



Mount Claremont Primary School, Term 1, Week 5

Ngany kaadijt, Wadjuk Noongar moort, keyen kaadak nidja boodjar. Ngany ni wer kaartidjin.

At Mount Claremont Primary School we acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land where we live, learn and work and the Wadjuk Noongar people. We acknowledge Wadjuk Noongar and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders, their people and their land and waters.





Important Dates

Term 1, 2026

11 March- NAPLAN Commences

20 March- P&C Quiz Night

23 March - P&C AGM

24 March- Faction Swim Carnival

27 March - Assembly Rm 6

2 April - Last Day of Term 1

Term 2, 2026

20 April - First day of Term 2

27 April - Anzac Day holiday

29 May - Staff Development Day

1 June - WA Day

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents

Last year we surveyed the staff, Year 5 & 6 students, and parents using the Department of Education's School Survey tool. From the three data sets, there was a significant strength in Mount Claremont Primary School having a strong sense of community and a culture of high expectations. I am appealing to your sense of community, because we need your help, and I would like you to consider.

1. Nominating for a position on the school board as a parent representative or
2. Volunteering as a member of the Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association.

The Board the P&C are a great group of people, with a common interest to do their best for the students and the school.

MCPS Business Plan 2026 -2028

The Board is pleased to present the MCPS Business Plan for 2026 -2028. This sets the school's strategic direction and priorities.

[Mount-Claremont-Primary-Business-Plan-2026_2028-WEB.pdf](#)

School Board Parent Nominations 2026

The Mount Claremont Primary School Board provides additional expertise to assist the school to achieve the best outcomes for students. Its primary role is in contributing to the establishment and review of the school's objectives, priorities and general policy direction.

The current school board consists of four parents, 2 staff and the principal. As part of the cyclic process of a school board, places become available due to either the end of their tenure or members are unable to complete their tenure.

At this point in time, Mount Claremont Primary School Board is calling for 2 parents to fill 3-year positions.

- One position commencing term 2
- Second position commencing term 3 Becoming a parent representative on the board provides a great opportunity to get involved in our school community and therefore the education of your child. For information and nomination forms go to [School Board - Mount Claremont Primary School](#)

If interested, please complete the nomination form and email to the principal Private and Confidential Tracey.Oakes@education.wa.edu.au by **3.00pm on 11 March**.

Please contact the following people if you require further information: Kate Oosterhof MCPS Board Chair kate.oosterhof@gmail.com or Tracey Oakes Principal on 9208 3900 or Tracey.Oakes@education.wa.edu.au

MCPS, P&C Association

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is held on Monday 23 March at 7.00pm in the school library. Positions vacant are President, 3 Executive Committee members and a Farmers Market Committee Chair. Please consider if you are able to volunteer for any of these positions.

If you would like more information, please contact Tihana Kealley MCPS P&C Association President ti_13@hotmail.com

Don't forget to book your tickets for the Quiz Night.

Basketball Court Upgrade

The work is progressing according to schedule. Between now and 1st April the following work is to be undertaken.

(Please note these dates may change but this is what the contractor is aiming for)

- Rework existing base
- Supply and lay road base
- Apply tack coat / sealer 20 March
- Lay asphalt 23-24 March
- 4 week curing period from 1/4
- Estimated date of completion 27/5

There will be a smell associated with the asphalt. The staff and students to remain classrooms as much as possible. However, we may have to temporarily move classrooms 1,2,3 to the undercover area (not ideal) or library. We will take each day as it comes. The safety of staff and students is a priority.

This morning, we held the first assembly for the year, hosted by Year 6-Room5, with teachers Miss Yates and Mrs Rogers. The Year 6 student leadership team were very excited to receive their leadership badges.

Regards

Tracey Oakes

Principal.



