



# MOUNT PLEASANT PRESS

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## STAFFING

We are welcoming Mrs MacKintosh back to school after her maternity leave. She will be covering Primary 6 when she returns on 7 June. Mrs McLean is currently on long term sick leave but will return after the holidays.

Brian is also on long term sick until after the holidays. We have Colin McLean, Thurso High School Janitor with us just now to cover.

At the end of this term we will be saying "Goodbye" to Mrs I Mackay, Mrs B Mackay (Additional Support Needs Teachers) and Hilary (Secretary). Mrs Mackay is retiring, Mrs B Mackay is being moved to another school and Hilary has accepted a job at Thurso High School. We wish them all well in their new adventures!

I haven't been notified about teaching staff for next session as yet. This should appear in the next newsletter.

## REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be issued on 7 June by school bag mail. Please complete and return the Parent comment sheet to acknowledge receipt of the report card by **Friday, 14 June**. Thank you.

## SPORTS

Thank you to all parents/grannies/granddads, etc for coming along and supporting our children at their annual Sports Day. We had a great day and the weather did hold out though it was a bit chilly! Congratulations to our new Sports Champions Chelsea Bain and Cameron Peddie. Also, congratulations to Harald who fought well to win the Inter-House Challenge Shield for the most points earned on Sports Day.

## FOOTBALL/NETBALL

A huge well done to our netball 'A' and 'B' teams who both won the trophies for the west side of the county. They were a credit to their coach Mrs Wares. We are awaiting confirmation of a date for the final of the netball for the overall Caithness trophy.

Our football team also played well coming second to Halkirk. Thank you to Mrs McKechnie, Mr Chambers for coaching our team.

## TAG RUGBY TOURNAMENT

We had a super day out at the Inter-School Tag Rugby Tournament and even came home with a trophy! Very well done to Primary 5 who won their competition. There is a photo of the winning team on the school website under Groups/Clubs.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Yet more success came our way in the Inter-School Cross Country competition held on 20 April. Our boys team won the trophy and the girls were just pipped at the post by Pennyland. Well done to everyone who participated.

## SWIM GALA

Congratulations to our Swim Team who swam themselves into second place in the Swim Gala held on 14 May.

## SLEEPING UNDER THE STARS

What a great day we had. The children loved coming to school in their pyjamas and onesies! We raised a grand total of £508.03 which is to go towards the cost of this year's school trips. Thank you to everyone who brought in their loose change. Photos of the display we made are on the school website.

## CAITHNESS MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Caithness Music Festival is being held from 10-14 June in Wick Assembly Rooms. Programmes for the Festival are available in local newsagents priced at £2. Here is a brief breakdown of what is on when:

Monday, 10 June	1.30 pm	P6 Girls Verse Speaking	Badminton Room
	1.30 pm	P7 Boys Verse Speaking	Badminton Room
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Tuesday, 11 June	9.45 am	P1 Girls Verse Speaking	Badminton Room
	9.45 am	P2 Boys Verse Speaking	Badminton Room
	9.45 am	P2 Girls Verse Speaking	Badminton Room
	1.30 pm	P3 Boys Verse Speaking	Badminton Room
	1.30 pm	P3 Girls Verse Speaking	Badminton Room
Wednesday, 12 June	10.15 am	P7 Primary Music Making	Main Hall
	10.15 am	MP Strings Group	Main Hall
	10.15 am	MP Recorder Group	Main Hall
	10.15 am	P1 Boys Verse Speaking	Badminton Room
	10.15 am	P4 Boys Verse Speaking	Badminton Room
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Thursday, 13 June	9.45 am	P1 Singing Game/Action Song	Main Hall
	9.45 am	P2 Singing Game/Action Song	Main Hall
	1.30 pm	P6 Boys Verse Speaking	Badminton Room
	1.30 pm	P5 Boys Verse Speaking	Badminton Room
	1.30 pm	P5 Girls Verse Speaking	Badminton Room
Friday, 14 June	9.45 am	P5 Caithness Dialect	Badminton Room
	9.45 am	P6 Caithness Dialect	Badminton Room
	9.45 am	P7 Caithness Dialect	Badminton Room

## MOUNT PLEASANT MUSIC FESTIVAL CONCERT

We will be celebrating the musical skills of the pupils in our school by holding a concert on Tuesday, 18 June at 1.30 pm. Doors will open at 1.15 pm and there will be a bucket at the door for any donations. Everyone is welcome to come along and watch. We will be having performances of all our group entries and also our school orchestra! There will be individual pupils playing too.

