Dear Parents and Community Members

**ANZAC Day Ceremony**
Mount Pleasant Primary School will celebrate ANZAC Day on Friday the 19th of April at 10:15am. The ceremony will be held near the flag pole in front of the library. Parents and community members are very welcome.

**Best Wishes to Mr Burrough**
Mr Alan Burrough will be taking long service leave for the remainder of the year. Staff and students would like to wish Mr Burrough all the very best for a relaxing and well earned break.

I also have the pleasure of announcing That Mr Burrough's replacement for the remainder of the year will be Mrs Maria Andrews. Mrs Andrews is no stranger to Mount Pleasant and we welcome her into the position.

**Mount Pleasant’s Got Talent**
The final of ‘Mount Pleasant’s Got Talent' will be held on Friday 10 May at 1:20pm in the undercover area. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Councillors for facilitating this talent quest. Parents are welcome to attend.

**Free Dress**
The P&C are conducting a ‘free dress day' on Thursday 18 April. Students are encouraged to wear clothing of a sporting theme. A gold coin donation has been requested by the P&C.

**Kindergarten Playground**
A significant upgrade has been completed to our Kindergarten area. This has been a joint venture by the P&C and the school. I would like to thank the P&C for their generous support.

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**Griffin Longley Evening**
Thank you for the amazing response to our guest speaker Griffin Longley. Griffin shared some very real statistics about the change in childhood play.

**Did you know?**
- If a television is located in a room where families communicate, the number of words spoken drops from 6 000 to 500.
- Our ten year old children are taking 2 000 steps fewer per day than the number required to prevent childhood obesity.
- Our children are spending 600 hours at school, 1200 hours with family and 1900 hours in front of a screen.

If you would like to visit:  
[www.natureplaywa.org.au](http://www.natureplaywa.org.au) families can register and complete fun activities linking technology to the outdoors.

**Many thanks**
Many thanks to the members of the P&C for supporting the event by providing and preparing refreshments following the presentation.

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**Joe Fasolo**
CONTRIBUTIONS

Your contributions can be paid through the front office at any time.

**P&C Voluntary Contribution**
- One child: $60.00
- Two children: $80.00
- 3 or more children: $100.00

**Voluntary School Contributions**
- Kindergarten: $60.00 per child
- Pre-Primary to Year 7: $60.00 per child

Further to my last update at the end of 2012 I am pleased to report that students were able to access the new Design & Technology workshops as well as the photography, technical graphics and planning rooms, for the last two weeks of the school year. The old automotive centre was internally refurbished. The exterior of the automotive facility will be undertaken towards the end of the building program. The Department of Education has provided new *state-of-the-art* machinery to ensure that the workshops are industry standard and capable of delivering a wide range of programs, as well as Certificate Courses.

The southern wing is progressing with the roof structural framework and cladding due to be completed by the commencement of Term 2. Once the building is enclosed, the work of the trades involved with the interior spaces should escalate. The footings for the gymnasium, located at the eastern end of the southern wing, have been poured and it is expected that we will see rapid development as the tilt-up construction method progresses. Headway is also being made on the Visual Arts block and the gardener’s compound which are located on the Ardessie Street side of the school site. The foundation work has been completed and the preparation and pouring of the concrete pads is currently underway.

Both the Southern Wing and the Visual Arts block are due to be completed and ready for occupation by December. This is later than anticipated but hopefully will work in well with the end of this school year.

We are well underway with our planning for the incoming Year 7 students in 2015 with the Schematic Design proposal to refurbish the existing Science, Library and surrounds for integrating future Year 7 facilities into Applecross SHS being approved by the Department of Education. The Schematic Design promotes a dynamic connection between the new building and refurbished H block. It is anticipated that the facilities will be ready for the beginning of the 2015 school year. Enrolment packages are ready for distribution to the current Year 5 students and we are planning a parent evening for parents of Year 5’s on Monday 29 July (week 2, Term 3).

There have also been some changes made to the selection of students into our Academic Extension Program from 2015. Year 6 parents have already been alerted to this change. If you require further information regarding the application process please contact the Program Manager, Emma Walker.

This is certainly a time of progress for Applecross SHS. We are excited by the development of our school that already has a wonderful 50+ year history and are eagerly looking forward to the future.