NAPLAN Years 3 & 5

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy) commences on Wednesday March 11 @ 9.00am, see timetable. Year 3's will complete their writing assessment on paper and all other assessments are online. Students will be sitting assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. We ask that no appointments are made during the first school session during the NAPLAN assessments and that students arrive at school on time and ready to commence the testing. You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to simply do their best

Libby Johnson

Deputy Principal

2026 NAPLAN Timetable for Students in Years 3 and 5

	Wednesday March 11	Thursday March 12	Friday March 13
9.00am – 10.00am	Writing Year 3 Room 10 Room 9	Reading Year 3 Room 10 Room 9	Catch Up
9.00am – 10.00am	Writing Year 5 Room 2 Room 3	Reading Year 5 Room 2 Room 3	

	Tuesday March 17	Wednesday March 18	Thurs March 19 Friday March 20 Mon March 23
9.00am – 10.00am	Conventions of Language Years 3 Room 10 Room 9	Numeracy Year 3 Room 10 Room 9	Catch Up
9.00am – 10.00am	Conventions of Language Year 5 Room 2 Room 3	Numeracy Year 5 Room 2 Room 3	Catch Up

Therapy & Tutoring in Schools



The Department of Education understands that parents may engage external service providers to deliver services for their children when they require additional health, disability and wellbeing support. In some circumstances, it may be appropriate for the services to be delivered at school to ensure their child receives the best support and can participate fully in school.

We have developed a new partnership with **SchoolTherapy**, an online service designed to simplify how we manage in-school therapy appointments. This new system replaces the old process of exchanging paperwork and chasing signatures with a streamlined, secure, and simplified process.

Process:

To commence this process, you will need to email me directly elizabeth.johnson@education.wa.edu.au advising that a therapist/tutor is requesting to work with your child.

Once I have the details of the therapist they will be entered on the system, the therapist will then receive a link and will be able to upload all their documentation for checking. Once all the documentation is uploaded and checked the program can commence.

How does this benefit you?

- **No More Paperwork:** You will no longer need to print, sign, and scan documents. With SchoolTherapy, all necessary forms are completed by the therapist and the school. You will be sent a couple of emails containing a secure link for you to sign any required documents. A copy of any documents you have signed will be automatically emailed to you for your records.
- **Convenient Appointments:** The system is designed to make scheduling easy. When a therapist books a session for your child, you will be notified and given the option to reject the proposed appointment if it doesn't work for your family.
- **Stay Informed:** If a booking is ever created, cancelled or rescheduled, you will receive an immediate email notification, so you're always kept in the loop.
- **Your Privacy is Protected:** SchoolTherapy prioritizes security and privacy. All documents and personal information are stored on a secure, cloud-based platform, ensuring your data is protected and handled with the highest level of care. We are

committed to making in-school therapy as accessible and smooth as possible for all our students. This new system is a leap forward in efficiency and security, allowing everyone involved—parents, therapists, and school staff—to focus on what truly matters: supporting our children. If you have any questions as we make this transition, please me:

Libby Johnson

Deputy Principal

Pastoral Care and Wellbeing

At Mount Claremont Primary School, we follow a philosophy of providing pastoral care for our students as part of our aim in achieving academic excellence. Working with our Student Services Team, Chaplaincy is an important part of our strategy. Our School Chaplaincy Service is provided through YouthCARE, underpinned by values of care, respect, compassion, and service.

YouthCARE Chaplains focus on the well-being of the school community, providing holistic and non-judgemental pastoral care to students, school staff and families, irrespective of their faith or cultural backgrounds.

The pastoral care provided has a broad scope and may include one on one and programmed group sessions, addressing physical and mental health issues, relationship concerns, social and values education, behaviour management, emotional support, and professional referrals among other out workings. Any support and programs facilitated are always delivered in consultation and collaboration with the school leadership team and teaching staff, and in partnership with parents and caregivers.

Mrs Marsh our school chaplain supports the social, emotional, well-being of students, staff, and families by providing pastoral care, mentoring, and a supportive presence. Students have access to the chaplain on Tuesday and Friday. The chaplain offers a non-judgmental listening ear, runs lunchtime activities, assist in classrooms, and provides guidance to students facing challenges like bullying, anxiety, or family issues. It is a pastoral care role aimed at providing support through a compassionate presence, reflective listening and connecting students, staff and families to resources in the wider community.

We are fortunate to have the chaplaincy program as part of our school's pastoral care program.

Contact Mrs Marsh, School Chaplain Jane.Marsh@education.wa.edu.au

Exciting Upgrades to the School Oval and Early Childhood Education (ECE) Playgrounds

We are pleased to share that a recent upgrade to our school oval and Early Childhood Education (ECE) playgrounds have now been completed. This maintenance will mean the current posts in the ground should be good for another 10 years.

