Dear Parents and Community Members

REPORTS
Student reports will be given out on Tuesday December 17. Students in years 5 and 7 will also be given a WAMSE report in Science and Society and Environment. As always, I ask parents to discuss reports with their children focussing on the positive aspects.

THANK YOU
Yesterday morning I had the pleasure of Attending a thank you morning tea for the many volunteer parents and community members that support Mount Pleasant Primary School. Some of these volunteers include: School Council Representatives, Mentors through the School Volunteer Program, Religious Instruction Tutors, Canteen Volunteers, Classroom Volunteers and many parents who support our Sporting Program. Special thanks to the P&C who have donated $30,000 to our school this year. The staff and students of Mount Pleasant Primary school really appreciate the efforts of the volunteers mentioned above.

Thank you also to the instrumental students who provided entertainment throughout the morning tea.

MDISSA T2 BLAST SCHOOL CUP
On Monday November 24, our school entered teams into the T2 Blast Cricket Competition. All teams performed well with the girl’s team remaining undefeated throughout the carnival. Thank you to all parents who assisted with transport. Special thanks to Mr Fitzgerald, Mr Irwin and Wendy Anderson who each looked after a team on the day. You can view photos on the following website:

http://www.facebook.com/pages/Metro-South-West-Cricket-WACA-Game-Development/18062583320142

Joe Fasolo
Principal

WHOLE SCHOOL BUSY BEE ON THE OVAL
Our oval is infested with an invasive and fast spreading weed called Giant Parramatta Weed (Sporobolus fertilus). This is the weed which gives the appearance of irregular clumps and tufts across our oval, particularly in the centre. It’s unsightly and potentially dangerous, as children can easily trip on the fast growing clumps.

Giant Parramatta Weed can only be effectively removed by being manually dug out of the ground.

WHAT CAN WE ALL DO ABOUT PARRAMATTA WEED!

We can dig it out! On Saturday the 14th December, the Environment Committee will be holding a whole-school effort to rid the oval of Parramatta Weed. We know weekends are busy, and so we’ve divided the busy bee into two sessions, to offer some flexibility. We invite all parents and families of Mount Pleasant Primary School to help. In order to tackle the problem effectively, we will need at least twelve parents from each class.

The two shift options are between 9:00 am- 12:00 noon, and 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm.

Please sign up via your class representative before Wednesday December 11. We need to ensure numbers because we can only make this work if we have enough people.

This is a matter of real importance for our oval. The summer break provides the perfect opportunity for the oval to recover and for infill to regrow with the appropriate grass. This will mean we can start term one next year with a fantastic looking oval!

Please come and help us on the day. This is a great opportunity to model active family involvement in our school. Kids are very welcome.

P&C Committee
P&C PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Grounds Update
The small committee that was recently formed to arrange and organise an outdoor play/art interaction area met at the school this week. Areas to be addressed include:

- Draft a long term vision for the school environment.
- Place art throughout the school.
- Improve the current condition of the school oval.
- Introduce simple elements for nature play into the school grounds.
- Resurfacing of the quadrangle.

We will keep you informed as work commences and aim to have at least one project completed early in 2014.

Treasurer
We are currently seeking to appoint a new Treasurer for next year. If you have book keeping or accounting experience and you are familiar with MYOB, please contact Helen Suriano on 0412647955

Thank You Morning Tea
I attended a lovely morning tea at our school which was held for Classroom Volunteers, Religion in Life Teachers, Canteen Volunteers, School Mentors and all those who have given their time to help around the school this year. I would like to thank those who catered for the event and the Instrumental Students for providing the entertainment.

Helen Suriano
P&C President

60TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK
Approximately over 900 copies of the cookbook have been sold to date. We still need to sell the last 100 copies. The books would be a great Christmas present and can be purchased from the front office. We would like to thank Chemart Booragoon, Massage Club Booragoon, Brentwood Newsagency, InsideOut Design and Risely Physiotherapy for kindly allowing us to display and sell our book.

Also special thanks to our top sellers who are Jenni Dunkley, Cath Standing, Nichole Shervington and the Fitzgerald family.

Wendy, Mandy and Michelle

DANCE SPORT SOCIALS
Next Thursday will be final session of Dance Sport. The students will be performing at the following times in the assembly area.

