Dear Parents and Community Members,

NAPLAN
For the second year in a row, Mount Pleasant Primary School has displayed a solid improvement with NAPLAN results. In fact, Mount Pleasant has matched or bettered like schools in several of the test areas. I will provide an in depth report in the coming weeks. This is an opportune time to thank all staff in the context of responding to whole school strategic planning. Thank you and well done!

Welcome
Welcome to Amanda Spurling who commenced on a part time basis this term to support our Literacy and Numeracy programs. Amanda will work in several classrooms across the school together with Andrea Cull who has increased her time. I would also like to welcome student teachers Emily Read and Stacey Hammond who are in our Early Childhood section. Welcome also to Hannah Harisis, student Education Assistant in pre-primary.

Best Wishes to Ron Tillett
Ron Tillett (School Gardener) recently announced his retirement which was effective 17 October. Mount Pleasant Primary School would like to wish Ron all the very best for the future. Steve Lawrence has been appointed as the casual gardener for the remainder of the term pending a selection process for the new gardener.

Classroom Placement 2014
Your son/daughter will be bringing home a notice regarding class placement for 2014. Parents will be given the opportunity to provide information regarding their child’s placement in 2014 based on genuine educational needs. This is not simply about teacher preference or maintaining friendship groups. We naturally consider these factors when placing your child in a classroom. This is about genuine information that could effect your child’s learning.

P&C Thank You Lunch
The P&C recently provided lunch for all staff on the School Development Day. Thank you to all parents that contributed. The food was amazing and we were able to sample several dishes from the school cookbook. Thank you once again.

Japanese Exchange Students
The Japanese Exchange program commenced on Monday of this week. I would like to welcome the seven students who have been placed in classrooms with their host students. As I have said previously, this is a wonderful initiative and I hope it is a rewarding experience for both schools.

AO Tennis Blitz Tennis Australia
Last week the team from Tennis Australia visited our school to launch the AO Blitz and set a range of challenges for the children to participate in. As well as having the opportunity to be photographed with the Australian Open tennis trophies, the school had a surprise visit from Alicia Molik who ran a number of sessions throughout the day. All children from Pre-Primary to Year 7 had a fantastic time completing the challenges.

Thank You
Thank you to the P&C for supporting the school’s programs by funding resources totalling $10,974. Details can be found in our President Helen Suriano’s report in this edition.

Joe Fasolo
Principal
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.

The House Athletics Carnival was conducted last week. The weather was almost perfect for the event after all the problems of last term. The winning house was Emerald (Green), with Sapphire (Blue) second and Ruby (Red) third. The tabloid shield was won by Sapphire. Thanks to the many parents who assisted on the two days of the carnival.

The Inter-School Carnival will be held at Bateman Primary School on Tuesday 29/10/13 for jumps, throws and 400m and on Thursday 31/10/13 for track and team games. Information will be sent home with team members by Friday. The late House Carnival has created some problems with team selection this year.

The medal winners were:

Year 1
Boys Charlie Minton
Girls Chloe Krajancick

Year 2
Boys Noah Rey
Girls Gabrielle Gibbons

Year 3
Boys Thomas Mulroney 28 Green
Girls Georgia Clarke 32 Green

Year 4
Boys 1st Joel Miller 52 Blue
2nd Jamie King 48 Red
3rd Harrison Edgar 16 Blue
Girls 1sr Alison Cameron 44 Blue
1st Charlotte George 44 Red
3rd Aimee Hassan 36 Blue

Year 5
Boys 1st Connor Fitzgerald 60 Red
2nd Declan Ryan 32 Green
3rd Charles Casale 24 Green
Girls 1st Zari Hodson 52 Blue
2nd Maureen Rogerson 36 Green
3rd Celine Degreef 28 Blue

Year 6
Boys 1st Harrison Cormack 92 Green
2nd Max Ohashi Uchino 60 Green
3rd Brynn Kornick 44 Red
Girls 1st Jade Bergamaschi 80 Blue
2nd Olivia Skepper 64 Red
3rd Emily Coxon 36 Green

Year 7
Boys 1st Andhika Raditya 76 Green
2nd Steele Meade 52 Red
3rd Jake Eyers 40 Green
Girls 1st Zoe Gillard 92 Green
2nd Natasha Main 44 Red
3rd Sasha Edwards 40 Blue

OVERALL

Green 1198
Blue 1106
Red 998

Brian Schupp
Deputy Principal
CONFIDENCE
Confidence is feeling self-assured. It comes from trusting yourself. Confidence gives you the mind set to try different things. When you feel confident you can try new things without fear. Know that you are worthwhile no matter what the outcome.

RED
Katie P, Lauren S, Gracie M, Jake N, Sienna J, Amie L, Jasmine B, Mendel L, Aanika E, Panau K

BLUE

GREEN
P&C PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Mount Pleasant 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 have a couple of spots still available if your children are interested in performing.

We are honoured to have Mrs McCusker, the Governor General’s wife, to officially open the event. She will be in attendance at 10.00am.

Preparations for the day are coming together and no doubt there will be some last minute running around to do to ensure that the event runs smoothly.

October P&C Meeting

At this month’s meeting the P&C committed to provide the following amounts to support the school’s programs:

**Tablets**
The school has purchased 32 Microsoft tablets at a cost of $9,028 and the P&C has agreed to fund 50% of this cost being $4514.

**Interactive Whiteboard**
Room 9 (extra classroom in 2014) will require an interactive whiteboard. Last year the P&C made the commitment to ensure all classes had a whiteboard so it was agreed to fund $5160 for this purchase.

**Trailer**
A quote was obtained to purchase a trailer at around $1300. This was also approved.

**Garden Kitchen**
Some funding will be sourced through Healthways for improvements to the garden.

Helen Suriano
P&C President

Congratulations to Declan Ryan (u12s) and Brynn Konmick (u13s) who both play for the Willetton Tigers. They were part of premiership winning teams in the WA Basketball League during the recent school holidays.