We are now in the process of obtaining quotes to top up these areas with soft fall mulch.





2026 School Leaders

Congratulations to our new School Leaders

School Captains: Holly & Emmanuel

Music Captains: Lauren & Annabel

CARE Captains: Indiana & Grace

STEM Captains: Julie & Miori

Boogalla Captains: Lachlan & Benji

Nyanda Captains: Gabriella & Jamie

Wambiri Captains: Indigo & Riyal

MCPS Community in Action

CARE BAGS

Lisa Armstrong, a parent, helped organise her third donation drive for Care Bags with MCPS families. 45 Care Bags were delivered with additional loose donations of clothes and activities to help fill future bags. Donating families from Mount Claremont Primary School came together once again, showing what happens when a school community wraps around children in care. Care Bag's mission is for every child who enters care in WA to be given a Care Bag filled with dignity, comfort and love.

Year 4 Family Camp by Liv Tozer (parent)

Some of the year 4's held their inaugural family camp to Woodman Point over the March long weekend. We had so much fun jumping on the bouncy pillow, having barbeques, scooting around, visiting the reserve and jumping off the jetty! Children and parents had a wonderful time catching up and strengthening the bonds of our school community which mean so much to all of us ☺ .







Playing for Australia

Lotty Graham a former student, and currently in Year 12 at Shenton College has been selected in the Australian team in the Women's U19 World Floorball Championships 2026. An amazing achievement and we wish the team all the very best!

P&C Association Sundowner - 20th February

Thank you to the Mount Claremont PS P&C, for once again bringing the school community together to celebrate being together at the annual Sundowner.

The weather was wonderful and many of the school families came to meet new families and renew friendships with other parents.



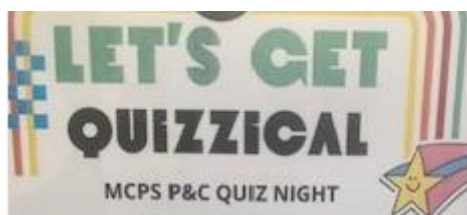








P&C Quiz Night - 20 March



Have you organised your table? Tickets for the P&C Quiz Night are selling fast, make sure you book your place!

Tickets at <https://square.link/u/A65tFYFA>. Pre-arrange your group of 8 or simply arrive on the night and we'll find you a spot.

Join us, Friday 20th March in the Undercover Area. Doors open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start. Fancy dress encouraged, with a prize for the best dressed table.

Cyber Safety Sessions

On Wednesday 18th February, **ySafe** delivered a comprehensive cyber safety program for our school community. The program included three student sessions for Years 1–6, a staff professional learning workshop, and an evening session for parents.

The presenter, Patrick Thomas, provided engaging and up-to-date information on current online trends, safe online decision-making for students, practical strategies for parents, and key considerations for schools in promoting responsible digital behaviour. A strong theme throughout the sessions was the importance of a united, community approach to social media and cyber safety in establishing shared expectations and consistent messages for children.

Feedback from students, staff and parents was overwhelmingly positive. Parents described the session as informative, practical and reassuring, particularly valuing the guidance around setting clear boundaries for devices and gaming. Many families shared that the session led to open and constructive conversations at home, with children demonstrating a greater understanding of online safety expectations.

Overall, the program strengthened our whole-school commitment to cyber safety and reinforced the importance of ongoing awareness in an ever-evolving digital landscape.

Some parent reflections:

-Cyber safety and awareness are changing so fast and these sessions help parents to keep up to date and vigilant

-Thank you for holding such an informative and valuable session. I learned many practical parenting strategies and found it especially reassuring to know that I am not alone in setting boundaries around video game access. Following the session, I had an open and positive conversation with my two boys (Year 6 and Year 1). I was pleasantly surprised that they were very receptive to the ideas we discussed, including the agreement of having no electronic devices in the bedroom, even for homework. They shared that they better understood why parents need to set clear boundaries and expressed their willingness to cooperate. I am very pleased with the outcome and truly appreciate the time and effort you put into delivering the session.

-Great to know there is cyber safety education coming into our schools regularly.

Online Safety Hub

A valuable component of the ySafe program at MCPS is access to our school's dedicated Online Safety Hub, as outlined by Patrick during the parent session. Families can access the Hub using the link below:

<https://mountclaremontps.onlinesafetyhub.com.au>

Thank you to the P&C for supporting these important sessions.





