WELCOME BACK
Welcome back to Mount Pleasant Primary. A particular warm welcome to new families who have enrolled this year.

Our enrolment stands at 433 students who have settled in very quickly. For your information, I have included the school structure below. There has been a general student increase towards the end of last year and this year to the point where a new classroom has been structured.

Parent Information Sessions
To provide you with information regarding your child’s program of work and maintain open communication links, Parent Information sessions will be held on Tuesday the 18th of February. In an attempt to accommodate parents with students in several classes we have staggered the times.

Kindergarten—Year 2: 5:30pm
Year 3—Year 5: 6.00pm
Year 6—Year 7: 6.30pm

Should you require an interview with the classroom teacher, an appointment needs to be made at a different time.

Class Representatives
The P&C has asked me to remind you that they urgently require class representatives to assist with general communication and as a contact between the P&C, parents and the classroom. If you can assist in anyway please contact this office.

Staffing
Staffing at Mount Pleasant Primary School has remained relatively stable with some minor changes. I would like to welcome Ms Gerri Brown who has been appointed due to the extra growth. Welcome also to Mrs Desley Spencer-James replacing Mr Alan Burrough while he is on leave and Mrs Jacquie Inglis replacing Mrs Karina Op den dries who is on leave for this year. Welcome also to Mrs Amanda Spurling who will be providing support in various areas and Miss Stacey Hammond who will be covering the Kindergarten DOTT day.

2014 CLASS ORGANISATION

KINDERTAGEN RED
KINDERTAGEN BLUE
PRE-PRIMARY ROOM 14
PRE-PRIMARY ROOM 13
PRE-PRIMARY/YEAR 1 ROOM 12
YEAR 1 ROOM 11
YEAR 1/2 ROOM 15
YEAR 2 ROOM 16
YEAR 2 ROOM 3
YEAR 3 ROOM 7
YEAR 3 ROOM 8
YEAR 3/4 ROOM 9
YEAR 4 ROOM 4
YEAR 5 ROOM 2
YEAR 5/6 ROOM 1
YEAR 6 ROOM 17
YEAR 7 ROOM 18
MUSIC
ART
LIBRARY/SPORT
FRENCH
SUPPORT

Mrs Zeta Klinger
Mrs Linda Nicolay
Mrs Maatman / Mrs Andrea Cull
Mrs Mel Hayward / Mrs Mila Sirr
Mrs Glenda Harnett
Mrs Anne Bulmer
Mrs Robyn Ward
Ms Jo Burke
Mrs Margaret Griffiths / Mrs Andrea Cull
Ms Nicole Kukura
Miss Celia Nichols
Ms Gerri Brown
Ms Kathryn Williams
Mrs Desley Spencer-James
Mr Steve Clee
Mr Schupp / Mrs Allen / Mrs Inglis
Mr Guy Hayward
Mrs Liz Bint
Ms Jo Mascaro
Mr Ian Allen
Mr Gilles Robveille
Mrs Amanda Spurling
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

RM Billing
There has been a very good response to the RM Billing initiative with half the students having paid through RM Billing.

There has been some confusion with the Voluntary Contribution and the P&C Levy. The school Voluntary Contribution has been included as part of RM Billing while the P&C Levy was left on the booklist. The idea behind this was to separate the two groups and for ease of money handling.

If you have chosen not to use RM Billing, several extra cost components are now due. These include: swimming lessons for Years 3-5 ($50), Edu-dance ($25), Maths-Online ($20) Bug Club ($4) and Religion Instruction ($3). Voluntary Contributions are set at $60 per student.

Consent Form
A consent form has been included with this newsletter for all students. It includes media consent, internet access consent, viewing consent and minor excursions where students can walk. The consent form also includes an option on how you would like to receive the newsletter.

Please return this form as soon as possible to your classroom teacher.

Student Health Form
A Student Health Form has also been included in this newsletter. This form is used for all excursions throughout the year. Should student health circumstances change throughout the year it is important that you contact this office so that the changes can be formalised.

Parent Workshops
Included in this newsletter is a flyer advertising three workshops to be held throughout term 1. Please note that the first workshop, “Fine and Gross Motor Development: Why is it Important?” will be presented next Wednesday February 19 commencing at 8:45am in the staff room. Please RSVP to Joleen in the office.

School Council Nominations
As chair person of the School Council, I invite nominations from parents and the general community for membership to the School Council commencing this year.

The functions of a School Council are:
• to take part in establishing general policy directions, priorities, evaluating the school's performance and formulating codes of conduct.
• determine a dress code for students in consultation with the community.
• promote the school in the community.
• approve charges and contributions and agreements for advertising and sponsorship.
• provide advice to the Principal on general policy making.