- 8.45 - 9.15 PP– Year 1
- 9.20 -10.00 Years 2 & 3
- 10.05-10.50 Years 4 to 7

Parents are very welcome to attend.

Pam Allen
Deputy Principal
KEEP IT COOL

Did you know that packed lunches stored in school bags are in ideal conditions for the growth of bacteria? Packed lunches in bags can get very warm very quickly.

To ensure that food is kept safe, always pack lunches in sealed containers preferably in an insulated lunch box. Make sure a freezer block or frozen drink is also placed in the box to ensure that the food stays cool.

Your children will appreciate a cool lunch on a hot day.

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CANTEEN NEWS

I would like to thank Mrs Saad for cooking her delicious rice for the canteen this week. Her contribution was very much appreciated and enjoyed by all.

The canteen will be closed on the last week of term and the first week of term in 2014. The last day that the canteen will be open this term is Friday 13/12/13. However, the canteen may be open during lunchtime in the last week if canteen staff are available. The only items for sale will be ice creams and ice poles.

Thank you to all those who have assisted in the canteen this year and we look forward to seeing you all next year.

Kerryn Rae
Canteen Manager

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CHAPLAINCY NEWS

Christmas Hampers

Thank you for your generous donations of non-perishable food and Christmas items that have been brought to the school for our Christmas hampers. The class hampers will be presented to a representative from the church at our Carol’s Assembly to be held on Friday, December 13. The church in Willagee will distribute the hampers to families in need within our community.

Christmas presents can also be donated and left by the Christmas tree in the front office. I would like to thank you all again for your support. Your donations will help make this Christmas more joyful for families in need.

Wendy Anderson
School Chaplain

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HONOUR CERTIFICATES

Presented Friday 29/11/13

RED

BLUE
Lucas B, Zoe T, Julia D, Khzairi C, Mischa R, Nixon C

GREEN
**Canteen Supervisor**

**Are you looking for part time work during school hours?**  
Mount Pleasant Primary School P&C is seeking an enthusiastic Canteen Supervisor to begin in 2014.

The work hours will be 8.30am to 2pm on a Monday and Friday of school terms. Time spent in the canteen cooking, preparing food as well as shopping which are outside of the canteen hours will also be paid time. We envisage the role to be approximately 15 – 20 hours a week with the option to change canteen opening days if required. Flexibility to open extra days is also available as well as job share options.

On the job training and a handover period by the current Canteen Supervisor will be provided to ease you into the role. Training will be done preferably this year but can be done at the beginning of next year if necessary.

**Job Requirements:**
- Experience in canteen work, catering or similar.
- Demonstrated ability to lead, plan, organise and control the day-to-day operations of the canteen including finance
- Ability to relate well to students, other staff and volunteers
- Able to work productively for a common goal with the P&C as your employer.
- Knowledge (abide by) “Traffic Light” Healthy Menu system maintaining a menu with majority ‘green’.
- Current Working with Children Check or able to obtain one.

Desirable but not essential:
- TAFE qualifications in canteen operations or similar qualifications.
- Safe Food Handling Training

If you are interested in applying or would like to discuss the role further please contact Jodie Rowell on 0431 943 144 or email your resume to jrowell@hmsolutions.com.au

If you have a different background to the above but think you can do the job we would love to hear from you too! We can be flexible for the right person!

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**Hyundai Hopman Cup 2014 Kids Tennis Day presented by Nickelodeon**

**Date:** Saturday 28 December  
**Time:** (TBC)  
**Where:** Perth Arena ([Get directions to the Perth Arena](#))  
**Book:** Kids’ Tennis Day is a free event for children aged 16 years and under accompanied by a paying adult. Free junior tickets need to be redeemed in advance via Ticketek on 1300 364 001.  
This year the Hyundai Hopman Cup will feature the biggest and best yet Kids Tennis Day on Saturday 28 December with SpongeBob SquarePants and his Nickelodeon friends making a centre court appearance.  
**Family fun includes the chance to meet SpongeBob, be involved in a number of interactive tennis activities, along with face painting and player autograph sessions.**  
Families can win the opportunity to sit in a courtside box full of VIP goodies on the day. To enter simply book your Kids Tennis Day tickets via Ticketek on 1300 364 001 to go in the running for this great prize.