



# Mount Pleasant Primary School

## NEWSLETTER



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*Greetings,*

Swimming week is over for another year. It was great to see the development of skills over the week. I think most students learnt a lot about how to keep themselves safe in and around water. They also had a great deal of fun. See inside for photos.

### **Governing Council**

The Governing Council AGM will be held in two weeks time. At the AGM the members of our school community (you the parents) vote for the people who will represent you on the Governing Council. Attending the AGM does not mean that you want to be on Governing Council or that you will be co-opted onto the Council just for being there; attending the AGM means that you would like to have a say in who is going to represent *you* on the Council.

Any member of the school community can attend a Governing Council meeting but only as an observer.

If you wish to be on the council there is more information and a nomination form on page 6 of this newsletter. It is a great way of being involved in the direction and decisions of the school. It is a vitally important but not an onerous role. Please see me if you would like any further information.

### **Reading**

Our Reading focus for 2018 is to improve students' oral language and vocabulary skills. These are foundational skills for the improvement of reading, writing and spelling for *all* students including our high achievers.

Included in this newsletter (pages 7&8) is a Family Reading Audit we would like you to complete and return as soon as possible. We are trying to better understand the reading habits of our students and families to better help all of students be successful.

### **The Importance of Oral Language**

1. Oral language develops **vocabulary** concepts. Children gain information about word meanings and pronunciation and these concepts are first introduced in speaking and understanding others' speech.
2. Children learn through oral language the structure of language and that it communicates meaning. Children who can articulate their words and thoughts clearly have an advantage in **learning to read and write well** over those children who have poor oral language skills.
3. Oral language teaches children cultural, social and academic nuances, giving them specific background knowledge that aids in **reading comprehension**.

In a future newsletter I will be outlining ways that parents can help support their children's reading and oral language development.

*Regards,*

*Tony*

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### School Photos

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

#### SRC elections

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

#### ASSEMBLY

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March

#### Governing Council

#### AGM

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March

#### 3 Way Conferences

19<sup>th</sup>–29<sup>th</sup> March

Weeks 8 & 9





# Room 6-2/3/4



in Room 6 we have been training for the next Commonwealth Games at the Woodside Pool. We enjoyed perfecting our strokes, and learning about water safety. We even practised many scenarios that we may encounter in numerous waterways, for example jumping into the water safely when wearing a life jacket, and learning how to tread water reducing fatigue. We had a fabulous swimming experience.

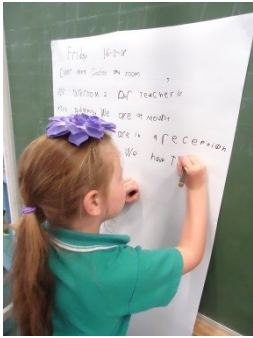




# Room 2 News

## Reading Challenge

Room 2 has embarked on a reading challenge. Every morning students are reading to an adult. Our first goal was to read 50 books, Then 75 books. We are currently aiming for a 100 books.



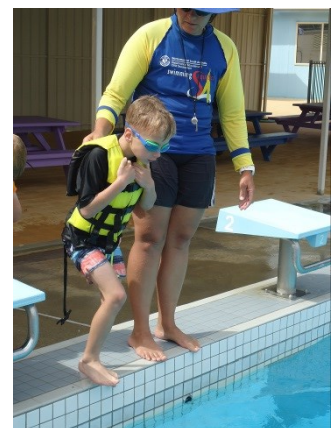
## Pen pal Project

We have started a pen pal project with a R/1 class at Tanunda PS. We constructed a giant letter as an introduction. We are eagerly awaiting their reply.



## Swimming Week

We all enjoyed our week of swimming lessons at the Woodside Pool. We also learnt many important water safety rules.





**Year 5/6/7** students swimming at Woodside Aquatic Centre learning more about being safe and confident in and around water. Thank you to Nick Seager and all the instructors for providing fun and interesting activities to make this learning possible!





# SRC 2018

Students have completed their nominations and are now working on applications to present to their peers before voting this Friday.

Elections  
this Friday  
2nd March



**advancedlife**  
school photography & print specialists



Our school photos will be taken on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018**

For the convenience of our school community, school photos can be ordered and paid for online using a secure online platform. Orders placed online DO NOT require an envelope, cash/cheques or paperwork returned to school.

*Envelope Orders:* photos can also be purchased in the traditional manner using an envelope, with cash/cheque enclosed.

**The preference of our school is that orders and payments be made online, as this reduces the administration and associated security issues related to the return of cash & envelopes on photo day.**

To place your order visit [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) and enter the code-DW6 34T TC4 This code can also be found printed on your envelope. Please be aware that-

1. Sibling/Family Photos can be ordered online or via envelope. To ensure a smoothly run photo day, online orders for *Sibling/Family Photos will be cut off at 12.00 a.m. the night before our photo day* to allow a list of students that require Sibling/Family Photographs taken to be compiled. Sibling photos can still be ordered after the online cut off date by collecting an envelope from the office and returning the envelope on photo day with your payment enclosed.
2. All online orders should be placed on or before our day of photography.
3. The online code above may also be used to order sports and other group photos.

