



MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY
24 FEBRUARY
DAD N KIDS CAMP OUT

MONDAY
27 FEBRUARY
TIME TRIAL FOR SWIMMING
CARNIVAL

MONDAY
6 MARCH
LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY

WEDNESDAY
8 MARCH
P & C MEETING

FRIDAY
10 MARCH
SWIMMING CARNIVAL

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Community members,
NAPLAN

Students in Year 3 and 5 at Mount Pleasant Primary School will be involved in the NAPLAN testing on May 9, 10 and 11. Students were given an Information sheet last week. Should you not have received this, please contact the front office for a copy.

School Development Days

For your information, Mount Pleasant Primary School has scheduled in the following School Development Days for 2017.

- Monday April 24
- Monday July 17
- Monday October 9
- Friday December 15

Anaphylactic Reaction

Several students at Mount Pleasant Primary School have severe anaphylactic allergies that can be triggered by peanuts and other nuts. The best way to reduce the risk factors is to remove the triggers. To this end, I urge you not to send nuts or peanuts to school. This also includes peanut butter, hazelnut spread (Nutella), certain muesli bars, chocolate bars and biscuits containing nuts.

This is a very significant issue at Mount Pleasant Primary so I urge you to support our school.

Staffing

Due to a slight restructure, Ms Nicola Sparkes will now be our Literacy Support Teacher. In this context, we welcome Miss Naomi Aubertin to Room 15.

Councillors and House Captains

Congratulations to Councillors and Faction Captains listed below who were elected by their peers.

Green Faction Captain

Matthew Wallace
Alexis Casale

Blue Faction Captain

Ben Waters
Noor Medhat

Red Faction Captain

Catherine Salmon
Erika Smits

Student Councillors

Aaron Bollman—Head Boy
Talia Edgar—Head Girl
Tommy Glass
Megan Selsmark

Sound Crew

Declan Chidlow
Lucy Vilkas
Kyara Truninger
Jordan Davies
Aidan Kim
Jessica Eames

Homework Policy

Parents often ask how long their child should be doing homework for. I have included the table below as a guide. Please read this in the context of the entire homework policy which has been placed on the school website. While there is definitely a place for homework at a primary school level, it is important that it does not become onerous.

Guidelines to Homework times

Year Level	Focus Areas	Suggested Maximum Daily Time
Pre-Primary	Reading, letters and sounds.	10 minutes
Year 1	Reading, Writing, Spelling and Numeracy	15 minutes
Year 2	Reading, Writing, Spelling and Numeracy	20 minutes
Year 3	Reading, Writing, Spelling and Numeracy	25 minutes
Year 4 and 5	Reading, Writing, Spelling, Numeracy and other	30 minutes
Year 6	Reading, Writing, Spelling, Numeracy and other	40 minutes

SCHOOL HOURS

Commence:

8:45am

Conclude:

2:55pm

Morning recess:

10:50am-11:10am

Lunch Recess:

12:40pm-1:20pm

CANTEEN DAYS

**Monday, Wednesday
and Friday**

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BANKING DAYS

**Wednesday
Mornings before
school
commences**

CAMP AUSTRALIA

**Before and After
School Care**

Before School:

7:00am—8:35am

After School:

2:55pm—6:00pm

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DEPUTY NEWS

A whole school (PP – Y6) home reading initiative is beginning this year at Mount Pleasant Primary School.

The purpose of the home reading initiative is to sit within the homework policy:

Raising and setting personal reading challenges

Developing a love of reading

Exposing students to a wide range of texts that are either read by the student or read with and to the student.

The child does not always have to be 'the reader'. They can be read to.

Reading by the Student

In early stages of reading, when your child reads to you, they will often bring a book or text that can be read between 98% to 100% accuracy. This is so they can 'show-off' to you. Please praise them when they do this. All too frequently parents are worried that the text a child is bringing home is 'too easy'. Texts are sent home so that students can be successful and this success should be a point of celebration. Teachers use more difficult texts to teach students at school where they will work in guided sessions where students are challenged with texts they can read at 95% (or more, depending on the dynamics of the context).

Older children should regularly enjoy reading independently for pleasure.

