



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



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Greetings,

Yesterday we said goodbye to Mrs English for 4 weeks. Linda will be enjoying a well earned cruise around the Baltic for the next month. She will be back at school on the Tuesday after the Queen's Birthday long weekend. (12th June). We will be welcoming Vera Pozniak who will be doing our finances on Wednesdays. Ruth Langley-Dunn will do front desk duties on Monday and Fridays. Unfortunately Ruth can not do finance so although she can accept money she can not process it or issue receipts This also means that even though school banking will continue it won't get processed until Friday. On Tuesdays and Thursdays I'm afraid it's just me or whoever else happens to be in the front office at the time. Please be patient and if you can't get through by phone please keep trying, you're bound to catch someone at some stage.

Being On School Grounds

Police attended a security incident (alarm in the gym) at the school last Sunday. Thankfully they found nothing wrong, broken or missing. The officer wanted me to remind the community that even though students attend our school it does not give them an automatic right to be on school grounds after hours or on weekends, unless they are there for legitimate reasons such as organised sports, school events etc. The same applies to adults and teenagers who can be charged with trespass if they have not been given permission (implied or direct) to be on school grounds by me. I have also been asked to remind you that children aged 10 and over can and will be arrested if they are found doing anything illegal.

While we do not want to stop our students using our resources on the weekend we are aware that in the past some other members of the Mt Pleasant community have caused problems and damage while on school grounds during the weekend. We would prefer that no students came to play at the school while staff (including OSHC) were still present. If your children are going to play on school grounds out of school time can you please remind them to behave sensibly and properly while here and to report anything suspicious or wrong immediately .

Pre-Service Teachers

We will be playing host to three pre-service teachers over the next 6 weeks. Cameron Howe will be in room 4 with Mrs Riley, Hiedi Smith in room 6 with Ms Stadtkus and Emily Sier in room 2 with Miss Adams. Welcome all.

DATES TO REMEMBER

NAPLAN

15th — 18th May

Governing Council

Wednesday 16th May

PFA MARKET GATE

Wednesday 23rd May

Assembly

Friday 1st June

Special Lunch

Friday 8th June

Greetings from Principal continued,

MARKET GATE

The PFA will be holding a market gate on **Wednesday** 23rd May. Donations of any sort of biscuits, cakes, pies, flans, slices, brownies, muffins, jams, chutneys, fresh fruit, vegetables (stop I'm getting hungry!), will be very gratefully accepted. Donations can be left at the front office.

The stall will be after school in the covered shade area as per usual.

Ice Blocks

Since we are entering the winter months ice blocks will not be sold on Tuesdays any more. Sales will resume in term 4.

Hats

Hats still need to be worn in the winter months. The school will monitor the UV rating and inform classes every morning. Any days where the UV is below 3, hats will be optional. Please make sure that hats stay at school just in case they need them.

ILLNESSES

A great many students and teachers have been very ill lately. Lots of colds, coughs and throat and ear infections. The change of seasons and the onset of colder weather certainly has an affect, as does students being in close proximity with other students.

If your child is sick please do not send them to school. Sending them to school when sick is a sure-fire way of ensuring the spread of those germs to other students and to the staff.

The staff are teaching students to cough into the crook of their elbow rather than into their hands. This is the recommended way to minimise the spread of airborne particles. Can you please help out by reinforcing this method at home as well.

I am also astonished by the number of students that come to school in such cold weather without a coat, jacket or jumper. Regardless of what they say, children need to be protected from the elements Please make sure your child has some warm outer garments to wear at school to help protect them from colds etc.

Tissues

Last year the school went through almost three times as many boxes of tissues as it had previously. I know that some class teachers have asked parents to donate a box of tissues to their child's class and I would like to encourage all parents to do the same, if it is possible please.

Boots

Our school dress code states that the clothes a student wears must be suitable for *all* school activities. It has come to my attention that a number of students have started wearing gum boots to school without having another pair of shoes/sneakers to change into for activities such as PE. I know gum boots are great for wet weather but they are not so great for running and playing sports in. If your child is going to wear gum boots for outside play can you make sure they have some suitable shoes to change into so they can join in fully and safely in PE lessons etc. Thank You.

Co-op for Cash

We are participating in the Co-op for Cash again this year. See the back page for details. In previous years we have earned at least \$80 to spend at the Barossa Co-op. So if you are shopping that way make sure you drop any tokens you earn in our collection bin. Let any family or friends that may shop in the Barossa know. The more the merrier, the more tokens, the more money, the more stuff we can buy for the school. Thanks.

