Dear Parents and Community Members,

**NAPLAN**
There has been a hold up with the issuing of NAPLAN reports due to an error with averaging various test components in years five and seven. To this end reports will be distributed very early in term 4.

**Video for Parents**
The Minister for Education has produced a short video message for parents about changes to school funding. The link is below.


**Japanese Exchange Program**
Mount Pleasant Primary School will be hosting seven students as part of the Japanese Exchange Program. The Japanese students will be placed in various classrooms ranging from years 4-7 together with Mount Pleasant students who are providing home stay placement.

This program will commence on October 17 but students will not attend until October 21. The students will actually attend Mount Pleasant Primary School for 12 days.

I would like to thank the seven host families who are making this possible for the exchange students.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students of both schools and I welcome the initiative into Mount Pleasant Primary School.

**School Development Day**
Please note that Monday October 14 is a School Development Day which will be used for planning purposes and therefore pupil free.

Have a happy and safe holiday.

Joe Fasolo
Principal

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**60th Anniversary Fair**
Children from pre-primary to year 7 will be performing in a special concert at the fair. The children’s performance time will be at midday on Saturday 26 October, 2013. Information regarding costume requirements will be forwarded to parents early next term.

**Tennis Australia**
Mount Pleasant Primary School is the only Western Australian school to be chosen to participate in the launch of Tennis Australia’s Australian Open Blitz. The event will take place on Tuesday October 15, 2013. Children from years 1-7 will be participating in a range of activities on the day. Information regarding the event will be sent home before the end of term and children can begin to accrue points as from October 1. Parents are most welcome to attend this special event.

8.50-9.40am Rooms 2,4,11,16
9.30-10.10am Rooms 8,3,7,18
10.10-10.50am Rooms 1,12,15,17

Ian Allen
Physical Education Coordinator

**Athletics Carnival**
As you are aware the athletics carnival was postponed due to the unpredictable weather. As it turned out the Bureau of Meteorology provided very good advice. The athletics carnival will now be held on Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 October. The two days will follow the same format as was initially planned for last week. Thanks to parents who can still help and to those who have let me know they will no longer be available. Any parents, especially those with students in year 6 or 7 who can now help should contact me this week and I will allocate them a task where necessary.

Brian Schupp
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.

P&C PRESIDENT’S REPORT

60th Anniversary School Fair

The fair will be held on Saturday October 26, 2013 from 10.00am-3.00pm.

Do You Have Hidden Talent?
We are still looking for anyone wanting to perform on the day. If you can sing, dance or play a musical instrument we would like to hear from you.

Tents are needed for the day. If you or a family member has a gazebo style tent and would kindly allow us to use it on the day, please contact Helen Suriano at helen@bakersuriano.com.au

If you know of anyone famous or successful who attended Mt Pleasant Primary School over the past 60 years, please let me know.

Treasurer

Robin Main has indicated he will be finishing up his role as Treasurer at the end of the 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.

Lapathon

Once again, another fantastic event held this year. Nearly all money has been received and it is estimated that over $8,500 will be raised. I would like to thank Jade Mulroney, her organising committee and all parents who helped on the day. Special thanks to Paul Vikas who provided his own equipment for the day and Brian Schupp for his commentary.

RESEARCH INTO PARENTING CHILDREN WITH TYPE 1 DIABETES

The University of Queensland is conducting research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes. Parenting a child with diabetes presents many challenges. The aim of this study is to understand the factors that make the management of childhood diabetes particularly difficult and to use this information to develop strategies that might assist parents in managing their child’s diabetes.

If you are a parent of a 2-10 year old child with type 1 diabetes, we would love to hear from you. By sharing your experiences (confidentially) you will be making a valuable contribution to the development of much needed childhood diabetes management strategies for parents.

To compete the survey online please log on to https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/type1diabetes
For further information about the project, please call the Parenting and Family Support Centre at the School of Psychology at the University of Queensland on 0733657689 or by email aditi.lohan@uqconnect.edu.au
HAND WASHING
Washing your hands is the easiest way to prevent the spread of food poisoning or illness. By washing your hands you wash away germs that may have been picked up by other people, pets or from contaminated surfaces. It is very important to encourage children to wash their hands from an early age to prevent germs from spreading.

RED

BLUE

GREEN
Thomas N, Scarlett I, Krishna F, Lilly F, Andrew L, Baxter O, Tess C-B, Pat T

CANTEEN NEWS
The canteen will be open tomorrow the last day of the term and re-open on Thursday 17/9/13 for the House Athletics Carnival. Sports day lunch orders will be carried over to this date. If you would like to order lunch on the day, please return your forms as soon as possible. Donations of cakes and slices would be very much appreciated to sell with our tea and coffee. As always, many helpers are needed throughout the day. So if you can spare any time at all during the day, please let me know.

HONOUR CERTIFICATES
Presented Friday 13/9/13

ROAD WISE
What’s Your Rush?
One of the most common contributing factor in fatal and serious car accidents is speed. Speeding not only puts your own life at risk, it also endangers your passengers, other motorists and pedestrians. Remember, every 10km/h will make a huge difference.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Blood Service Donormobile is visiting Garden City Shopping Centre on 3rd & 4th October 11.30am—6.30pm
Blood donation only takes one hour and each donation can save three lives.
1 in 3 Australians will need blood during their lifetime.
This service encourages you to do something special and give blood.

Orange Grove Primary School 90th Anniversary Celebrations
When: Saturday 2/11/13
Where: Orange Grove Primary School Boyle Lane, Orange Grove
From: 10.00am—3.00pm