**All orders placed online will be delivered to the school for collection**

# GOVERNING COUNCIL

## What is the Governing Council?

The Governing Council is a legally recognised group of people that sets future directions and goals for our school. The parents on the Governing Council represent the voice of the parent community of the school.

## What does the Governing Council Do?

Being a member of the council gives you a real say in what your school is doing for its students. Council members include parents and staff. In government schools, such as ours, councils must have a majority of parent members. We need at least 6 elected parents.

All members work together in the best interests of the school and school community.

## How do I become a Governing Council member?

Membership on the council is by a nomination (see form below) and election process and membership is announced at the school's annual general meeting (AGM). A term lasts 2 years.

**Any** parent of the school can, and should, vote at the AGM even if they are not a member of the Governing Council.

## Meetings

We meet about eight times a year – or two times during each school term. Meetings are set at times that are convenient for the members, at this stage Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm.

School councils operate with a signed constitution and behave in line with the Code of Practice.

## Mount Pleasant Primary School Governing Council NOMINATION FOR ELECTION FORM

I ..... (full name)

of ..... (address)

nominate.....(full name)

of .....(address)

to be elected as a member of Mount Pleasant Primary School Governing Council.

I ..... (full name)

of .....(address)

accept the nomination and hereby declare that:

- I am not an undischarged bankrupt and do not receive a benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors
- I have not been convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person
- I understand that should I be declared bankrupt, receive a benefit of law for the relief of insolvent debtors or be convicted of any of the offences listed my membership of the Mount Pleasant Primary School Governing Council will cease.

Signed: ..... Date: .....



# Family Reading Audit



Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

This year we are focussing on reading. We would appreciate your feedback through answering the questions below. The information you provide us will give us insight into reading dispositions, values and reading experiences of your child and how we can support them at school. Please answer the questions as honestly as you can. All information will be kept confidential

1. Comment on how you feel your child's reading progress is developing:

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2. Does your child see you reading at home? Please give examples (recipes, books, newspaper, novels, kindle etc.

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3. Do you read with your child ...**every night/ once or twice a week/ never** (please circle)

Please comment: \_\_\_\_\_

4. How do you feel about reading at home with your child? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What areas of reading do you believe your child has made progress with?

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6. What areas of reading do you believe your child still needs support with?

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7. Does your child choose to read by themselves at home? **Rarely/ Sometimes/ Often**

8. Is your family a member of a library? **Yes/ No**

9. If yes, how often do you visit and/ or borrow books? \_\_\_\_\_



10. How often does your child borrow and read books from our school library?

**Every week/ once a fortnight/ twice a term/ never**

11. How important do you feel reading is to your child's learning? \_\_\_\_\_

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How does your family use reading in their everyday lives? **Please comment:**

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Why do you believe reading is an important part of life? **Please comment:**

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How do you think reading will benefit your child in the future? **Please comment:**

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What types of reading support programs do you use at home? E.g. Reading Eggs, Study ladder etc.

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Any other comments regarding reading?

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**Thank you for taking the time to provide us with this feedback. Please return your 'Family Reading Audit' to the front office by Friday the 9th of March.**





# News from the PFA

Due to recent events, our PFA AGM had to be postponed.

It has now been re-scheduled to **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 9:15hrs.**

I know this is a little short notice, but the PFA needs to get our fundraising events started. If you would like to join but can't make it on Friday, you can give your name to Tony, Linda or myself.

## Easter Raffle

It would be really appreciated if donations were made to go towards our Easter Raffle. It doesn't have to be Easter eggs, it can be anything you wish. Previous years we have had donations of hair care products, hand moisturiser, pens and notepads..... Donations can be left in the office with Linda. The more donations we receive, the more prizes we can raffle off!

Raffle tickets will be sent home shortly.

## Mt Pleasant Show

As with previous years, the school has been allocated one of the entrance gates for us to attend. There is a roster in the office, and if you could donate some of your time and assist us with the gate attendance, please put your name down. The gate attendance is not a hard job, but we are there all day, so we need as many people as possible. Even just one hour would help us a lot.

## And lastly, a personal note...

I have been overwhelmed with the amount of support for myself and my boys. Your messages of condolences, little gifts, food, wine, and offers of child minding have been very welcoming and much needed.

I really would like to have done this in person, but there are just simply too many, so please take this as my way of sincerely thanking all of you for your love, help and support.

I have always believed in that it takes a village to raise a child, and the Mt. Pleasant school and community is simply the best the village there is. I am very grateful to have this in my life, and proud to be a part of it.

Many thanks.

Amanda Kratzer

# Barossa & Light SAPSASA 2018

Welcome back to the 2018 school year. As always the SAPSASA program both district and state offers students many opportunities to be active this year.