Maureen Lorimer
Principal
Applecross SHS

INTER-SCHOOL SCHOOL CARNIVAL

Our team competed at the MDISSA Inter-school Swimming carnival on Tuesday. The team members all performed very well, some filling in for sick or injured students, with our school placing fourth overall. Individual medals were won by Luc Latino-Yr 4 Runner up, Joel Miller-Yr 4 third place, Jessica Ellul-Yr 5 Runner up, Harry Cormack-Yr 6 Runner up and Sasha Edwards-Yr 7 third place. Congratulations to these individuals and to the team as a whole.

This ends our swimming carnival program for 2013. Thanks to all the students who were involved and to their parents for encouraging and transporting them for training. Thanks to Guy Hayward for his continuing support and to Helen Keen who never misses a training session and is always a great supporter of our swimmers.
WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

This year Woolworths is once again running the ‘Earn and Learn’ program. Woolworths will provide parents with booklets. These booklets are then used to place stickers that are earned while shopping. The school has boxes located in the foyer for the booklets to be placed in once they are full. This was a valuable program for us last year and I encourage your involvement.

CANTEEN NEWS

Happy Holidays from the canteen!

We are closed this Friday, but ready to open on the first Friday back next Term. More healthy hot food coming your way for the cooler Term; fried rice, sweet and sour pork and lasagne. Anytime you order our sushi and rice paper rolls, tell us what you would like. The smoked salmon is becoming a popular choice.

HELP IS NEEDED NEXT TERM!

Keryn and Carole

P&C NEWS

The Entertainment Books are once again available through the school. Order forms have been sent home with students last week.

Please support this great fundraiser for the school.

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

RED

BLUE

GREEN

ROAD WISE

Pick up areas
When picking up children in the afternoon, here are a few suggestions for you to help ease traffic congestion around our school.

- Pre arrage a pick up place with your children
- If possible, arrange to meet your children a little further away from the school
- Arrange to meet your children 5 to 10 minutes later than school finish time to avoid congestion.
- If this is not possible, then always attempt to park on the school side of the road to collect your children.
- Do Not pick up your child from the bus bay.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

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**FUNDRAISING QUIZ NIGHT**

Cameron Addison, a former pupil of the school, is now a year 10 student at Applecross SHS and he along with fellow students are going to Sri Lanka in December with a World Challenge expedition. There are two groups of 20 kids from Applecross SHS from years 10 and 11 going. Part of the trip is a personal challenge for them and they are trekking for 5 days in the Knuckles Ranges and part of their trip is to help the local community with a project they to support the community.

They are encouraged to raise funds as a group for their trip to raise money for the community project and to fund raise themselves as well. Cameron along with 2 other students are organising a quiz night on Friday 17th May 7.30pm at the Bill Cole Centre Riverton. They have been busy organising prizes and booking the quiz master and the hall. There are some great prizes to win. The tickets are $10.00 each and the tables are tables of 10. You can buy as many tickets as you like to fill a table with friends or we can make up tables with smaller groups.

If you are interested please call us on: 0415967675

**HOLIDAY KAYAK LESSONS**

Juniors (8 yrs and over)  
Dates: 1st week- 24, 26 April  
2nd week- 29 April, 1 May 2013  
Time: 9.00-10.00am  
Cost $25 per lesson (inc use of boat, paddle, life jacket) Do one or more lessons.

Contact: Robyn Brown, mob: 0401 311 817 robyn.l.brown@bigpond.com  
Note: It is a requirement of all participants that they must be able to swim at least 50metres.  
BOOK NOW!

Payment is due one week before lesson.

Looking for something fun for your child to do during the school holidays?

**Project K.I.D.S Holiday Activity Program at UWA**

Project KIDS is a child development study run through the University of Western Australia that explores how children think, feel, act and learn. In the past 18 years we have had more than 2,500 children attend our holiday activity program. At Project KIDS your child will join other children in playing a range of computer games, puzzles and other fun activities. Your child is welcome to invite a friend of the same age along to join in the fun too.

If your child is currently aged 6 or 7, and has not attended Project KIDS in the past, please call or email us to book your child in for two consecutive days of activities during the April school holidays (22nd April – 3rd May). These sessions are held at no cost to parents.

Please call the Project KIDS coordinator Louise Delane on 6488 8150