Dear Parents and Community Members,

Japanese Students
Mt Pleasant Primary School, in conjunction with Gold Intercultural Learning, will be hosting a group of Japanese students from Gunma Koku-sai Academy (GKA) from Friday 18th October to Tuesday 5th November. GKA is an English immersion school so the students are very good at English and eager to experience life in Australia! The visiting students will stay with a family from the school and participate in regular classes alongside our students. We are looking for families who have a child in years 4-7 to host a student.

Hosting an international student offers many unique opportunities, including the chance to learn about another culture and build life-long friendships. The family’s responsibilities are to include the student as a member of their family and involve them in their daily routine. Students can share a room with their host student; they do not require their own room. Its also important to know that the company arranging the exchange program, Gold Intercultural Learning (GIL), provide 24 hours a day support to both host families and students.

A day excursion free of charge for both Japanese and host students will be arranged, details to be confirmed at a later stage. Furthermore, to help you help us support the program each host family will receive a significant payment to assist with any associated costs. You will receive payment before the students arrive.

Please contact the office if you are interested in hosting a student for this exchange program.

Mass Choir
Last Monday night I had the great pleasure of attending a Mass Choir performance of 450 students at UWA. There were 58 representatives from Mount Pleasant Primary School. What an amazing performance! Congratulations to our students and a special congratulations to Louise Latino for her solo performance. Thank you to Liz Bint and other staff members or parents who have helped out in any way.

Parking
There are two parking issues that need to be urgently addressed. Firstly, many parents are using the Henley Street staff car park as a pick up and drop off zone. I have serious safety concerns regarding this practice. The alternative to this, is to drop students off on Henley Street so they can step directly onto the footpath and walk through the back of the school without actually crossing the parking area i.e. they can remain on the footpath the entire time. Secondly, several parents are double parking on Queens Road near the junior block to drop students off. This is also a very dangerous practice. Please park further along Queens Road and the children can walk back to that area using the footpath.

School Garden
For your information Mount Pleasant has a School garden which is coordinated by Mr Hayward. Students will be involved with the garden program and the associated kitchen cooking activities. The Market days are the culmination of this program.

FRIDAY
30 AUGUST
ASSEMBLY ROOM 13

TUESDAY
3 SEPTEMBER
OPEN NIGHT

FRIDAY
6 SEPTEMBER
LAP-A-THON
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

Whilst voluntary, our school collects around 80% of both types of contribution. P&C contributions are spent by the P&C funding a range of items requested by the school. School contributions are dispersed across a range of budget areas. The combined funds represent 20% of the overall school budget and when not contributed, can impact on what we can provide.

ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS

Parents can now make payments utilising the EFTPOS machine located at the front office.

SPORTS NEWS

Our team performed extremely well at the recent MDISSA Cross-Country Carnival held on August 16 at Brentwood Primary and Blue Gum Reserve. The team gained second place overall and finished first in the meritorious points rankings.

Congratulations to all the team members. A special mention to our medal winners: Natasha Main, Nikola Losic, Harry Cormack and Luke Egger.

Thanks also to Mrs Ritchie, Mrs Essfahani and Wendy our School Chaplin for acting as course marshals. Thanks also to Mr Hayward for preparing the team for the event.

House Athletics Carnival
Thanks to parents who have returned the ‘Help Slip’ for the two days of the carnival. More helpers are still required so please fill in the slip sent home last week and return it to class teachers or me as soon as possible.

Brian Schupp
Deputy Principal

STUDENT COUNCIL

Congratulations
Congratulations to our newly elected Councillors and Faction Captains. These students have a very important role to play in our school and we wish them all the very best.

School Councillors

Isabella
Sasha
Shelby

House Faction Captains

Tiana
Lauren
Andrew
Blue Captain
Red Captain
Green Captain

DAFFODIL DAY

Last Friday we ran lunchtime games in honour of the Cancer Council Daffodil Day. It was great fun and I would like to say thank you to Grace Rendell, Amy Rae and Lauryn Hall for their fantastic help. The dress up relays couldn't help but bring a smile to your face.

Wendy Anderson
School Chaplin
The canteen has been using some great produce from our school kitchen garden. We have the freshest lettuce and the children are really enjoying the watermelon and strawberry cups. They have also been sampling bocconcini, basil and cherry tomato picks.