Reading with and/or to the Student

This can look like setting a quiet time to read shared webpages, brochures, literature and/or informational texts amongst a range of digital and traditional texts. Sharing the experiences of reading for pleasure, or for a set purpose (researching holiday destinations, sourcing information) is essential for developing a future reader. World experiences, exposure to amazing vocabulary and shared ideas are important outcomes for students who have reading exposure with and/or from their parents. Older readers benefit greatly from hearing others read quality texts.

Paula Hooper
Deputy Principal

Swimming Trial Carnival

On Monday 27th February we will be taking approximately 90 students to Aqualife Swim Centre in Victoria Park for our Time Trials. It has been fantastic to have such a positive response from our Year 3-6 students. The training sessions each Tuesday and Thursday morning have also been very successful and I thank both students and parents for their commitment to the training. Thanks to Justin McLarty, Presley's dad, who attends each morning training session and assists student to improve their diving technique off the blocks. Your expertise is greatly appreciated. Students will be departing from school at 11.40 am on two buses. At the conclusion of the carnival parents who are at the trials may take students in their own vehicles but we request that you sign your child out with Paula Hooper or Jenny Hogan so that your child is not included in the bus numbers for the return trip to school. The time trials are scheduled to finish at 2.30 and we will endeavour to be back at school as close as possible to the end of the school day. Students will need to bring their lunch, sun screen, water bottle, hat and swim goggles (if they use them). Thank you to the many parents who have volunteered to assist with timing and recording. I will rotate

Author in Residence

A reminder that Author in Residence, Raewyn Caisley will be working with all classrooms next week conducting storytelling and writer's workshops. A parent workshop is also offered on Friday March 3 from 1.30 to 2.30 in Room 5.

Thank you once again to the P & C as all of the workshops throughout 2017 are sponsored by the P & C and the school.

Glenda Harnett English Co-ordinator

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Beginning in week 5 the students in years 4-6 will be participating in 'Game On' a Rugby Union Program run by Australian Rugby Union Specialists. This program will run over 5 weeks during student's designated sports time. Game On is designed to introduce Primary School children to rugby in a safe and exciting way over the course of 5 one hour sessions. The program itself takes both boys and girls through the basics of non-contact rugby, with age-specific sessions allowing students to progress regardless of prior rugby experience. Four sessions culminate in a mini tournament in the fifth and final session where the skills learned can be put into practice in a fun and exciting environment.

Claire Smith Physical Education Specialist

CHAPLAIN NEWS

Welcome Morning Tea

We would like to invite new parents for morning tea on Thursday March 2 at 9:00am in our staffroom. This will be an opportunity to clarify policies or any other queries you may have. This will also be an opportunity to meet other new parents at our school.

Upcoming Cake Stall - Thursday 2nd March. A variety of delicious goodies will be available for sale at lunchtime... prices usually range from 50c to \$2. (proceeds go to our MPPS 5cents Challenge - raising money for education projects amongst poor communities around the world)

REGISTRAR NEWS

RM Billing

Thank you to all the parents/caregivers who have paid their Contributions and Charges for 2017. The payments have come in in varied ways, EFTPOS, cash and via Direct Debit so all avenues are working very well.

EDU Dance started in week 2, this program costs \$25.00 per student, runs for 9 weeks including a concert at the end. There are still a number of payments for this program outstanding. The school is charged for the program and money collected from parents is used to pay the invoice. I require payment for the EDU Dance program as soon as possible to enable me to pay this charge to the school.

CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you very much to everyone who has come to help so far this term in the canteen.

We are still looking for volunteers. Please Fill out the roster outside the canteen if you can assist.

Dads' n Kids Camp Out—FRIDAY 24TH February 2017

The canteen will be open to sell snacks, drinks and icy poles until 7:30pm Friday and again Saturday morning from 7:30am for brekkie rolls.

Julie Green—Canteen Manager

P&C NEWS

Saturday, 11 March 2017 – Election Sausage Sizzle

With the elections being held on Saturday, 11 March 2017 we are hoping to have a sausage sizzle, cake stall and second hand book stall to raise funds for the school. Volunteers will be needed on the Saturday and a roster will be set up for this, even if you can only help for an hour that would be greatly appreciated. This is also a great opportunity for high school children to get involved if they have any community hours that they have to fill!

