Dear Parents and Community Members,

Open Night
Thank you to all parents and community members who attended the Open Night last week. There was a huge turnout and the classrooms looked amazing.

Newsletter
There still appears to be several families not receiving the school newsletter. If you are not receiving the school newsletter, you need to do one of the following things:
• Check that you have given us the correct email address
• If you prefer a hard copy, you need to let the office know so that we can give your child a copy.
A reminder that the newsletter is uploaded to our website every fortnight.

Lost Property
I am absolutely staggered at the amount of lost property that is in our under covered assembly area. More importantly the great majority of items are not identified with a name. Please label all items of student uniform.

Awards
Congratulations to Charlotte Gibbons and Johann Lambay on receiving an award for the Scent of Science-Primary School Logo Competition. Well done!

Japanese Exchange Program
PLEASE HELP – MALE HOST STUDENTS STILL NEEDED FOR JAPANESE EXCHANGE PROGRAM
All we need is the support of another 3 male hosts from years 4 - 7!

Being a host family is a memorable and fulfilling experience and the students from Gunma Kokusai Academy are very advanced in their English language skills making it an ideal experience for first time host families.

The family’s responsibilities are to include the student as a member of their family and involve them in their daily routine. Students will attend class with their host student and they can share a room with their host student.

It is 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.

We now need your help so please register your interest as a host family through the contact details below.

IMPORTANT POINTS:
Mount Pleasant Primary School is hosting a group of 11 and 12 year old Japanese students from Gunma Kokusai Academy (GKA) from Friday 18th October – Tuesday 5th November. Japanese students stay with a student from year 4 – 7 and attend classes together. GKA is an English immersion school. A day excursion free of charge for both Japanese and host students will be arranged. Details to be confirmed at a later stage. Each host family will receive a payment of $350 to assist with any associated costs.

If you would like to host a student, please contact the school office by Monday, September 16 or contact the exchange program coordinator: Jason Hutchinson – Director of Gold Intercultural Learning (GIL) T: 08 9481 1694 M: 0417 773 846 E: jason@goldil.com.au
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

HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The House Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 19 and Friday 20 September. Thanks to the many parents who have indicated their availability to help on either or both days. I still need more help from the parents of our Year 6 and 7 students. At the moment I don’t have enough helpers for the 9.15am or 11.00am timeslots for our Year 6-7’s.

Letters will be sent home to parents who have been allocated tasks by the end of the week. If you have offered to help but don’t receive a letter it is due to the large number of volunteers in that particular timeslot. You may be given a call up on the day if you are at the carnival.

Students should wear their house t-shirt on the two days of the competition to add colour and atmosphere and also make our judges’ job easier.

Brian Schupp
Deputy Principal

P&C PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Election Day Sausage Sizzle

Special thanks to Cathy Latino and all the volunteers for organising and helping out on the day. Also thank you to all parents who donated cakes and slices for our cake stall. We raised $1100 which will go a long way towards the purchase of history resources and a trailer for the school garden.

60th Anniversary School Fair

The fair will be held on Saturday October 26, 2013 from 10.00am to 3.00pm. We are still looking for anyone wanting to show their talent - whether it be singing or dancing, let us know. Also a special congratulations to all the children who participated in the flyer competition. We are also seeking parent help for face painting. You don’t need any prior experience as Tinka Truninger will be having a lesson day to show us all what to do. If you can assist please contact Trinka at trinka@brainsystems.com

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 looking for someone to take on that role. If you are interested please contact either Robin or the committee.

P&C Collection Boxes

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

Helen Suriano
President
CANCARING
Caring people help make the world a better place. When a person knows that somebody cares for them they feel better about themselves. When you care about someone, look for ways to show interest in them. Demonstrate you care by doing something helpful for them. Even a friendly smile can show someone that you care.

HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
On Friday 20 September (House Athletics Carnival day) the Canteen will be selling sushi, rice paper rolls and hot sausages in buns available by pre-order. Donations of cakes and slices would be very much appreciated to sell with our coffee and tea. As always, many helpers are needed throughout the day. So if you can spare 30 minutes during the day, please let me know.

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST

Last week our Kindergarten hosted a Father’s Day breakfast.

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

Presented Friday 30/8/13

RED

BLUE

GREEN
Callum S, Apolline D, Ava M, Ameline S, Trissa L, Jamie M-N, Lochlan I, Steele P, Max O-U, Anna H

ROAD WISE
Helmets
It is very important to check your child’s helmet regularly for faults and damage. Ensure that your child’s helmet still fits. Check that the outer shell and the foam lining are not damaged. All straps and buckles need to be in good working order. Most importantly ensure that your child wears their helmet at all times whilst riding their bike, scooter or skateboard.