Library News



Premier's Reading Challenge 2026

Discover the magic of reading and be rewarded with the Premier's Reading Challenge 2026

Escape into a world of exciting stories, develop a love for reading and log your activity for a chance to win weekly prizes.

Established in 2022, this annual program is designed to make literacy fun and encourage all Western Australian students to explore the joy of reading.

Sign up and start your reading adventure today! 🚀 ✨

Registration opens on 23 February and the challenge kicks off on 23 March through to 12 June.

Join up for some fun at: www.premiersreadingchallenge.wa.edu.au

Sue Straiton

Library Officer

Merit Awards

2026 Merit Awards

Room 17-PP Michelle La Freniere	Eleanor and Jack	Room 2 – Yr 4/5 Kathy Hollier	Isabella X and Matthew J
Room 15-PP Olivia <u>Naven</u>	Olivia R and Isaac	Room 3 – Yr 5 Tom <u>Cecins</u>	Theia and Dylan
Room 14 – Yr 1 Ebony Tunbridge	Beau and Genevieve	Room 5 – Yr 6 Tegan Yates Ka Mei Rogers	Riyali and Henry
Room 13 – Yr 1 Mr Harper	Asher and Eilidh	Room 6 – Yr 6 Alexandra Malloch	Alex
Room 12 – Yr 2 Steph McCoach	Andrew M. and Ishaan		
Room 11 – Yr 2 Hayley Arrow	Molly N. and Cooper	Physical Education Brad Staples	
Room 10 – Yr 3 Narelle Crozier	Ruby D., Archer and William	Music Leigh Gardiner	Matthew J, Summer, Isabella S, Harry and Emmanuel
Room 9 – Yr 3 Ollie Johnstone	Bailey	Science Alicia Tan	Ishaan G, Izzy N. and Hudson
Room 18 – Yr 4 Cliskia <u>Sie</u>	Sadie	Japanese Lois <u>Barndon</u>	

Term 1, 2026

Mount Claremont Primary School 2026 - DATES MAY CHANGE. PLEASE CHECK NEWSLETTER							Term One	
Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun	
	Jan 19	Jan 20	Jan 21	Jan 22 Cleaners Return	Jan 23			
H	28 Australia Day	27 School Officers Principal Return	28	29 Teachers and EAs return SDD	30 SDD	31	1 Feb	
1	2 Students Return Term 1	3	4 Kindy Red	5	6 NEWSLETTER	7	8	
2	9	10 Parent Info Rm5/6 3:10pm Jiggle Jam	11 Kindy Blue Parent Info Rm3/15 3:30pm	12 Parent Info Rm 15/17 4:30pm	13 Jiggle Jam	14	15	
3	16 P&C Meeting	17 Parent Info Rm 9+10 3:20pm	18 Board Kindy Red Cyber Safety U Safe	19 Parent Info Rm 11+12 3:20pm Parent Info Rm 13+14 3:30pm	20 NEWSLETTER P&C Sundowners	21	22	
4	23	24 Jiggle Jam	25 Kindy Blue	26	27 Jiggle Jam Community Singing	28	1 Mar	
5	2 Labour Day	3	4 Kindy Red Kapture	5 Kapture	6 NEWSLETTER Assembly Rm 5	7	8	
6	9 NAPLAN	10 NAPLAN Jiggle Jam	11 Kindy Blue NAPLAN	12 NAPLAN	13 NAPLAN Jiggle Jam	14	15	
7	16 P&C Meeting NAPLAN	17 NAPLAN	18 Kindy Red NAPLAN	19 NAPLAN	20 NEWSLETTER NAPLAN P&C Quiz Night	21	22	
8	23 NAPLAN	24 Faction Swim Carnival Jiggle Jam	25 Board Kindy Blue	26	27 Assembly Rm 6 Jiggle Jam	28	29	
9	30	31	1 April Kindy Red Keen2steam	2 Last Day of Term 1	3 Good Friday	4	5	
H	6 Easter Monday	7	8	9	10	11	12	
		Tennis 7:44-8:30am	Tennis 7:44-8:30am		BasketBall 7:45-8:35am Young Eng 8:15-4:30pm			

Start and End of Term
Public Holidays
School Holidays (Students)
School Development Days

Mount Claremont Farmers' Market



Mt Claremont Farmers' Market opens 7:30am -11:30am every Saturday, no matter the weather, and it's a great start to your weekend. All the regular fabulous stalls and special occasional stalls make for a vibrant, lovely community vibe.