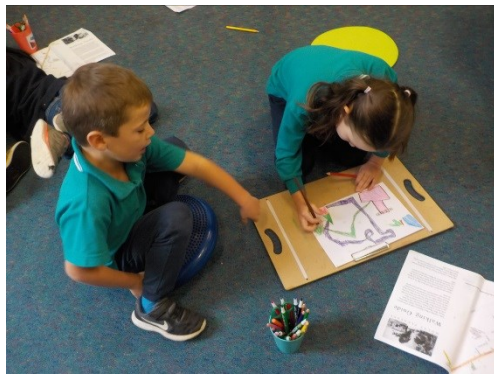
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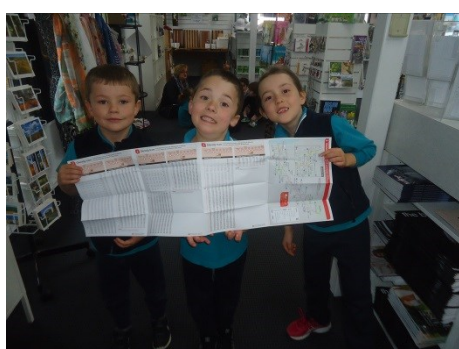
Room 2 News



We have had a busy start to the term. We enjoyed a Mount Pleasant history walk with Paula Bartsch. We learnt a lot of interesting facts about our town. We are learning a lot about maps. Back at school we drew maps and discussed our walk and what we learnt.



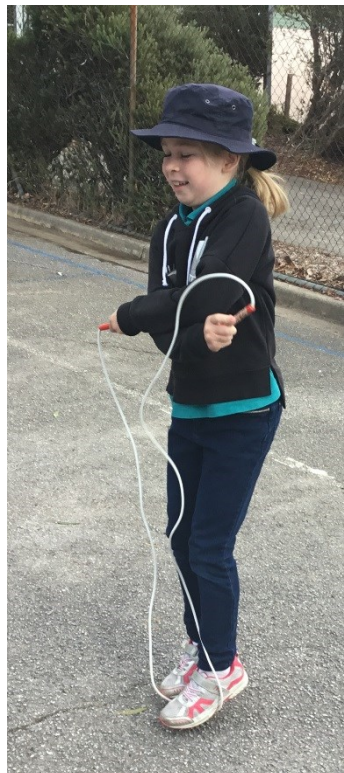
We also visited the Post Office and Gawler Tourist Information and Visitors Centre. We are going to use our ideas to create our own Post Office and Information Centre in the classroom as part of our dramatic play area.



Room 6-2/3/4

We have actively been taking brain breaks in order to maximise our learning throughout the day. During our brain breaks we have practised skipping with a partner. We have focussed on our technique, co-ordination, pace, turn taking and teaching each other tricks and games.

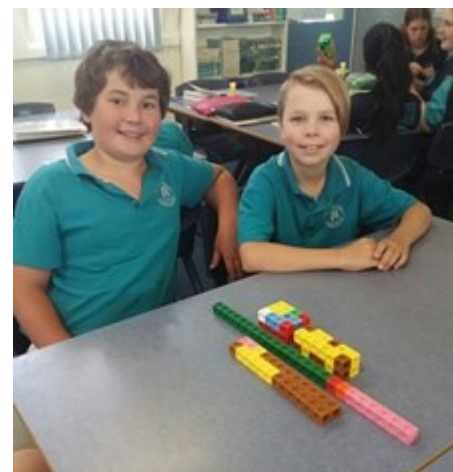
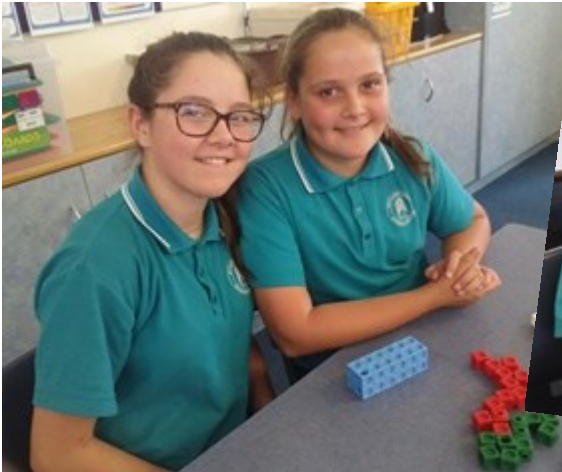
This term we have continued to learn about the Keys To Success. Lately, we have focussed on perfecting our organisation skills. For many children this may include independently focusing on their classroom morning routine, for others this has included returning sports equipment, and lining up on time. We realised that there are many things we could all do to improve our organisational skills.



Room 4

News

Our newsletter article includes photos from recent activities including finding the surface area of rectangular shapes, creating art work using a marbling technique, demonstrating respect for our fallen soldiers in our ANZAC Day display at the Soldiers Memorial Hall and constructing a bead maze puzzle during STEM activities.



