Hello to families and friends of Mt Pleasant & District Kindergarten.

Term 3 is almost at an end. How time flies when you are having such a good time.

There has been a lot going on. Taking the preschool children on the excursion to see The Very Cranky Bear was very exciting for them. As a follow up I have purchased the Cranky Bear app and downloaded it to the kindy Tablet. The children will love being able to re-live the experience.

The Spring Head School Choir sang for the children. They are a very engaging group of singers. The kindy and occasional care children really enjoyed it. I think they may return in term 4 to sing Xmas songs.

The photo day was also a great success. I look forward to seeing them all once they come back. I’ll let you all know when they arrive. Hopefully before the end of next week.

Janet, Janice and I have been organising next terms pre-entry visits as well as the school visiting days for the preschool children. Look out for the details further down in his newsletter.

CaFHS will be here this Thursday 18th Sept to complete the 4 year old checks. I believe they only have 3 or 4 more children to see.
Every year in term 4, the children almost ready to leave preschool spread their wings and start to fly. They become masters of their preschool universe. They are strong and secure in the relationships with their friends, their teachers and their surroundings. Their play is complex, independent and intricate. They can do things themselves. Practical things. Self-help things. Problem solving things. Conflict resolution things. Negotiation things. If we have done our job well, they rarely need us at all. They want more, different, bigger, newer, harder, riskier, faster, longer and higher. It’s almost here. The last term before they begin another chapter in their lives.

Holiday activities in the Botanic Garden
A range of fun and educational activities are on offer at Adelaide Botanic Garden these school holidays. Bookings are now open for the school holiday program, held from 30 September – 9 October.
Following great success during the July program, stick insects are returning to the garden giving children the opportunity to discover these interesting critters and collect their own stick insect eggs to incubate at home.
Also on offer are a variety of new activities and old favourites:
Painted pots, gnomes and garden art – create a masterpiece to take home and brighten up your garden.
Terrific terrariums – discover glass jar gardens and design your own terrarium to take home.
Making fire, making glue – learn how Aboriginal people make fire and glue in the Australian bush.
All activities are suitable for children aged between five and 12 years. In some cases bookings are essential and costs apply.
Please visit the Botanic Gardens of South Australia website<http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/botanicgardens/Whats_on/Events/School_Holiday_Program> for the full program. To book please call 08 8222 9311.

FUNDRAISING
Keep the donations coming in for the CARBOOT SALE this Saturday the 20th September. The roster for sorting and pricing is still going so put your name down if you are able to help out.
Parent Direct and Chalk purchases can start coming in if you have them ready. They can be finalised by the 16th October next term. They have great toys for Xmas.
The personalised plates will be due to arrive half way through next term.