Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome back to Term 2, a particular warm welcome to new families who have commenced this term.

NAPLAN
Next week, students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will be involved in NAPLAN testing (National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy). This involves various tests ranging from 40—65 minutes on Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May. There is an excellent brochure providing information for parents that can be found using the following link:
NAPLAN 2014: Information for parents brochure

Newsletter
To receive the newsletter electronically, you need to do the following:
• Go to the Mount Pleasant website
• On the right hand side of the home page click on, ‘subscribe to newsletter’
• Complete the registration details and click ‘submit’
This will ensure that in future you will receive a link allowing you to access the newsletter.

Excursions / Incursions—RM Billing
Thank you to all the families who have taken up the initiative to use RM Billing for voluntary contributions and charges. This has certainly simplified the payment process and allowed teachers to focus more on what they should be doing.

However, there are still many families that have chosen to ‘pay as you go’ for various activities. In some cases, parents need several reminders to pay or in fact don’t pay at all even though student participate in the various activities.

Non payment means that the school has to make up the shortfall from the school budget.

Please note for future incursions, excursions or activities that require payment, students who don’t pay will not be able to attend. If you are experiencing problems with making payment, please contact the school as we may be able to assist. Thank you for your understanding and anticipated co-operation.

Year 7 2014 Parents
Applecross SHS would like to remind all parents in the community that Year 8 2015 Applications for enrolment are due in the first weeks of Term 2. Lodging your application on time will assist your child in getting more of the preferences they submitted for their elective subjects and assist us in our planning for this very important year of high schooling; your child’s first.

If you would like another application pack or if you have a query about the enrolment process, please email Emma Walker, Deputy Principal Years 7-9 at emma.walker@education.wa.edu.au and one will be forwarded to you.

Sports News
Congratulations to Jade Bergamaschi who will be representing WA in the upcoming Asia Pacific Junior Teams Softball Championship. Jade will be travelling to Manila on June 28 to complete against the top Philippino team. The winning team will then travel to Oregon to participate in the World Championships in August. We wish Jade the very best of luck.

Joe Fasolo
WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

ACTIVE KIDS ARE HEALTHY KIDS
A Challenge to all Staff, Students and Parents of Mount Pleasant Primary School.

Friday 23 May is ‘Walk Safely to School Day’.

Objectives:
- To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary aged children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
- To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skill they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
- To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
- To promote the use of public transport.
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles.
- To reduce the level of traffic congestion.

Mount Pleasant Primary School has several students who are prone to food allergies. We have included the following facts in an effort to raise awareness throughout the Mount Pleasant community.

- A food allergy is an immune system response to a food protein that the body mistakenly believes is harmful. When the individual eats food containing that protein, the immune system releases massive amounts of chemicals, triggering symptoms that can affect a person’s breathing, gastrointestinal tract, skin and/or heart.
- Symptoms of food allergy can include; hives, swelling of the lips, face and eyes, swelling of the tongue, breathing difficulty, abdominal pain, vomiting or a sudden drop in blood pressure. If left untreated, these symptoms can be fatal.

We have a special sticker for all students. If you must drive, can I suggest that you park your car at least a kilometre away from the school and walk the rest of the way. Even better, do the same on the way home.

For more information and support go to walk.come.au

ANAPHYLAXIS—FOOD ALLERGY BASICS

Mount Pleasant Primary School has several students who are prone to food allergies. We have included the following facts in an effort to raise awareness throughout the Mount Pleasant community.

- It is estimated that up to 2% of Australians, including 1 in 10 children, have food allergy and some of them will experience a life-threatening allergic reaction (anaphylaxis).
- There are more then 170 foods known to have triggered severe allergic reactions. Examples include Kiwi fruit, banana, chicken, mustard and celery.
- Currently, there is no cure for food allergy. Avoidance of the food is the only way to prevent a reaction.
- Adrenaline is the first line treatment for severe allergic reactions and can be administered via an auto-injector called the EpiPen or the Anapen.
- Food allergy is the leading cause of (severe reactions) anaphylaxis outside the hospital setting.
- Approximately 10 people die from anaphylactic reactions each year in Australia.
Fairness

Practising fairness is being fair in everything you do. It is not judging someone or something by what others tell you.

Fairness means that everyone gets their rightful share. It is not fair to allow someone to take advantage of you. Sometimes to be fair, we need to stand up for our rights or the rights of others. When you practise fairness you treat each person as an individual.

HELP IS NEEDED IN THE CANTEEN.
PLEASE FILL IN THE ROSTER OR CONTACT ME ON 0430 141 252.

Thank You

Julie Green—Canteen Manager

P&C UPDATE

SCHOOL DISCO

Tickets $5.00
Glow-novelty $2.00

Friday 16 May
Undercover Area

Kindy to Year 3: 4.30pm to 6.00pm
Year 4 to Year 5: 6.30 to 8.00pm

Pre-purchase preferable
Place permission slip and money into P&C boxes by Friday May 9 to secure Your child's ticket

Entertainment Books

Entertainment Books are available through the school. This is a great fundraiser with $13 from each book sold going to the school. Last year over $1000 was raised through the sale of the books. Spare order forms are available at the office. Any queries please contact Marg Prestage margprestage@hotmail.com or mobile 0439182218.

Car Parks

I urge parents not to use staff car parks and the bus bay as a pick up or drop off point. This is simply about the safety of the students at this school. Henley Drive and Gunbower Road are perfectly suited for pick up and drop off.
Johnny Moran Karate teaches karate classes to children and adults in the local area.

A special offer for the school’s students - 4 WEEKS FREE beginners karate lessons!

Classes are held in the area after school and are a great way for children of all ages to learn self-defense in a fun and safe environment and for adults to get fit.

Karate has many benefits which include confidence, respect, discipline and fitness.

Call now to take advantage of this 4 week trial.

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