WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to Mount Pleasant Primary. A particular warm welcome to new families who have enrolled this year. I thoroughly enjoyed my seven weeks overseas but I’m glad to be back at Mount Pleasant. Thank you to Brian Schupp for his contribution towards ensuring such a smooth start to the beginning of the year.

Our enrolment stands at 389 students. For your information, I have included the school structure below. I would also like to welcome new staff to Mount Pleasant Primary School and wish them a very fulfilling experience. I know Mr Schupp has already welcomed new staff in a previous newsletter.

Mount Pleasant Primary School Building Fund

On numerous occasions, various businesses and individual community members have queried making tax deductible donations to our school. We have finally been able to set up a school building fund that will provide this opportunity. This has taken several months to set up and a huge amount of effort by Claire Selsmark. I have attached a separate sheet in this newsletter detailing how the building fund will operate. This includes a Donation Payment Slip should you wish to make a donation. One of our immediate focus area is a planned upgrade to our playground in the form of a Nature Play Garden.

I would like to formally recognise Claire and thank her very much for her huge efforts in establishing the school building fund.

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 can assist in anyway please contact this office.

Religious Education Classes

Religious Education Classes commence for all students on Thursday 26 February. The majority of students will be attending classes based on a Christian Religious Education (CRE) program. For those students who will be attending The Bahai Special program, general information and a permission slip is available from the front office.

2015 CLASS ORGANISATION

- Kindergarten Red
- Kindergarten Blue
- Pre-Primary Room 14
- Pre-Primary Room 13
- Year 1 Room 12
- Year 1 Room 11
- Year 1 Room 15
- Year 2 Room 16
- Year 2/3 Room 9
- Year 3 Room 7
- Year 3/4 Room 8
- Year 4 Room 4
- Year 4/5 Room 2
- Year 5 Room 1
- Year 6 Room 17
- Year 6 Room 18
- Music
- Art
- Sport
- ESL
- History

- Mrs Zeta Klinger. DOTT Stacey Hammond
- Mrs Linda Nicolay. DOTT Stacey Hammond
- Miss Katie Edmonds
- Mrs Glenda Harnett / Mrs Mila Sirr
- Ms Brooke Gardener
- Mrs Anne Bulmer
- Mrs Robyn Ward
- Ms Jo Burke
- Mrs Margaret Griffiths / Mrs Andrea Cull
- Ms Nicole Kukura
- Miss Erin Osmond
- Ms Kathryn Williams/Desley Spencer James
- Ms Gerri Brown
- Miss Elle Lindner
- Ms Jade Gowdie
- Mr Steve Clee
- Mrs Liz Bint
- Ms Jo Mascaro
- Mr Ian Allen
- Ms Nicola Sparkes
- Mrs Jacqueline Inglis / Mila Sirr
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Nominations to the School Board
Last year Mount Pleasant Primary School was successful with its application to become an Independent Public School. Part of the transition towards becoming an Independent School is to establish a School Board. The functions of a School Board include:

• Involvement in reviewing from time to time, the school’s objectives, priorities and general policy directions.
• Involvement in the planning of financial arrangements necessary to fund those objectives, priorities and directions.
• Involvement in evaluating the school’s performance in achieving its objectives.
• To promote the school in the community.
• To take part in formulating codes of conduct for student at the school.
• To determine, in consultation with parents, staff and students, a dress code for students when they are attending or representing the school.

With the Minister’s approval, the School Board may also:

• Take part in the selection of, but not the appointment of, the school principal or any other member of the teaching staff.

A School Board cannot:

• Intervene in the control or management of the school.
• Intervene in the educational structure of students.
• Exercise authority over teaching staff or other persons employed at this school.
• Intervene in the management or operation of a school fund.

The School Board will meet at least once a term.

A School Board is to have at least 5 members and not more than 15. However, the Board may co-opt members from the local community that may have experiences or skills that will support the direction of the Board. If nominations exceed 15, then an election will be called.

In this context, I call for nominations from the general school community to the Mount Pleasant School Board. Please complete the slip below and return to the front office by Friday 27 February.

