Dear Parents and Community Members

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MONITORING STANDARDS IN EDUCATION (WAMSE)

Percentages of students in top 20%, middle 60%, bottom 20% of the state and among like schools

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WAMSE

I have attached tables showing year 5 & 7 results in Science and Society and Environment as there is cause for celebration. In particular it is important to note that the number of students at Mount Pleasant who have achieved in the top 20% and the comparison with like schools. Clearly this has been the result of focussed whole school planning in these learning areas. Congratulations to staff and students on this successful outcome.

AUSTRALASIAN PROBLEM SOLVING MATHEMATICAL OLYMPIAD

Each year our school participates in the Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiad. The competition is an opportunity for interested year 5, 6 and 7 students from not only Australian primary schools but also Asian/Pacific schools to participate in problem solving activities to extend and enrich their abilities. This year 31,570 students from 1,322 schools entered the competition and our school was one of only five WA schools to finish in the top 100. Our team consisted of 31 students of which 22 finished in the top 25% and 14 finished in the top 10%. Lachlan Irwin and Nikola Losic were the highest ranked students in our team.

My congratulations to all team members for an outstanding result this year. Thank you to Mr Ian Allen for coordinating the event.

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICAL COMPETITION

At last Friday’s assembly I presented certificates to several students who achieved top results in the Australasian Maths Competition. Of the 123 students that participated from Mount Pleasant Primary, one received a high distinction, eleven students received a distinction and fifty one students received a credit. This is another outstanding result for our school.

THANK YOU MORNING TEA

To show our appreciation to all parents and community members who have supported our school in any way, we would like to invite you to a thank you morning tea to be held on Wednesday December 4 at 10.30am on the grassed area in front of the staff room. If you have assisted the school in any way, we look forward to seeing you on the day. A reminder invitation will be sent out shortly.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

Please note that under section 4 of the Voluntary Contributions 2014, Group B, the year sixes were inadvertently left out. They should have been included in the graduation class t-shirt, the graduation dinner dance and the graduation book/CD as this will also be their final year in primary school.

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.

BIKE EDUCATION

The year 6 and 7 students will be undertaking a series of ‘Bike Education’ lessons over the next four weeks culminating in a Bike Hike in the final week of term to complete the course. Some students don’t have their own bike or their bike is not suitable for cycle path cycling and they may miss out on the valuable riding skills that will be taught.

If any families have a bike sitting in the garage or shed that is in a roadworthy condition and is either no longer needed, or can be used by a student for the next five weeks, please contact me or Guy Hayward so we can arrange for the use of the bike. A helmet to go with the bike would also be appreciated, but not essential.

Brian Schupp

ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS

Parents can now make payments utilising the EFTPOS machine located at the front office.

SPORTS REPORT

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P & C PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Our last P&C meeting for 2013 was held last night. There was a wonderful turnout from parents and community members. The meeting gave members a great opportunity to provide valuable input for future expenditure around our school. The committee will be seeking further input from teachers and a survey will be sent out to families to assist us to prioritise future purchases.

A small committee was also formed to arrange and organise an outdoor play and art interaction area. Ideas will be put forward and it is anticipated that the area will be completed in term one of next year. Approval was granted for an amount of $15,000 to be spend on this project.

The P&C is currently holding over $50,000. This amount will provide the means to assist with the future requirements of our school. I would like to thank class representatives and all those who have assisted on the committee this year. We have had a very successful year and a huge amount of effort has gone into fundraising in particular the Cookbook, Quiz Night, Lapathon and the Anniversary Fair. Unfortunately, the Christmas Picnic has been cancelled. The committee will however ensure that some fun events will be organised for the children next year.

The P&C also supported the application for Mount Pleasant Primary to become an Independent Public School in 2015.

Helen Suriano
President

Room 14 Ocean Party

This week the students in Room 14 hosted a party to farewell their student teacher Julie Penin. Julie has been an enthusiastic student teacher and has created wonderful learning experiences for our students.
MOSQUITOES

With the warm weather fast approaching, we will be taking advantage of the lovely summer evenings. Unfortunately so will the mosquitoes. It is important to take precautions to prevent mosquito bites. Use repellent and avoid being outside when mosquitoes are most active. Try to wear loose clothing as mosquitoes can bite through tight clothing.

A few simple steps can prevent painful bites and infection such as Ross River Virus which is a mosquito borne virus. Symptoms can be debilitating and persist for several months.

Simple precautions will keep your family Safe this summer.

MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

CANTEEN NEWS

Roster
We urgently still need volunteers to keep our canteen running. Our canteen is open on Monday and Friday. If you can spare a few hours on either of these days, please let me know.

Position Vacant 2014
We are seeking a Canteen Manager for one or two days per week. Experience not required, just a willingness to serve our children. Good organisational skills and a happy disposition is all that is needed. The position enables you to become involved in the school community and your child can visit you during breaks. Please contact Kerryn Rae at the school canteen.

CHAPLIANCY NEWS

Christmas Hampers
A wonderful tradition that we have at Mount Pleasant Primary School is the collection of food hampers every year in the lead up to Christmas. Anglicare have let us know that they are no longer receiving Christmas hampers, so this year the Christmas hampers will be given to St Thomas of Canterbury Anglican Church in Willagee which was recently burnt down. Prior to the fire, the congregation of St Thomas had been helping families in surrounding communities with food hampers and parcels. Reverend Bob Day is very grateful for the support of our school to continue the work for caring for those in need around our city. If you would like to donate, a box has been put in each classroom where items can be placed. Non-perishable food items, festive Christmas food and decorations would be very much appreciated. A box will also be placed in the front office for those families who would like to donate separate gifts.

Thank you for your support

Wendy Anderson
School Chaplian

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

Presented Friday 15/11/13

RED
Katelyn S, Lachlan S, Aaron B, Amy E, Ken F, Jasper S, Brynn K, Lauren H

BLUE

GREEN
COMMUNITY NOTICES

IT TRAINING PROGRAMS

enrolments accepted now (early birds discount valid for application until 9th December)
Summer Holidays: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY Programs FOR YOUNG CHILDREN (Ages 7 To 14 years)
Location: PERTH MODERN SCHOOL (Subiaco)
Dates: 06 Jan 2014 To 24 Jan 2014
Full Day (Mon-Fri) Programs of 1 week/2 weeks & 3 weeks options (courses start from $550)
Delivered by JIT school, Contact Telephone Numbers: 08 9456 0968 / 08 6143 7798
Email: enrolments@jitschool.com.au
Website: www.jitschool.com.au

COMMUNITY FILM NIGHT

Caralee Primary School in Willagee is holding a community film night
MADAGASCAR 3
(pg 95 MINS)
Will be screened on the school oval
Saturday 23/11/13
Join us for a family picnic and activities as from 5.00pm
Entry by gold coin donation
No admission without parent supervision
Smoke and alcohol free event

FRIENDS OF BLUE GUM LAKE

The Friends of Blue Gum Lake invite you to attend a community morning on Sunday 1/12/13 from 10am-12pm
At Blue Gum Lake to learn about how to help protect our native flora and fauna.
Enjoy interactive wetland displays, turtle education, guided walks around the lake and free morning tea.
Find us under the trees near the children’s playground on the corner of Karoonda Rd and Canning Ave.
Joe Fasolo
Principal