Dear Parents and Community Members,

Book Week
Book Week will be celebrated during week 6 of Term 3 commencing Monday August 24. Author Danny Parker will be visiting on Monday August 24. You should be receiving a separate email regarding this visit. Students will be invited to come dressed up as their favourite book character on Wednesday August 26. On Friday August 28, several classes will be visiting the Canning Library.

Positive Parenting Program (PPP)
A reminder that this program will be presented on Tuesday September 1 in the staff room. Please register through the front office on 9316 1045.

This program provides tips and strategies on helping your child develop their confidence and competence.

House Athletics
Once again we are requesting assistance for our Athletics Carnival which will be held on September 17 and 18. If you can help out in any way, please complete the slip on the back page of the newsletter and return to the office or call Mr Schupp.

The times help is required are Thursday September 17 from 9.00am until approximately 11.30am (Year 3-6 students involved) and Friday September 18 from 9.00am until 2.30pm.

Brian Schupp

Arborist
During the last school holiday, an Arborist contracted by the Building Management Authority (BMA) visited the school and checked all trees. Over subsequent weekends, several trees were removed as they posed a safety risk. Several others had canopy works. A number of trees have also been highlighted for monitoring.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2016
Parents with children who are eligible to attend Kindergarten in 2016 can enrol at the office anytime. Students must turn four before June 30, 2016.

Talk Soon, Talk Often
This is a guide for parents talking to their children about sex. It’s a great resource and its available free of charge from the front office.

Rose Pruning
Huge thanks to Larraine Kell, expert rose pruner Milly (also Larraine’s mother) and Sally for assisting gardener Kellie with this massive job. They look great ladies!
BRINGING THE COUNTRY TO CITY SCHOOLS

Students at Mount Pleasant Primary School finished term 2 with a day dedicated to learning more about agriculture. Students watched a performance of “The Country Life” a stage production generously provided to schools free of charge by The Royal Agricultural Society of WA through its FarmED program. The students were very obviously captivated by the music and themes that came to life during the show.

The FarmED program also involves students rotating through a series of activities, including grain milling, a meet the farmer Q&A session, and observation of farm animals on the school oval! Recently a resource has been developed for teachers to use pre-and post-incursion, to value-add to student experience.

“In reviewing the program, there were so many opportunities to link the themes coming through The Country Life performance to engage students further into the agricultural context,” RASWA Education consultant Alysia Kepert said. “It is as much about teacher education as it is about the students, showing teachers how easy it is to link in to existing teaching programs”.

The Department of Agriculture and Food were also present, showcasing the newly developed agriculture careers trailer, complete with a photo booth so students could take photos of themselves “working” in an agricultural career.

Mundella Foods also kindly sponsored the day by donating enough yoghurt for 400 students to reiterate the link between farm and food. A tasty end to an educational day for students!

To find out more about the FarmEd program [http://www.raswa.org.au/Community/FarmED.aspx](http://www.raswa.org.au/Community/FarmED.aspx)

CHAPLAINS NEWS

Thank you everyone for your generous donations of blankets, rugs, doonas, etc—that means there is another couple of weeks for us to collect new or recycled sleeping bags, rugs and other suitable linen for the homeless and others in need around our city.

CAKE AND SCOOBY STALL

Thursday August 20

Variety of delicious goodies and Scooby bands will be available for sale at lunchtime. Prices usually range from 20¢ to $2. Proceeds go to our MPPS 5 cents challenge.
KINDNESS
Kindness is showing care and concern or other people, animals and the environment. Kindness need not be on a grand scale—it can be in a small gesture. It can brighten up somebody’s life, help animals feel more cared for and make the planet a better place to live.

ROAD SAFETY
Walking to school
While walking to school is encouraged for school children, here are some hints for parents to follow to ensure your children enjoy a safe trip to and from school every day:

• Where possible, walk to school with your children, especially if children are under the age of 10.
• Arrange for another adult or a group of older friends to walk with your children.
• Walk your children along the safest route to school and identify hazards and appropriate crossing locations along the way.

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QUIZ NIGHT
Saturday August 15
Theme:
Anything goes Dress Up! Dress Down! Dress your Table!

Every dollar goes towards the good of our children’s education and experiences at school.

Thank you to our committee, class reps and additional helpful ladies for their hard work. It’s going to be a good night.

DERBY WEEK
Friday August 14
Gold coin donation
Kids dress up in their favorite Footy gear

The money raised will go towards the ‘Safety House’ program

LAP-A-THON
Friday September 4
The lap-a-thon is a very healthy and great way for our children to get involved in the fundraising for their school!

Forms and envelopes went out last week.

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/84711 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
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House Athletics Carnival Help

I am able to help on:

Thursday morning  9.00am – 12.00pm  (Yrs 3-6 only involved)
Friday           9.15am -10.50am  (Yrs K-6 involved)
Friday          11.10am – 12.30pm  (Yrs PP-6 involved)
Friday         1.00pm -2.15pm  (Yrs 3-6 only involved)

Please circle time(s) you are available.

Yr Name _______________________Contact Number ____________

Child’s(rens) Name(s)  Yrs and Room numbers

Real Kids in an Unreal World
with Maggie Dent

Children need to have certain basic experiences to build the competencies that will help them manage life — the good, the bad and the ugly. Popular Australian parenting author and educator Maggie Dent published her bestselling book, Real Kids in an Unreal World to help guide parents in raising children who are happy, healthy, strong, kind and resilient. In this seminar, Maggie will explore her common-sense, practical model of 10 building blocks for children birth-12.

Building Resilience and Self Esteem in Today’s Children (10 Resilience building blocks)

Venue: Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, 417 Marrick St, Booragoon
Date: Monday, 7th September 2015
Time: 6.30pm-8.30pm
Cost: $30
Bookings: Please book online by 28th August (unless event is sold out prior) at www.rybooking.com/61395
Queries: Josie Rowney at jrowney@recitations.com.au

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