News from the PFA

The PFA has recently had a fundraising meeting with the SRC, and we have discussed ideas for both the PFA and the SRC to join together to raise funds for our school.

The main idea focused on our 160th year anniversary, and our 2 main items will rely on input from both kids and parents. Our first idea is for a recipe book, where we are asking you to send in your favourite family recipes. The second idea is for a tea towel, where we need the kids to make a design for us to send off to the production company.

We are trying to gauge parent response before launching into either of these ideas. Can you please fill in the form below and return it to school asap.

The PFA are having a special lunch later in the term. If your child would like to place an order, please fill out the order form.

Regards,
PFA

Fundraising 160th

To help support the school I would be interested in

- ☐ Buying a commemorative tea towel (approx. \$10-\$12 each)
- ☐ Buying a Cookbook (no pricing as yet)
- ☐ Donating a recipe for the cookbook.

PFA Special Lunch

Friday of Week 6, the PFA are having a Special Lunch, which is a **Hot Beef and Gravy**.

The cost will be \$5, and it includes the hot beef roll, choice of gravy or sauce and a drink.

Please fill in the order form below, and bring it back to the office with your payment by the end of Week 6.



Many thanks,
PFA

Name:.....Room

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I/we would like to order.....Hot Beef rolls, with a drink (1 per order).

Room 2 vs Room 6



BOOK CHALLENGE

The students in Room 2 have been challenging themselves to read as many books as possible. So far they have managed to read over 250 books!!!

The students in Room 6 think they can do better. They have challenged Room 2 to see who can read the most books by the end of the term. Their target is 500+ books!!

Parents can help out by listening to the students from Room 2 & 6 read first thing in the morning. If you would like to help out please see either Miss Adams or Ms Stadtkus.

Let the reading begin!

Julie's Notes

Recently in Room 2, I have been reading a series of books to the children by Trace Moroney about different feelings. The back page of each book has background notes for parents which I think are really good to share with you. They read –

Self-esteem is the Key

The greatest gift you can give your child is healthy self-esteem. Children who feel valuable, and who trust themselves have positive self-esteem. You can help your child feel valuable by spending quality time with him or her, playing games, reading books or just listening. You can also help children **feel valuable** by helping them discover and become the person they want to be. Success follows people who genuinely like who they are.

However, happiness is more than just being successful. Helping your child gain the self-trust needed to deal with failure, loss, shame, difficulty and defeat is as important – if not more so – than succeeding or being best. When children trust themselves to handle painful feelings – fear; anger and sadness – they gain an inner security that allows them to embrace the world in which they live.

This article was written by Psychologists Bill Hallam and Dr Craig Olsson. I will share more articles by these Doctors in future newsletters.

FRIENDS OF THE BAROSSA LIBRARY YOUNG WRITERS' COMPETITION

2018



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Community News



WHEN: SATURDAY 16 JUNE, 2018

WHERE: Talunga Park Recreation Park

Wisteria Community Atrium

TIME: 11am - Time Capsule Placement

Followed by FREE guided historic main street town walk by

local historian Paula Bartsch

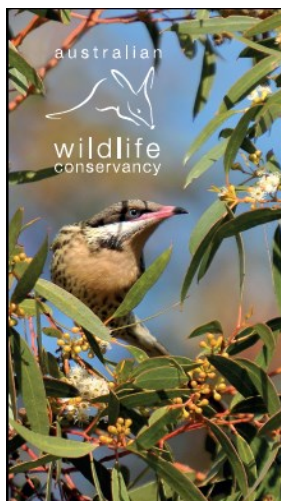
12.00 noon Luncheon Celebrations

-BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL FOR LUNCHEON-

Luncheon Cost: \$15 (catering by Shed2Full)

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Yookamurra Wildlife Sanctuary

OPEN DAY

Sunday 27 May 2018 | 10am to 1pm



You're invited to an exclusive opportunity to visit the Australian Wildlife Conservancy's Yookamurra Wildlife Sanctuary.

Step inside the 1,100 hectare, feral predator-free area, normally closed to the public, which is home to some of Australia's most threatened wildlife such as the Greater Bilby, Numbat, Burrowing Bettong and Brush-tailed Bettong.

Immerse yourself in the Mallee, and discover the tracks and traces of nocturnal mammals. Learn of ways to reverse the tide on extinction, and have all your questions answered over a relaxing barbecue lunch.

Find out how AWC is helping to save Australia's endangered animals, and how you can help reverse the tide of extinction.

AWC is the largest private (non-profit) owner and manager of land for conservation in Australia, with an expanding network of sanctuaries and properties across more than 4.6 million hectares.

RSVP to the Yookamurra Wildlife Sanctuary open day is essential.

Access will not be permitted without prior registration.

Please register your interest at yookamurra@australianwildlife.org or by calling 08 8562 5011 by Monday 21 May 2018.