



NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 36

16th December 2020

Dates to Remember

Last day of classes	Thursday 17 th December
Family/Parent Phone conferences	Friday 18 th December
Term 1 2021 Commences	Monday 1st February

**3.15pm FINISH
TOMORROW**

Dear Families and Friends,

What a year it has been, filled with up and downs. New learning and challenges were thrust upon us and as a community we continued to rise to each and every challenge.

This year we started the year three times as we returned from Remote Learning twice. Our students, staff and families all worked together during these times. We cannot underestimate the enormous impact this has had on all of us. I can only say thank you to each and every one of you who has worked with us through this time. We truly are so grateful for our Mount Pleasant community.

My heart felt congratulations to our Year 6 students who graduated last week in the most unusual of circumstances. There were tears, lots of laughter, reminiscing and memory making. We are thrilled to be able to gift each family a USB with the photos and video – this is still being edited by the videographer but almost ready!

With this in mind, I would like to thank Randal Smith who generously offered his time taking photos. These are a wonderful memento for Year 6 children and their families. We are so grateful for this act of kindness.

End of School:

Reminder that the last day of school classes is Thursday December 17th at 3.15pm.

2021 School Captains, Senior Leadership Team and House Captains:

We are so grateful to our *2020 Senior Leadership Team* led by School Captains Sasha Johnstone and Quinn Halligan! They have led through very strange times and are to be commended on their positive attitudes and flexibility during these changing times.

We have just announced our *2021 School Captains and Senior Leadership Team*:

School Captains – Jorja Lee and London Rankine

Learning Ambassador – Amelie Napitupulu

Equality Ambassador – Lilli Coon

Visual Arts Ambassador – Bella Fellowes

Performing Arts Ambassador – Belinda Arkell

Student Voice Ambassador – Takiyah Deppeler

Clubs Ambassador – Eva Dridan

Coates House Captain - Will Burgess

Moreshead House Captain – Kamal Kaur

McCallum House Captain - Shakiah Kerr

Crouch House Captain - Storm Deppeler

Merry Christmas to you all
and enjoy the holidays!



Academic Reports:

Academic Reports were sent out on Monday 14th December. We invite you to book in for a telephone interview on Friday December 18th between 9am – 1pm. Booking sheet instructions were included with the school report.

Last Day of Classes:

The last day of classes will be Thursday 17th of December. The Department of Education recently stated that schools are required to provide an opportunity for families to discuss progress with teachers through family-teacher conferences.

In order to meet this requirement, Mount Pleasant Primary School will be holding phone conferences on Friday 18th of December from 9.00am until 1.00pm.

Where care arrangements are unable to be made, onsite supervision will be available to families on Friday the 18th of December from 9.00am until 1.30pm. Please call the Admin Office on 5332 3646 to register your child so we can ensure appropriate planning.

Starting 2021:

School Council has approved Assessment Days on Thursday 28th and Friday the 29th for each student. Attendance at these is compulsory for each child at Mount Pleasant Primary School. An email will be sent for families to book in a session with their child/ren's 2021 classroom teacher. The first day of school classes will be Monday 1st February.

Early Pick Up:

A reminder to please contact your child's teacher if your child needs to be picked up early for an appointment. Ongoing early pick up is disruptive to student learning and interrupts classroom teaching time.

School Contact:

A reminder that your teacher is your first point of contact for your child and they are best contacted via email. The Admin Office is unable to pass on messages (unless it is an emergency) to students during learning time and teachers are unable to return any phone calls until the end of the day.

Warm regards,

Kate Robinson

Principal

YEAR 345 BOARD GAMES EXPO!

The students had a fabulous time playing each other's board games. Each group presented their game to the class (and some Year 6 students). After a round of playing, games were peer assessed according to criteria and decided upon by the students.

It was a great success and you may even see some of the games being reproduced in the near future!

Kellie & Bek.



ART ROOM NEWS



We have had a great end to the year with the arrival of some new easels that Jaxyn and Kylie kindly put together for us. The students have loved the opportunity to paint and draw outside for their individual projects. Inside, wood work has become a favorite medium for exploration so some of the 345 boys have been helping us get a tool rack ready for next year.

I am looking forward to working with students in Art next year and wish everyone a wonderful festive break.

Kellie





extend Holiday program

8am -6pm Daily

Location is **Ballarat Clarendon College**

The session fee will be \$84.50.

Book now to secure a place in the link below.

<https://www.lookedafter.com/dashboard/schools/BCC3350>



DECEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Thursday 10th of December to Wednesday the 23rd of December 2020

(Excluding weekends and public holiday)

Eastwood Leisure Centre, Ballarat

8am to 5pm each day

Pre-School to Grade 6, boys & girls

\$45 per day (\$40 per day for 5+ days)

Enrol online www.kellysports.com.au/greater-ballarat

Any queries call Dominic on 0417 967 621 or Paul on 0423 335 616

JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Monday 4th of January to Friday the 29th of January 2021

(Excluding weekends and public holiday)

Eastwood Leisure Centre, Ballarat

8am to 5pm each day

Pre-School to Grade 6, boys & girls

\$45 per day (\$40 per day for 5+ days)

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