs

The list goes on and on .... Let’s not stop there.

CONTACT the school or attend our AGM on December 9th and become involved in your child’s school. After all, that’s what we are all here for.