Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome back to term 3. A particular warm welcome to our 7 new students who have commenced this term. Welcome also to Miss Rachel Taylor who will be in the Kindergarten every Friday for the remainder of the year. Rachel will providing the DOT time for Mrs Klinger and Mrs Nicolay.

Who Shines at Your School

As part of the WA Education Awards 2015 we encourage the school community to acknowledge the staff who shine at their school.

This is an opportunity for students and parents to recognise the work of their school’s leaders, teachers and support staff and let them know their work is valued. Parents and students can fill out the details on this link: https://competitions.thewest.com.au/online-comps/thewestcomau/1732-wa-teachers-who-shines-at-your-school/

After you have completed the details, you can print out a merit certificate and take it to the office for presentation at an assembly.

All school staff entered into ‘Who Shines at Your School?’ will be acknowledged in ‘The West Australian’ on World Teachers’ Day on Friday 30 October 2015.

Entries close at 5.00pm on Friday 25 September 2015.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Just a reminder, that the box for the Earn and Learn stickers is in the front office of the school.

MASSED CHOIR

Congratulations to Alyssa Gottardo and Christina Charteris who have both been successful in auditions for main parts in the Massed Choir Festival. Alyssa will be one of two comperes for the night, and Christina has been chosen as a soloist. Well done girls. We look forward to seeing you perform on Wednesday September 2.

Parents of Year 6 students, please send ticket money to Mrs Liz Bint and permission slips to class teachers.

TRIPLE P SEMINAR:

Raising Confident Competent Children

Facilitators: School Psychologists Lorna Dick and Fran Sagar

Do you want tips and strategies on helping your child develop their confidence and competence?

Mount Pleasant Primary School has the pleasure to invite you to a seminar on Raising Confident, Competent Children.

When: Tuesday September 1.

Time: Please arrive at 8.45am for coffee and registration in the staffroom. The Seminar will start at 9.00am to 10.30am. This includes time at the end for questions.

Venue: Mount Pleasant Primary School, 29 Queen Street, Mount Pleasant.

Cost: Free (including refreshments)

Parents of children aged between three and ten years are welcome to attend. Limited Places – Register Now

Please register at reception at Mount Pleasant Primary School, or phone reception on 9316 1045.
Vaccination coverage rates for children entering school in Western Australia are currently among the lowest in Australia and well below the national target of 90%. Outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases such as measles can have serious health consequences. To prevent this, coverage rates need to be 95% or higher. Schools assist the Department of Health (DoH) to improve vaccination rates among school age children in WA by collecting and recording immunisation data at school entry and facilitating follow up of children whose immunisation status is incomplete by DoH staff.

The Legislative and Policy Requirements are as follows:
- The School Education Act of 1999 requires parent to provide their child’s immunisation records when the child enrols in school.
- Provision of immunisation records is also a requirement of the Department of Education Student Health Care Policy.
- Parents have the right not to have their child immunised. Enrolment of unimmunised children can proceed but parents are advised that during outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases such as measles, their child may be excluded from school for an extended period of time (WA Health Act 1911).

If there have been any recent change to your child’s immunisation status or you have a letter from a health professional stating exemption for a medical reason this needs to be provided to the school for our system records. You can obtain a current copy of the Immunisation History Statement any time by contacting:
- The Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) on 1800 653 809 (free call)
- Email the above: acir@humanservices.gov.au
- Visiting your local Department of Human Services Centre.

Your co-operation in assisting with the gathering and recording of this information is greatly appreciated.

**FUTURE TERM DATES**
There have recently been queries regarding term dates for the remainder of the 2015 school year and into 2016. This information is available on the school’s website or alternatively the Department of Education Website www.det.wa.edu.au, right hand side “Term Dates”. The Department site will give you access to dates in the future.

The dates for the remainder of the year (2015) are as follows:

**TERM 3**
Tuesday July 21 – Friday September 25

**TERM 4**
Tuesday October 13 - Thursday December 17

**2016 School Year:**
- **Term 1**
  Monday February 1 - Friday April 8
- **Term 2**
  Tuesday April 26 - Friday July 1
- **Term 3**
  Monday July 18 - Friday September 23
- **Term 4**
  Monday October 10 - Thursday December 15

**School Development Days for 2016 are yet to be set, more information will be available during Term 4 2015.**
SELF-DISCIPLINE
Self-discipline means self-control. Sometimes it is very difficult to control our thoughts and feelings, particularly if you feel hurt or angry, but you can control what you do with them. Take charge of yourself and decide how you want to talk and how you are going to act.

LIBRARY NEWS
Welcome back to Term 3. The year so far has been very busy in the library. I wish to thank the McNair, Rowell and Yan families for their generous support last term.

A big thank you also goes to Amanda and Barbara who have kindly helped with library shelving. I would love more help, so if anyone is interested or if they know of someone who may be able to help, please come to the library. I look forward to meeting you.

Penny Porter
Library Officer

CROSS COUNTRY PROGRAM
Last Friday the students in Years 4-6 participated in the House Cross-Country Carnival. The event was well supported by the students who competed in the course in and around the school.

The students from Blue combined to win the carnival, with Green finishing second and Red finishing third.

Thanks to the parents who helped on the day as marshals around the course and at the finish line, and as scores and recorders.

The medal winners were:

Year 4: Harrison Bayliss, Noah Rey, Anzo Patel, Gabrielle Gibbons, Megan Selsmark and Tahlia Edgar.

Year 5: Jackson Spencer-James, Isaac Alvarez, Oliver Purchase, Amy Ellul, Emma Main and Jenny Widing.

Year 6: Bernard Bolum, Harrison Edgar, Alek Narozny, Charlotte George, Aimee Hassan and Jasmine Thompson.

On Tuesday, August 4, the School Team will compete at Brentwood Primary in the MDISSA Carnival.

Best wishes to all the team members.

CHEMCENTRE OPEN DAY 2015
ChemCentre would like to invite students to the ChemCentre Open Day 2015. It’s a chance to see the role chemistry plays in our day to day lives. The day is free and will include free fairy floss, liquid nitrogen ice-cream and a huge array of displays, activities, tours and shows.

Saturday August 22
10:00am to 4:00pm
ChemCentre Resources and Chemistry Precinct
Cnr of Manning Road and Townsing Drive, Bentley

Please bring a bag to carry your goodies
Entertainment Books are still available for a short time this term, order your Book or Digital Memberships today. This is a great fundraiser with $13 from each book sold going to the school. So far we have sold 78 books, a total of $1014 for the school. You can order online http://www.entbook.com.au/8471i1 or there are spare order forms available at the office. Prompt delivery is made to your child’s classroom. Any queries, please contact Marg Prestage margprestage@hotmail.com or mobile 0439182218.