ROSTER

Friday 26 August  Olivia Lade
AM  Karen Wheeler
PM  Karuna

Monday 2 September  Help Please

Friday 6 September  Sharlene Mattingly
Help Please

Monday 9 September  Help Please

BOOK WEEK—READ ACROSS THE UNIVERSE

Last Monday, our school celebrated the beginning of Book Week with children from all classes dressing up as their favourite book characters. A parade was held in the undercover area in the afternoon and a fun time was had by all as the children explained their outfits to the audience. A big thank you to the parents for their support in assisting with their children’s costumes and those that could afford the time to attend the parade. During the previous week, the students from Years 3-7 attended a special workshop at the A.H. Bracks Library conducted by well-known children’s author/illustrator James Foley. James explained his passion for writing and illustrating books by displaying his personal collection of childhood drawings to the children. To conclude our Book Week celebrations, Nicole Oeij from the Civic Square Library, held an information session for parents in the school’s library on Friday to highlight the services available from the City of Melville Libraries and to explain the Better Beginnings Literacy Program for our Kindergarten /Pre-Primary Students. She then visited the students to present each child with their free literacy packs and spent the remainder of the morning with the Year 1/2 classes reading a variety of short-listed picture books from the Children’s Book Council.

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

Presented Friday
16/8/13

RED

BLUE
Joel M, Jamie E, Darcy M, Josh W

GREEN
Olivia D, Jasmine N, Oliver P, Claire Y, Esther N, Lochlan I, Bethany C, Wendy R

ROAD WISE

Double Parking
Double parking is unfortunately a common problem in many schools. When double parking occurs, it not only places your own children at risk but also others near your vehicle. So please be aware and park your vehicle in the designated area.
P&C PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Lap-a-thon
HELP NEEDED! The lap-a-thon notices have gone out. The event will take place on Friday September 6, 2013. Many parent helpers are needed on the day as time keepers. If you are available to assist could you please contact Jade Mulroney - jmulroney@iinet.net.au

Cook Book
Wow! Have you seen the Cook Book? It looks fantastic. The P&C would like to pass on a huge thank you to Wendy Gibbons, Mandy Vyse and Michelle Melang for a wonderful effort. If you haven’t yet purchased your copy, contact your class representative and they will put you in touch with the Cook Book ladies.

60th Anniversary School Fair
The fair will be held on Saturday October 26, 2013 from 10.00am to 3.00pm. Do you have a hidden talent? We are looking for anyone wanting to show their talent whether it be singing or dancing etc. So ask you kids if they would be interested in performing on the day and let me know.

Auditor
The P&C require an auditor to perform an audit of their accounts. If you know of anyone who may be able to assist, please let me know.

Treasurer
Robin Main has indicated that he will be finishing up his role as Treasurer at the end of this year. Robin has done a fantastic job and we are now looking for someone to take on that role. If you are interested please contact either Robin or the committee.

Environment
If you have any concerns relating to the gardens or environment issues at the school our contact is Robina Chidlow-ro-bina@hotmail.com. The committee in conjunction with Mr Hayward will be looking at some ideas for landscaping the front of the staff room area. There will be some designing assistance required and then sourcing funding through the Grants committee.

Quiz Night
The Quiz Night was a huge success with over $7,000 being raised. We would like to take the opportunity to thank Donna Quinn, Stacey Waters, Tenille Dartnall and Deanne Russell for all their effort. The families of Mount Pleasant are also to be congratulated for providing such great class hampers.

We would also like to convey our thanks to the following sponsors: Footprints Resort, Kip McGraph, Quartz Cleaning, IGA Canning Bridge & Brentwood Designs, Booragoon Physio, Automasters Canning Bridge, Raffles Hotel, Get Active Sports, Lee Palace Chinese Restaurant, Campbell’s Wholesale, Mount Pleasant Bowling Club, Deep Water Point Café, Boheme, High Road Hotel, Intimo, Madison Grace and Thermomix.

Daffodil Day—Report from Keryn Rae
This was a fantastic day with over $400 being raised. Special thanks to Wendy Anderson our School Chaplin for donating cakes and organising fun activities on the oval with help from some of our year 7 girls. Also thanks to Sarah Seaman, Hilary Turner, Wendy Gibbons and Sarah Baylis for also donating cakes.

P&C Collection Boxes
In case you are not aware, P&C boxes are also located in the canteen, the kindergarten, the junior block near the wet area and the front office.

Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall
The P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle and cake stall on Election Day Saturday September 7, 2013. This is a great fundraising opportunity and we will need volunteers for the day. We are planning to provide bacon and eggs for the early voters then sausages for the rest of the day. Donations of cakes, slices and biscuits would be very much appreciated. Please deliver donations to the back of the canteen at 3:00pm on Friday or bring along on the day. We will only need volunteers to donate one hour of their time. Please contact Cathy Latino at ozlatino@bigpond.net.au or telephone 0431919930 if you are able to assist.