Parking available off Jacaranda Ave for a small donation.

Come down, bring your friends and family and support our wonderful school.

#MtClaremontFarmersMarket #FreshProduce #FoodieHeaven #SaturdayMarket
#CommunityMarket #FarmFresh #buywesteatbest #perthisok #perthfoodies #supportlocal
#supportfarmers

Di Miller

[Mount Claremont Farmers' Market](#)

Thank you Di!

On behalf of the P&C Committee, we would like to sincerely thank outgoing Operations Manager **Di Miller** for the incredible job she has done in keeping the Mount Claremont Farmers Market thriving and growing.

Di has been instrumental in supporting our parents, students, stallholders and wider community, and her dedication, professionalism and care have made a lasting impact. We are truly grateful for her contribution and commitment to the market. We welcome Mica (Meeka) Pereira as the incoming Operations Manager.



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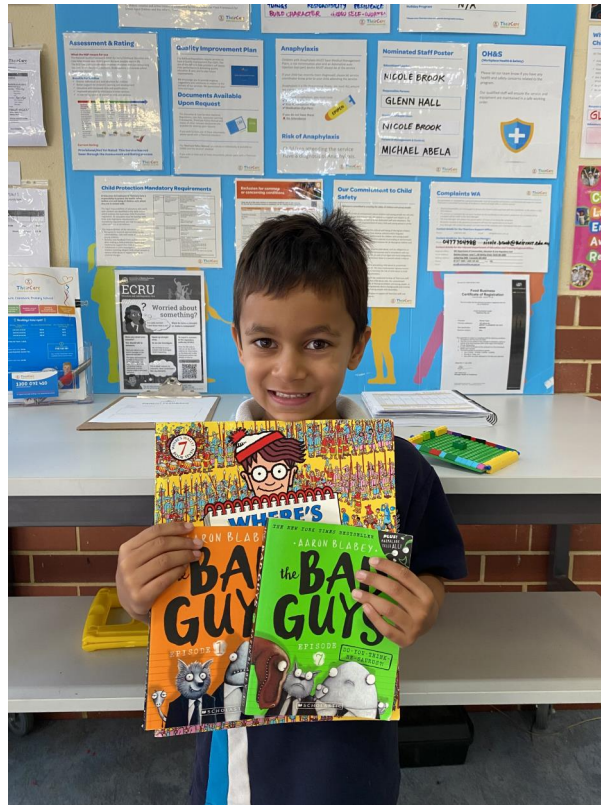


Wow, it's hard to believe that we're already halfway through Term 1...

We've raised our voices and spoken up for World Read Aloud Day; explored superstitions and crafted comics for Friday the 13th; created cards for our loved ones on Valentine's Day; had meaningful conversations as we observed the beginning of Ramadan and Chinese New Year (which is the year of the Horse for those playing at home); made paintings and drawings as we acknowledged World Wildlife Day; rehearsed and performed a dance concert in honour of International Women's Day; AND created our own books and added to our TheirCare library thanks to book donations from Asher and Ari as we enjoyed World Book Day

Come to think of it... it's not THAT hard to believe it's halfway through Term 1!

(P.S. Any and all book donations from families and the community for our library are most welcome)



... Information at MCPS ...

www.mountclaremontps.wa.edu.au

On our website you will find out about:

- Uniforms
- Newsletters
- School lunch orders

- The role of the MCPS P&C Association; and
- Mount Claremont Farmers' Market.

Our school times are:

<i>First Bell</i>	<i>8:45am</i>
<i>Morning Recess</i>	<i>10:45 – 11:05am</i>
<i>Lunch</i>	<i>12:35 – 1:15pm</i>
<i>Dismissal</i>	<i>3:05pm, 3:00pm in Kindy</i>

Banking

As MCPS is a cashless school, all payments are made via direct deposit to our bank account (we will invoice you as charges arise).

