



MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**FRIDAY
2 MARCH**
ASSEMBLY ROOM 2

**MONDAY
5 MARCH**
LABOUR DAY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**MONDAY
12 MARCH**
SWIM TRIAL YEARS
3-6 FOR SWIMMING
CARNIVAL

**TUESDAY
20 MARCH**
SWIMMING CARNIVAL
YEARS 3-6

**WEDNESDAY
21 MARCH**
Harmony Day

**WEDNESDAY
21 MARCH**
P & C MEETING

**EASTER
GOOD FRIDAY
MARCH 30**
**EASDTER MONDAY
APRIL 2**
**EASTER TUESDAY
APRIL 3**

**TUESDAY-MONDAY
4-9 APRIL**
YR 5 SWIMMING
LESSONS

**THURSDAY
5 APRIL**
INTERSCHOOL
SWIMMING CARNIVAL

**TUESDAY-FRIDAY
10-13 APRIL**
YR 6 SWIMMING
LESSONS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

NAPLAN

Students in Year 3 and 5 at Mount Pleasant Primary School will be involved in the NAPLAN testing between May 15-May 25.

If your child is sitting the NAPAN online tests in 2018, read the [NAPLAN Online 2018 information brochure for parents and carers](https://www.nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/naplan-online-2018-information-brochure-for-parents-and-carers.pdf): <https://www.nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/naplan-online-2018-information-brochure-for-parents-and-carers.pdf>

This year NAPLAN testing will be performed in an online environment. This does not include year 3 writing. Students will have the opportunity to practice the online testing.

School Development Days

For your information, Mount Pleasant Primary School has scheduled in the following School Development Days for 2018.

- Monday April 30
- Monday July 16
- Monday October 8
- Friday December 14

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.

Guidelines to Homework Times

Year Level	Focus Areas	Suggested Maximum Daily Time
Pre-Primary	Reading, letters and sounds.	10 minutes
Year 1	Reading, Writing, Spelling and Numeracy	15 minutes
Year 2	Reading, Writing, Spelling and Numeracy	20 minutes
Year 3	Reading, Writing, Spelling and Numeracy	25 minutes
Year 4 and 5	Reading, Writing, Spelling, Numeracy and other learning area specific tasks	30 minutes
Year 6	Reading, Writing, Spelling, Numeracy and other learning area specific tasks	40 minutes

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.

Wakakirri

Thank you to Aimee Thompson and Claire Smith for co-ordinating Wakakirri for this year. A Connect notice was sent home yesterday. Auditions are this Friday in the Music Room at lunch time.

Kindergarten Enrolments

This is a reminder that kindergarten enrolments for 2019 are now open. The enrolment can be accessed from the Mount Pleasant website or the front office.

Cake Stall—Thursday 1st March

A variety of delicious goodies will be on sale at lunchtime. Prices range from 50c to \$2. This is to raise funds for our school project the "5 Cents Challenge", which supports education projects in poor communities around the world.

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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**

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BANKING DAYS

**Thursday
Mornings before
school
commences**

CAMP AUSTRALIA

**Before and After
School Care**

Before School:

7:00am—8:35am

After School:

2:55pm—6:00pm

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A whole school (PP – Y6) home reading initiative is continuing this year at Mount Pleasant Primary School.

The purpose of the home reading initiative is to sit within the homework policy:

Raising and setting personal reading challenges

Developing a love of reading

Exposing students to a wide range of texts that are either read by the student or read with and to the student.

The child does not always have to be 'the reader'. They can be read to.

Reading by the Student

In early stages of reading, when your child reads to you, they will often bring a book or text that can be read between 98% to 100% accuracy. This is so they can 'show-off' to you. Please praise them when they do this. All too frequently parents are worried that the text a child is bringing home is 'too easy'. Texts are sent home so that students can be successful and this success should be a point of celebration.

Teachers use more difficult texts to teach students at school where they will work in guided sessions where students are challenged with texts they can read at 95% (or more, depending on the dynamics of the context).

Older children should regularly enjoy reading independently for pleasure.