Joe Fasolo

SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATION

Name of person nominated: ___________________________

Email contact: ___________________________

Signature: ___________________________

Date: _______________

LIBRARY VOLUNTEER

Hello and welcome to 2015.

The library is looking for volunteers to help in the library. This would involve shelving books before school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. No experience is required but an eye for detail would be an advantage.

I will be very happy to help you get started and much appreciative of all efforts made to keep our well-resourced library a positive and orderly learning place. Please come and see me in the library if you are interested.

Thank you.

Penny Porter
Library Officer
MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL HEALTH NURSE

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Belinda Laing-Hughes, 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 on Ph: 0427226631 or contact the School Office. I have attached some healthy Lunchbox Tips below:

Back to school…..what to make for lunch today?

Are you constantly asking yourself this question as you busily get ready for the day ahead? Children need a healthy school lunch to boost their energy and help them concentrate and learn in the afternoon, so we asked our Health Promotion Team here at CACH for their top tips.

Lunchbox tips:
Use a variety of breads to make sandwiches more fun
Use biscuit cutters to cut sandwiches and fruit into different shapes
Pack your own snacks in a snap lock bag or brown paper bag decorated with stickers. A cheaper and healthier alternative to pre-packaged snacks.
Use a frozen ice brick or drink and an insulated lunchbox to keep the food cold
Include a non-food surprise e.g. a joke, sticker or note
Encourage your children to be involved in the preparation of their lunch. When children are involved in food preparation they are more likely to experiment with different types of foods.

Think outside the box; try frittata, boiled egg, popcorn and rice paper rolls to keep lunches interesting! According to the Australian Dietary Guidelines children aged 4-8 years should aim daily for 1½ serves of fruit; 4½ serves of vegies; 1½-2 serves of dairy; 4 serves of bread, cereals and grains; and 1½ serves of meat. For more information on what is considered a ‘serve’ and for other healthy lunch ideas visit HealthyWA or the Raising Children Network.

CANTEEN NEWS

Attention Year 5 and 6 swimmers. Orders can be placed for sushi, cold sandwiches, cold rolls, cold wraps and pasta salads ONLY. Please take note on your child’s order if they are a swimmer.

ROSTER

Friday 20 Feb:
Larraine Kell

Monday 23 Feb:
Mrs Mahlangu AM
Help Needed PM

Friday 27 Feb:
Help Needed

TRAV’S TREE LOPPING

Huge thanks to Trav’s Tree Lopping for donating several truckloads of mulch to be used around the school.

If anyone needs tree lopping or mulch, contact Travis on: 0438 448 180
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School Watch: 9264 4632
South Metro Regional Educational Office: 9336 9563

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking 2015 is ready for launch.

For your 40 years, the School Banking program has assisted to educate children in saving money wisely. Today, your child is invited to join the Communities as an investment strategy to value saving habits.

Information on close contacts is covered with DimeBanking, including a savings Tracker and a password-protected bank. A valuable fringe benefit is School Banking’s competition:

Typing: For the best performance, the best banks in all their domains are now open.

Email: For the best performance, the best banks in all their domains are now open.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

We’re on the web!

CALLING ALL JUNIOR FOOTBALL PLAYERS!

If you’re interested in playing football for a great local family club in 2015, come down and visit us at the Applecross Junior Football Club’s:

2015 HAWKS Family Fun Day
Sunday 22 February 3 - 5pm @ Gairloch Oval
Kids entertainment and sausage sizzle, bar available

All levels of skill, and new/returning players welcome Registrations are currently open.
Auskick (5-8 yrs). Junior Teams (9-17 yrs).

In 2014 we fielded 3 grand finalists, and won the Year 7 Premiership. With AFL legend Glen Jakovich as the Head of Coaching, we are also proud to announce a WA state coach has been added to our coaching group for 2015. Please visit www.ajfclub.com for further details or contact registrar@ajfclub.com or for Auskick enquiries auskickregistrar@ajfclub.com