Bank account - ANZ

BSB 016 281 Account 489992809

Compass

We communicate all correspondence through Compass. Download the Compass App to your phone.

Parking at the school

Please be respectful to our neighbours when parking on the streets around the school and do not park in people's driveways. Please no double parking, only park in designated car parking areas. Please be mindful of damaged areas when parking on the grassed areas inside the school gates.

Please do not park or use the Staff carpark as a kiss and drive area. This carpark is for **Staff Parking** only.

Driveway, front grass entrance.

This area is NOT an official car park. Please take extreme care with your children when going to and from cars on the grassed area. Students can be dropped off and collected via the "driveway" at the front of the school. The traffic must keep flowing on the driveway. If your child is not at the driveway pick up point, you must move on. You can park on the grass or do another lap.

Excursions/Permission

Information is sent through Compass. Consent is made online and payments must be made to school bank account.

Medical Conditions

Please update and fill all forms for medications and emergency plans at the administration office.

Health and medication forms must be completed at the office by parents for students requiring long and short-term medication (antibiotics) to be given during school time. Only medication in original packaging will be accepted.

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you have any questions or concerns.

Ph: 9208 3900

Our P&C Members

Tihana Kealley, President

E: mtclaremontpc@gmail.com

Ariel Jin, Treasurer

E: Treasurer.mcpspnc@gmail.com

Emma Tomczak, Secretary

E: Secretary.mcpspnc@gmail.com

Uniform Shop

MOUNT CLAREMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

uniformshop@mtclaremontprimaryschoolpandc.org.au



The Mount Claremont Primary School Uniform Shop is volunteer run and open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30am-9:00am. We have a new and second-hand items for sale. We welcome all clean and useable donations.

Regular opening Hours:

Tuesdays: 8:30 – 9:00am

Thursdays: 8:30 – 9:00am

Online: mcps-uniforms-shop.square.site

Contact: uniformshop@mountclaremontprimaryschoolpandc.com

VISIT OUR ONLINE STORE



Point your phone camera at this QR Code to access the MCPS Uniform Shop website

After School Activities

Young Engineers



Young Engineers Club @ Mt Claremont Primary

Term 1, 2026

Level	Venue	Dates	Timing
Grade 1-6	School Library	FEB 13,20,27; MAR 6,13,20,27 (Fridays - 7 weeks)	3:15pm - 4:30pm

Registration >> <https://app.classpro.com/portal/yep Perth>



Scan to register

About the Lessons – students learn physics, mathematics, mechanical & software engineering by watching engaging demonstrations and by building Lego prototypes of real-world machines. Problem solving, critical thinking and collaboration are key elements of the program.

About How We Teach - some classes operate in a multi-age environment. In all cases, we optimise our delivery according to ability and interest. Lessons and activities are different for each term.

Peace of Mind - all educators are working with children compliant according to state laws. All after-school clubs operate in agreement with the host school.

Young Engineers club is an Australia-wide initiative to help kids Learn and LOVE STEM

For more information contact us:

0406 542 912 | perth@young-engineers.com.au | <https://perth-south.young-engineers.com.au/>

Redhage Basketball



**REDHAGE
BASKETBALL
SCHOOL
PROGRAM**

**WE'RE BACK
MOUNT CLAREMONT**

Former Perth Wildcat and Olympian Shawn Redhage is bringing his basketball skills program to your school



GIRLS AND BOYS OF ALL SKILL LEVEL ARE WELCOME

LOCATION:
Mount Claremont Primary School

DURATION:
8 Weeks

DATE & TIME:
February 6th - March 27th
Years 1-6 (Split into Age Groups)
Fridays 7:45am - 8:35am

COST:
\$140

REGISTRATION
www.redhagebasketball.com



YOUR CHANCE TO LEARN FROM THE PROS

SPOTS ARE VERY LIMITED
For more information email
shawn@redhagebasketball.com
Register at www.redhagebasketball.com

All participants receive a FREE Basketball

Redhage Basketball Pty Ltd ABN 32 617 549 612 shawn@redhagebasketball.com

Prime Tennis

Mount Claremont Primary School TERM 1 TENNIS LESSONS

- Red/Orange Ball Lessons – Wednesday 7:45-8:30am
- \$175/child
- Free 30-minute introductory lesson*

* New clients only

www.primetennis.com.au
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