Dear Parents and Community Members,

Japanese Exchange Students
I would like to congratulate those students who were involved with the Japanese Exchange program at our school and particularly the host families. The five Japanese students had a very fulfilling experience and to a great degree this has to be a reflection on our own students.

Thank You Morning Tea
To show our appreciation to parents and community members who have supported our school in any way, we would like to invite you to a thank you morning tea on Tuesday December 2 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.

Please return the attached slip on the back page if you are able to attend.

Dogs on the School Site
I have noticed an increasing number of dogs on the school site. Due to health, hygiene and safety concerns, Department of Education regulations prohibit dogs being on any school site.

Classroom Newsletters
For your information, teachers now place a termly newsletter on the Mount Pleasant website. The newsletter can be found under the ‘teaching and learning’ tab, and then select your classroom. The newsletters provide general information about the program of work for each term as well as important dates and key focus areas.

Australian Mathematics Competition
At this morning’s assembly, I presented several certificates to students who were involved in the Australian Mathematics Competition. Of the 122 students that competed, there was: 1 Prize being Lochlan Irwin (top 0.03 nationally), 1 High Distinction being Midaiah Harnett (top 1% nationally), 8 Distinction being Sam Hesp, Samira Scala, Harrison Edgar, Lily Edgar, Sarah Parry, Lucas Clarke, Declan Ryan and Carson Wolff.
There were also 43 Credit awards, 57 Proficiency awards and 12 participation awards.

This is a high commendable result and I would like to congratulate all students and staff for this wonderful achievement.

RM Billing
This year, 71% of students have elected to pay upfront fees through RM Billing. This is a very good result. However, bear in mind, that the premise behind RM Billing was to simplify the whole process of paying fees and charges. In particular, we wanted to remove the process from the classroom and allow teachers to teach. There remains however considerable involvement by both teaching and administration staff in processing various fees from families who have elected not to use RM Billing.

I strongly urge you to reconsider this for 2015 and use RM Billing. For those parents who have used RM Billing, information regarding the current status of your account will be provided in the next few weeks.

Joe Fasolo
The weather is finally getting warmer and sunnier—perfect for lots of outdoor activity. This is a timely reminder of some safety tips for summer.

**Sun safety**
With the hot weather approaching, it is important to talk to your children about sun safety and teach them good sun protection habits.

- **Slip** on some sun-protective clothing – that covers as much skin as possible
- **Slop** on broad spectrum, water resistant SPF30+ sunscreen. Put it on 20 minutes before you go outdoors and every two hours afterwards. Sunscreen should never be used to extend the time you spend in the sun.
- **Slap** on a hat – that protects your face, head, neck and ears
- **Seek** shade
- **Slide** on some sunglasses – make sure they meet Australian Standards.

Extra care should be taken between 10am and 3pm when UV levels reach their peak. For more information see the Cancer Council website: [www.cancer.org.au](http://www.cancer.org.au).

**Water safety**
In Australia, drowning is the number one cause of death for children under five. To keep your children safe around water;

- Always stay with your children and watch carefully when they are near water, even if they can swim.
- Teach your children about water safety and make sure they learn how to swim.
- Have the whole family learn first aid.
- If you have a pool have it fenced with self-closing gates.
- Never leave them alone in the bath.


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**MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

### INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The MDISSA Inter-school Athletics carnival was held last week. Our team performed well on both days finishing 6th overall and 5th in the meritorious shield.

Congratulations to Amy Ellul, Charlotte George, Aimee Hassan and Peter Tamjariun who all received medals for their individual performances on the day. Thanks to Saskia Letham and Eldon George for their help over the two days of the carnival.

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### CHAPLAIN

**Christmas Hampers**

A wonderful tradition we have at Mount Pleasant Primary School is the collection of food hampers every year in the lead up to Christmas. The Christmas hampers will be collected by St Michael’s Anglican Church in Mount Pleasant and distributed to those in need around our city.

If you would like to donate, a box will be placed in each classroom where items can be placed.

Non-perishable food items, festive Christmas food and decorations would be very much appreciated.

Thank you for your kind support.

Wendy Anderson

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### SCHOOL NURSE

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**SCHOOL HOURS**
Commence: 8:45am
Conclude: 2:55pm
Morning recess: 10:50am-11:10am
Lunch Recess: 12:40pm-1:20pm

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**CANTEEN DAYS**
Monday and Friday
9316 4003

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**SCHOOL BANKING**
Wednesday Mornings before school commences

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**CAMP AUSTRALIA**
*Before and After School Care*
Before School: 7:00am—8:05am
After School: 3:00pm—6:00pm
0452 247 189
TACT

Being tactful is telling the truth, but in such a way that no one is offended. It is knowing when to say something and when it is better to be silent. When you are tactful you handle other people’s feelings carefully. You don’t say things that will make them feel embarrassed. Treat their feelings the way you would want your feelings to be treated.

School Book Fair

The school book fair was a fantastic success and we raised $1,121.00 for the P&C.

We would like to thank all the parents who came along to support this event and a special mention to the wonderful parents who took time out to help run the fair.

We hope to make this an annual event for the school.

Thankyou

SCHOOL DISCO

Thanks to everyone who attended the school disco and wowed us with their amazing Halloween costumes.

Thanks also to all the volunteer parents and the fundraising committee who make these events possible.

Photos on the school website.
HONOUR CERTIFICATES

From 29 August

**RED**

**BLUE**

**GREEN**

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Spring into Summer at Anytime Fitness O’Connor.
Joining Fee and only $11 p/w.
Unit 1, 398 South Street O’Connor, WA 6163. Call us on 9452 7773
Follow us:  

Terms and conditions apply. Offer expires 31st October 2014.

THANK YOU MORNING TEA

**Tuesday December 2**

**10:30am**
Grassed area near the staffroom

I will be attending the morning tea.

Name: ____________________________
Contact number: ___________________

Please return to front office asap.

Box Hill Wesley Calisthenics Club
100th Annual Concert
Date: Friday 21 November 2014. 7.30 pm
Venue: Kel Watson Theatre, Forest Hill College
For tickets, contact Kathryn on 9840 1248
www.bhccc.org.au
Past members are invited to attend