Reading with and/or to the Student

This can look like setting a quiet time to read shared webpages, brochures, literature and/or informational texts amongst a range of digital and traditional texts. Sharing the experiences of reading for pleasure, or for a set purpose (researching holiday destinations, sourcing information) is essential for developing future readers. World experiences, exposure to amazing vocabulary and shared ideas are important outcomes for students who have reading exposure with and/or from their parents. Older readers not only benefit greatly from hearing others read quality texts, they also benefit from discussions about online ethics as well as information reliability and credibility.

Swimming Trials Carnival

On Monday 12th March we will be holding our annual Swimming Trial Carnival at Aqualife Swim Centre in Victoria Park. This is open to **all students in Years 3-6 who can swim 50m in each stroke**. The trial carnival provides us with swim times to allocate students to the correct division they will swim in at our Mount Pleasant Faction Swimming Carnival. This will be held on **Tuesday 20th March** at the same venue in Victoria Park. Both carnivals are scheduled from 11.45-2.30p.m.

A form will be sent home next week with information and permission forms which will need to be returned to the front office. Students can elect to swim in three strokes at the trial (freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke). These options will be on the permission form and will require a tick for those strokes they would like to compete in. It is encouraged that all students try all three strokes.

Students will attend the swimming carnival on a bus from school for both the trials and faction carnival.

We continue to have a fantastic turn out at our swimming training each Tuesday and Thursday morning at Applecross Senior High School. All students are eligible to nominate for inclusion in the swim trials carnival whether they attend our training sessions or not. Last year we took 100 students to these two carnivals and we look forward to a great response again this year. Parent assistance is required for the smooth running of the carnival and this will be an option on the information and permission form which will be sent home next week.

CHAPLAIN NEWS

Welcome Morning Tea

We would like to invite new parents for morning tea on Thursday February 22 at 8:45am 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.

BUSINESS MANAGER NEWS

Contributions and Charges 2018

Thank you to all the parents who have paid the Contributions and Charges for 2018, there were a large number who used the direct deposit facility and this has made for a very smooth start to the year. All contributions go directly into teaching and learning programs benefiting your children and contributing to the high standard of educational outcomes that Mount Pleasant Primary School is well known for. Please keep in mind that whilst the contributions are voluntary, the quality of our teaching and learning program will be maximised when each family make its contribution. The charges are compulsory and these will need to be paid prior to students going on excursion or incursions and accessing other programs that incur a cost to the school. If you have chosen to pay the incursion/excursion amount upfront, please remember that this does not include any sporting representation, choir, academic competitions, PEAC or school photographs.

If you have any queries relating to the Contributions and Charges please don't hesitate to contact me during school hours. Thank you once again for making the start to 2018 a relatively smooth process.

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.

Julie Green—Canteen Manager

P&C NEWS

MPPS Fundraising with the Entertainment Book

A big thank you to all the MPPS families and community that have supported this fundraiser by purchasing an Entertainment Membership through the school. We receive 25% of the purchase price for every Entertainment Membership sold and this year that's a whopping \$1,386.00.

The new memberships will be on sale from May this year so look out for it! Not only will you be supporting the school but you'll be "entertained" all year long with valuable cinema, activities, dining and theme park offers!.

Thanks again for your support, from the Fundraising Committee.



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.



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.

DOGS IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Just a reminder to all parents and students that dogs are not allowed on the school grounds. We ask everyone to be vigilant as this is in the interest of all students' safety.

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SCHOOL BANKING

We are still looking for volunteers for school banking, the students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program and to keep this program running we need your help.

The program requires a volunteer School Banking Co-ordinator to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. This only takes a small amount of your time, one day a week 8.15 to 9 am., Thursday and the Commonwealth Bank and existing volunteer will provide support on how to run the program. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

If you are interested in volunteering for this great program, please come see us Thursday morning or email lorinash71@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

A Note from the 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.

Break Point Tennis

The Rotary of Melville Youth Tennis Program is being made available to our school again in term 1, 2018. The program represents a collaboration between Break Point Tennis and Applecross Tennis Club to extend before school tennis lessons to 32 children. Enrol online at www.breakpoint.net.au or send an email to andrijano@breakpoint.net.au.

Palmyra Rugby Club

Season 2018 Junior Registration is now OPEN
 Played around the world, you could be the future of the Wallabies
 Rugby Union develops the individual to be the best they can be, sportsmanship,
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