## END OF TERM/LUNCHES ON LAST DAY

This term will end on Friday, 28 June at 12.35 pm. We have to offer pupils a hot meal on the last day. The kitchen will be serving hot dogs at 11.30 am to allow pupils to leave at 12.35 pm. If your child would like a school meal on the last day, please let Catriona the school cook know by Tuesday, 18 June. Please note, there will be no toast for sale on the last day of term.

## UNIFORM ORDER

Just a reminder that if you handed in a uniform order after Friday, 31 May, your order will be available for collection on in-service day - Monday, 19 August 2013.

## HELPING HANDS

Parents who helped out with the recent Parent Council Disco all received a Helping Hand:

Isobel Miller (Liam P6), Lynn Warner (Niamh P7, Lainey P3), Elaine Laird (Matthew P2), Julie Gunn (Dylan P7, Nicole P6, Sophie P5, Kieran P3, Kelsey N4), Lesley Baker (Darran P2), Donna Farquhar (Caitlin P7, Alana P2), Donella and Mark Boulton (Elle P2, Kenzie N3), Jacqueline Sinclair (Liam P7, Calum P5), Sandra Mann (Ruby P2), Tracey Allan (Zoe P5).

Parents who donated beanbags to the school library also earned a helping hand:

Mr Sutherland (Ellie-Grace P4), Mrs Gillon (Charlotte P3), Mrs Donn (Louisa P2, Owen N3), Ms Dorman (Rachel P4), Mr and Mrs Souter (Tegan P7).

## A MESSAGE FROM THURSO AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

A new year, why not try something new.

TESTING NIGHTS - 1ST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH 5.05pm - 6.05pm

Can you swim 1 width on your front? Can you swim 1 width on your back?

(They don't need to be perfect)

If you are 5 years or over why not come along and get tested. You will be allocated to a lane, or if you are not quite ready, we can give you points to practice.

If you want to improve your swimming whether it's just for fun or with the aim of competing in the future then stroke development programme could be for you.

Even if you attend the Highland Council Learn to Swim programme you can still join the Swimming Club.

## DATES FOR DIARY

Friday, 31 May	Primary 1 School Trip - Farm
Tuesday, 4 June	Primary 5 School Trip - Timespan and Dunrobin
Thursday, 6 June	Primary 3 School Trip - Castle of Mey
Friday, 7 June	Primary 2 School Trip - Wick Heritage Centre/Lifeboat
Friday, 7 June	Report Cards to be issued
w/c Monday, 10 June	Caithness Music Festival Week
Friday, 14 June	Parent Response Sheets to be returned by today
Monday, 17 June	Library Books to be returned to school this week
Tuesday, 18 June	Nursery AM Trip - Achalone
Wednesday, 19 June	Inter-School Sports
19/20 June	Primary 7 to Thurso High School
Friday, 21 June	Nursery PM Trip
Tuesday, 25 June	Teddy Bear's Picnic

## HOLIDAY AND IN-SERVICE DATES

**School Closes (at the end of the school day on)**

Friday, 28 June 2013 (closes at 1230)

Friday, 4 October 2013

Friday, 20 December 2013

Friday, 14 February 2014

Friday, 4 April 2014

Thursday, 3 July 2014

**School Opens (9.00 am on)**

Tuesday, 20 August 2013

Tuesday, 22 October 2013

Monday, 6 January 2014

Monday, 24 February 2014

Tuesday, 22 April 2014