We will be asking for baked goods to be donated for the cake stall and books for the second hand book stall – more information will be sent to class reps in the coming week. In the meantime please contact Jackie if you are able to help -

jackiemedt@gmail.com

CONSIDERATION

Consideration is thinking about how your actions will affect other people and how they will feel. It is being thoughtful.

Consideration is doing things in manner that benefits you as well as others.



ROAD WISE

Double Parking

Double parking is unfortunately a problem that places the lives of our young children at unnecessary risk. Double-parked vehicles are visual obstructions for young children trying to cross to the other side of the road. They also place children getting in or out of the car at risk, as they must venture to the middle of the road to do so. Please refrain from double parking around our school and use the other safer parking options available to you.

DOGS IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Just a reminder to all parents and students that dogs are not allowed on the school grounds. We ask everyone to be vigilant as this is in the interest of all students' safety.

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 South Metro Regional
 Educational Office:
 9336 9563



SCHOOL BANKING

Win a family adventure holiday at Tokyo Disneyland!

This year, School Banking is running a Future Savers Grand Prize competition that will take one lucky School Banker all the way to Tokyo, Japan. The winner gets an unforgettable family trip, for up to two adults and three children, where they'll explore Tokyo Disneyland with its amazing attractions, including the futuristic Tomorrowland, plus enjoy the fun rides at Tokyo DisneySea.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2017 will be automatically entered into the draw. This is another great way to motivate students to save regularly and reach their savings goals.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Auskick Junior Football Program – Pre-Primary to Year 3

Auskick is a great program for young kids to be introduced into Australian Rules Football in a safe and fun environment where parents are also encouraged to participate and join in with activities with their kids and assist the coaches. Auskick is one of the most (if not THE most) supported and participated program for young kids in Australia. Traditionally Auskick sessions have run on a Sunday morning which can potentially clash with people's set activities on a Sunday morning. Mt Pleasant Baptist Church Auskick Centre has been running now for 15 years (started in 1999) after concerned families approached the AFL seeking to run a Saturday morning program so that families who had set activities on a Sunday morning could participate and attend on Saturday morning instead. It has a great community feel with good parent involvement.

The Auskick Format is as follow:

- Saturday morning 9.30 am to 11.00 am
- Preprimary to Year 3 programs
- Accredited coaches - hands on learning, skills development, game simulation
- Runs from 29 April 2017 to 26 August 2017 - scheduled breaks for school holidays
- Held at Bill Ellson Reserve in Bateman

If you are interested in Auskick for your kids or for any further information about Auskick please contact the Mt Pleasant Auskick Coordinator Calvin Ko on 9228 1711 or email mount-iesauskick@gmail.com. Registrations can be made online at www.aflauskick.com.au by typing in Mount Pleasant Baptist Church and following the prompts.

Applecross Mt Pleasant Junior Football Club *The Family Club*

Season 2017 Registration id now OPEN for ages 5 to 17

Register on line at:

www.ajfclub.com

For further information please refer to our website or email your enquiry to

Booragoon Bulldogs Junior Football Club

The registrations for the 2017 season are now open.

The Booragoon Junior Football Club is a friendly, family oriented club that welcomes **male and female** players from **Pre-Primary to Year 12**, of all levels of playing ability. Further, our club is one of only a few clubs in the area that offers their own *Girls Football Teams from Year 3 through to Year 9*. We also actively encourage early female and male participation through our Auskick program for Years Pre-Primary to Year 2.

Junior players train for one night during the week and play on Sundays. Auskick is run on Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 10am at Karoonda Park. To find out more, please visit: <http://www.booragoonbulldogs.com.au/> or email: registrar@booragoonbulldogs.com.au

SPANISH CLUB FREE TRIAL

Fridays 4pm to 4.45pm
 Bullcreek Primary School

Everyone Welcome!!

Our method has been specially designed for children to **start from scratch** and make their way to proficiency at their own pace.

Victoria our friendly educator will initiate your child to Spanish in a **FUN & EASY** way...in a stressfree atmosphere!

Please contact Vanessa Pietrasik—Club Manager
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