NAPLAN
Students in Year 3 and 5 at Mount Pleasant Primary School will be involved in the NAPLAN testing on May 12, 13 and 14. I have included an information brochure for parents who have students in Years 3 and 5.

Languages Other Than English (LOTE)
In 2014, as part of becoming an Independent Public School, we were given the opportunity to re-profile the delivery at our school. After consultation with all staff and the School Council we successfully submitted an application to re-profile. A decision was made to replace the French Learning Area with History and Geography, now a part of the Australian Curriculum. Ms Jacque Inglis and Mrs Mila Sirr now deliver the History and Geography components of the Australian Curriculum as a Specialist area. This in turn has had a positive impact on freeing up a cluttered timetable as History and Geography would normally be delivered by the classroom teacher.

The research also suggests that within a six month period of students being in a high school setting, they will attain the same academic levels of a language as when they leave Primary School.

This decision will remain under review and we will continue to monitor the Curriculum delivery at Mount Pleasant Primary School.

School Building Fund
My apologies for the recent information that was sent out to parents regarding the Mount Pleasant Primary School Building Fund. Unfortunately, we omitted the EFT details. These have now been included and it is also the preferred method of donating.

Epipens
For your information, Epipens are stored in the conference room which is located near the office. If a child who has an Epipen leaves the school site for an excursion, classroom teachers take the Epipen with them.

Should there be emergency requiring an Epipen before or after school hours, you can either go to the office or if unattended go directly to the conference room.

Kiss and Drop
If you pick up your children from Queens Road in the afternoon, please stress to them that they need to be ready and waiting at the Kiss and Drop area. If you arrive in your vehicle and they are not ready, please leave the area for other parents to pick up their children.

Important Dates
Edu-Dance Performances
Tuesday 24 March—Week 8
- Pre-primary
- Year 1 Room 11
- Year 2 Room 15
- Year 2/3 Room 9
- Year 3 Room 7
- Year 5 Room 17
- Year 6 Room 1

Thursday 2 April—Week 9
- Pre-Primary/Year 1 Room 13
- Year 1 Room 12
- Year 2 Room 16
- Year 3/4 Room 8
- Year 4 Room 4
- Year 4/5 Room 2

ANZAC Assembly
Friday April 24

RM Billing
Just over 70% of parents have utilised RM Billing to pay Contributions and Charges. Thank you to all those parents and I encourage all other parents to use this service to pay Contributions and Charges. An RM Billing statement has been given to your child to take home for your information.
Mount Pleasant Primary School is a wonderful community in which I have the pleasure of serving as School Chaplain. I count it a privilege to pastorally care for the students, staff and families at our school, so if I can be of help please let me know. We all face challenging times in our lives, and having a safe place to share and work through our feelings can help a lot. A message can be left at the front office or feel free to phone or visit me at the school (I’m at school on Thursdays and Fridays). Of course seeing a Chaplain is voluntary, and if you would rather your child does not catch up with me during the year, please let the front office or myself know.

Harmony Day
On Friday the 20th March we will be celebrating Harmony Day, beginning with an assembly in the morning acknowledging Australia’s diversity and celebrating that “Everyone Belongs”. For the second half of the lunch break I will be running games on the oval for any students wishing to participate.

A big thank you to Julie and her team of helpers in the canteen who will be offering special menu items on the day for students to purchase… Crepes with Berries and Cream will be available at recess for $2 and Chicken Teriyaki and Rice available for lunch for $5 (yum!). Pre-order forms will be sent home via the classes.

5 Cents Challenge
Thank you everyone for your support last year of the Mount Pleasant Primary School 5 Cents Challenge. Your generosity meant we raised $1573.15! 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: 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.

We are continuing to collect 5 cent coins this year, and jars will 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.

New Families Morning Tea
At 9am on Thursday 12th March there will be a morning tea for any families new to the school. We would like to warmly welcome you to the Mount Pleasant Primary School community, and offer this opportunity to connect with other new families. There will be staff present if you have questions you would like to ask, and it will be great to hear how your child has been settling in. Even if you can only drop by briefly, it will be great to see you.
**SPECIAL LUNCH MENUS**

**Harmony Day is Friday 20 March.**
The canteen is open for normal lunch and recess, but will also have 2 specials!

**Recess** - Crepes with Berries and Cream $2 and
**Lunch** - Teriyaki Chicken and Rice $5

**ST PATRICK’S DAY**

**Tuesday 17 March**

**STUFFED SPUDS $5**

**AND**

**RAINBOW JELLY CUPS $1**

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**CAPTAINS AND COUNCILLORS 2015**

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**HELP NEEDED**

- Fri 6 Mar 9:15-11:30 HELP NEEDED
  11:30-1:45 HELP NEEDED

- Mon 9 Mar 9:15-11:30 Jo Simms
  11:30-1:45 HELP NEEDED

- Fri 13 Mar 9:15-11:30 HELP NEEDED
  11:30-1:45 HELP NEEDED

- Mon 16 Mar 9:15-11:30 Marg Prestage
  11:30-1:45 Marg Prestage

The canteen needs more volunteers. Please contact Julie on 0430 141 282

**CLEANLINESS**

Cleanliness means bathing regularly and keeping your body clean. It means wearing clean clothes. Cleanliness means keeping your belongs neat and clean. You can practise cleanliness at home by helping to keep your room neat and clean.
P+C NEWS

P+C Grounds Committee – Update
Hi all!
We are excited to inform you that the nature playground is on track for being installed 2015! Works have commenced with the construction of the limestone surround, and the pavers from the old space were re-used to minimise wastage. A bench will go in around the Elm tree soon.

The next step is to fill the new sandpit and place a few large tyres in there to keep the kids extra amused until the nature play pieces under-go final design (professional construction drawings) enabling costing by potential contractors.

Cubeos for Sale! – ending soon
Get yours before they all run out! These great gadgets are a fun way to increase independence (let’s face it, we’d all love that!) by involving your child in their day-to-day schedule and letting them be in charge of readying their belongings needed that day.

Please drop in and see Joleen at the office with your $12 and grab one as a gift for your deserving little tacker today! The funds will go directly to the nature playground!

Call for Involvement!
We need you!
We are calling for any help at all from the school community in order to make the nature playground happen, to keep costs down and to make this a good news community story that we can all be proud of!

We are looking for people to help via lending: skills, man power, financial means, services or supplies. We meet once a month on the 2nd Tuesday (pm) and attendance at meetings and on the P & C is not compulsory but would be appreciated!

Are you a builder, carpenter, joiner, grano worker, artist, time-lapse photographer, in landscape supplies, wheeler and dealer! Can you make coffee, cakes etc for workers? The list and help you can bring is only limited by your imagination. And the sense of pride in being involved will be rewarding! Don’t just sit back, get involved by mucking in - anyway you like! We’re welcoming.

Please register your interest with Robina at binaberry@hotmail.com