The School Council general meets once per term or as the need arises. Currently the School Council has 7 members as part of the committee - 3 parents, 3 school based staff and a P&C representative.

If you are interested in nominating or would like to nominate someone, please complete the slip on the back page and return to this office as soon as possible.

Nominations close on Friday 21 February.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Liz Bint, Hillary Salmon, Susan Male, Elliot Nicholls, Steve Clee and Susanna Morley-Wong for their commitment and hard work as School Council representatives for the past two years.

Joe Fasolo
Hello everyone, I hope you’ve had an enjoyable start to the year.

Mount Pleasant Primary School is a wonderful community and I have the pleasure of serving as Chaplain on Thursdays and Fridays. I count it a privilege to pastorally care for the students, staff and families at our school, so if I can be of help please let me know. We all face challenging times in our lives, and having a ‘safe place’ to share and work through our feelings can help a lot. A message can be left at the front office or feel free to phone or visit me at the school. Of course seeing a Chaplain is voluntary, and if you would rather your child does not catch up with me during the year, please let the front office or myself know.

Also, this year we have a project “The 5 Cents Challenge”. We want to put all those loose 5 cent coins we have to good use, buying gifts that support learning in financially poor communities around the world. Partnering with TEAR Australia, gifts can be bought that offer hope and opportunity for those in need.

For example, $5 can buy school supplies for a child, or $45 will contribute to the primary schooling of children who come from struggling families where having the chance to go to school will open up their future and opportunities. More information can be found on the TEAR website www.tear.org.au

There are jars in each classroom to collect any 5 cent coins your family would like to donate. A whole school running tally is on the pinup board near room 1, and it will be exciting to see how many 5 cent coins we can raise over the year. Not only will we be helping other communities around the world, we will also be helping our children to learn about the value and privilege of being able to go to school and learn. Wishing you a fantastic term 1!

Wendy Anderson

Looking for Inspiration for Mid Week Meals? Try one of these:

- Thai Beef Salad
- Mediterranean Chicken
- Baked Burrito
- Never Fail Quiche

Recipes are from our school: Mount Pleasant Primary School Cook book

Available now in the front office!
**School Council Nomination**

Name of person nominated: ____________________________

Telephone contact number: __________________________

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________

**New Age Health Expo**

New Age Health Expo
SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY
9.30AM TO 4.30PM
EXHIBITION CENTRE, CANNINGTON
GREYHOUNDS
CNR STATION ST & ALBANY HWY,
CANNINGTON
$6 ENTRY – PROCEEDS TO BEYOND BLUE
IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH, COME & SEE HOW TO LOOK AFTER YOUR MIND, BODY & SPIRIT THROUGH NATURAL THERAPIES, PRODUCTS & PRODUCE.

- ORGANIC FOOD & FRUIT & VEGETABLES
- REIKI & ENERGY HEALING
- CRYSTAL BOWL THERAPY
- BOOKS
- KINESIOLOGY
- MASSAGE
- CRYSTAL HEALER
- HYPNOSIS
- AUSTRALIAN BUSH ESSENCES
- CRYSTAL & MAGNETIC JEWELLERY
- CRYSTALS
- PRANIC HEALER
- NATURAL JUICES
- ENJO
- THERMOMIX
- COLOUR HEALTH CONSULTANT
- PSYCHIC READERS

**Koala Kids Playgroup**

An activity of Mt Pleasant Uniting Church
For children—birth up to 4 year old kindy age
1 Coomoora Rd, Mt Pleasant

Playgroup with a difference
- Facilitated activities by playgroup coordinator employed by the church
- Each day supported by volunteers from the church
- Regular timetable for playgroup sessions

4 groups run Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri
9:30am - 11:30am
9:30 Start with free play
10:00 Welcome song, story and craft activity
10:45 Adults morning tea (on roster)
11:00 Pack away, clean up
FEES: $210 per family per year (+$50 for kindy child attending along with younger sibling)

We would love to hear from you! Please contact Trish Salmond on 0434 249 149

**Wesley College Music Scholarships 2015**

Wesley College offer two types of Music Scholarships for students entering into Year 7

**Council Music Scholarship**

Students are required to sit the academic scholarship examinations and recipients are awarded up to 50% tuition fee remission and 100% music tuition fees. Music auditions are held on the same day as the academic scholarship exam.

**ES Craft Scholarship**

Students are selected solely through the music audition process. It is not a requirement to sit the academic exam. The scholarship covers 50% of the cost of instrumental fees for one instrument. Applicants are required to apply for a music scholarship separately to an academic scholarship.

Applications Close – Friday 28 February 2014 Scholarship Examination – Saturday 15 March 2014

For further information, visit wesley.wa.edu.au/view/scholarships-bursaries or email enrol@wesley.wa.edu.au or phone 08 9368 8179