## Barossa & Light District Team Sports

If your child is looking to represent our district in a week long carnival (team sport – Football, Netball, Hockey, Boys Soccer, Tennis, Boys and Girls Cricket) they will need to be currently playing their chosen sport within the community, (with the exception of Girls Cricket, Girls Soccer and Boys & Girls Softball). Carnival representatives for the team sports need to be Year 6&7 students to be eligible to try out.

## Barossa & Light District Individual Sports

Students participating in our **Swimming, Cross Country, Athletics** need to be born in 2008,2007,2006,2005. Cross Country at a district level is also open to students born in 2009, 2010 but these students are ineligible to represent our district at a State level.

## State Selections

If your child is looking to try out for **state selection** there is only one way to be considered and that is to register via the SAPSASA website at [www.decd.sa.gov.au/teaching/sport](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/teaching/sport) Once on the home page, select the sport from the drop down menu and follow the prompts. Selection for a district team and playing at a state carnival will not become a selection vehicle for a state team. State teams consist of players, 12 years of age and under & are a year 6/7's who will **not be turning 13** in 2018. The application process must be completed by you the parent and not the school. Please check the website as dates for trials may not coincide with District or state events.

Sport and Date of first Trial – all nominations via website ([www.decd.sa.gov.au/teaching/sport](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/teaching/sport))

If your child is eligible and interested in competing in SAPSASA events please put their name next to the sport they are interested in in the table below and return it to your school.

Your school rep (Tony Wrigley) will pass the required information and consent forms on to you when they become available.

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Sport	Students Name	Sport	Students Name
Swimming		Cross Country	
Diving		Netball	
Cricket - Girls		Hockey – Boys	
Cricket - Boys		Hockey – Girls	
Softball – Girls		Touch – Boys	
Softball – Boys		Touch – Girls	
AFL Football		Golf	
Soccer – Boys		Basketball – Boys	
Soccer – Girls		Basketball – Girls	
Rugby League		Track & Field	
Tennis			

I look forward to seeing all eligible athletes enjoying their chosen sport in 2018.





# SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND GET COLLECTING



We would love your help collecting Coles Sports for Schools for our school. Tell your friends and family to get involved as well, because the more vouchers we collect, the more sports gear our school will receive.

## Community News

### NETBALL

The Mt Pleasant Netball club is looking for boys and girls aged 7 to 11 and girls aged 12 and up who are interested in playing netball this year for their U11, U13, U15 and Senior teams.







Training is Wednesday nights at 4pm starting the first week of April.

Any persons interested should contact club president Sam Schultz on 0417851790 or [mtpnetballclub@gmail.com](mailto:mtpnetballclub@gmail.com)



### Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

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|  laptops & tablets  |  lessons & activities |
|  uniforms & shoes   |  books & supplies     |
|  sports fees & gear |  camps & excursions   |

To join Saver Plus, you must have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, be at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.



Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Brotherhood of St Laurence and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to [www.saverplus.org.au](http://www.saverplus.org.au) for more information.

### TORRENS VALLEY LIONS FOOTBALL CLUB

Invites you to our Come & Try Registration Night  
for Junior Modis  
(Under 8's, Under 9's and Under 11's)

Boys and Girls aged 6 to 12 years old  
New players always welcome

On Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of March at 5pm

At the Mt Pleasant Oval

For further enquiries please contact

Mel Simounds 0466870110

Ti-Lee Hughes 0402005600



**Free Sausage sizzle and can of drinks for all participants**

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	29/1	30/1 Staff Meeting	31/1	1/2	2/2 Short Assembly
WEEK 2	5/2	6/2 Staff Meeting	7/2	8/2	9/2
WEEK 3	12/2	13/2 Staff Meeting	14/2	15/2	16/2
WEEK 4	19/2	20/2	21/2	22/2	23/2
	SWIMMING				
		Staff Meeting	GOV. COUNCIL		
WEEK 5	26/2	27/2 Staff Meeting	28/2	1/3	2/3 SCHOOL PHOTOS SRC Elections
WEEK 6	5/3	6/3 Staff Meeting	7/3	8/3	9/3 ASSEMBLY
WEEK 7	12/3 ADELAIDE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY	13/3	14/3 Staff Meeting Gov. Council AGM	15/3	16/3 Rooms 4&6 Zoo excursion Mt Pleasant Show Tomorrow
WEEK 8	19/3	20/3 Staff Meeting	21/3 HARMONY DAY	22/3	23/3
	3 Way CONFERENCES				
WEEK 9	26/3	27/3	28/3	29/3	30/3 GOOD FRIDAY
	3 Way CONFERENCES				
WEEK 10	2/4 EASTER MONDAY	3/4 Staff Meeting	4/4	5/4	6/4
WEEK 11	9/4	10/4 Staff Meeting	11/4	12/4 ASSEMBLY	13/4 Early Dismissal 2:10pm