



# Mount Pleasant Primary School

# NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 35

9th December 2020

## Dates to Remember

### Rewards Day

Year 6 Graduation

Year 6 Laser Force

School Banking

**No Lunch Orders**

Last day of classes

Family/Parent Phone conferences

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

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Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

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Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

**NO LUNCH ORDERS**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.**

Dear Families and Friends,

With only a week and a half left of the 2020 school year, things are a buzz at Mount Pleasant Primary School.

We are getting to the busy time of year. It's safe to say we have had a year like no other and as a school we are working to support students and families through *many* different transitions.

I would like to thank families who partner with us when things become challenging and to remind families that when times become challenging we expect that all parents/carers and visitors to our school behave in an appropriate and respectful manner to school staff at all times.

### Solving Problems at School:

From time to time children will experience problems at school. Most problems are generally easily solved and our role is to assist them to find ways to move forward. At school we use a range of ways to do this including; mediation with children and taking the time to listen to each side of the story, children may write letters of apology to each other or spend some time in reflection at lunch time. We use Restorative practices that help children to understand ways to "make things better" and what "doing the right thing" looks like. We will communicate with parents as required to assist us at times. When we chat with families we must maintain the privacy of other children and will not disclose information about another child.

### Step Up Day:

The state wide Step Up Day on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> December was a success. All students at Mount Pleasant Primary School, including the new Foundations for 2021 had the opportunity to visit their new classrooms and do some activities. Children found out their teacher on Step Up Day along with a note sent home to families. If you are not planning on returning to Mount Pleasant Primary School in 2021 please notify the Admin office to ensure accuracy of our staffing and budgeting.

### Academic Reports:

Academic Reports will be sent out to families on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. A note will be sent home to book in a phone interview on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

### Last Day of Classes:

The last day of classes will be Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 to register your child so we can ensure appropriate planning on 5332 3646.

**Year 6 Graduation:**

We are excited to announce that our Year 6 Graduation planning has begun. This will be held on Thursday 10th December from 6.00pm – 7.45pm. Students will be invited to arrive in time for the ceremony at 6pm followed with a guest speaker and a seated dinner. The Graduation Ceremony will be recorded and made available to families via an online link.

**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,  
Mrs Leah Lacny  
Acting Principal

## Laser Force – Year 6 students

Year 6 students will be attending Laser Force to celebrate the end of their Primary School Year. It will take place on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> of December**. Students will be asked to pay **\$4.00** for the bus. No spending money please. Students will be taking their recess and water bottles to the venue. Permission forms going home this week and need to be returned by **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> of December**.

Mrs Leah Lacny

Welfare Learning Specialist



## **YEAR 6 RUGBY/POLO TOP REMINDER**

Year 6 Rugby/Polo Top Orders and payments need to be returned no later than **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. Additional forms were sent out this week.

## YEAR 345 BOARD GAMES

On Fridays during term 4, Kellie & Bek have been working with the 345s on a board game project linking to our Inquiry topic of 'I think, I design, I create.' The project integrated many areas – art, writing, reading, creative thinking and collaboration. We began the project by looking at a range of board games and analysing their effectiveness according to criteria. In groups, the students then discussed what a good team of board game inventors would look like and created contracts for their working group. Together they brainstormed ideas to formulate a team name and a board game idea. The teams were responsible for creating and making their prototype board game, with rules/instructions and an advert.

The students have come up with some fabulous games whilst developing skills in perseverance and collaboration. We are looking forward to their final presentations this week.



### **SRC FUNDRAISER**

Congratulations - our SRC fundraiser "Movie Character Day" on Friday raised \$80 to go to the Feed Ballarat Appeal, run by the Ballarat Foundation, to help families who are going hungry. Well done everyone!

### **Lunch Orders**

Today was the last lunch order for 2020.

'Free Range Catering' would like to thank you all for your support during 2020 and lunch orders will resume next year.

Dear Families,

I hope this email finds you well,

For the last day of term 4 2020, Mount Pleasant Primary school will be finishing early.

As you may be aware, the last day is on December 17, as December 18 is a Family/Parent Phone conference day.

Extend will have a full day of care operating at **Ballarat Clarendon college** for all families who need care on this day.

Extend will operate the **Holiday program care** from 8am -6pm

December 18 is Paper Boat Races and Ball game galore.

The session fee will be \$84.50.

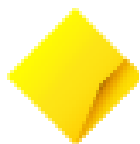
Any existing bookings for After school care on December 18 have been cancelled.

Book now to secure a place in the link below.

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

Kindest regards,

**Extend Support**



From Term 1, 2021 the Victorian Government has ceased school banking programs in Victorian government schools. As a result, the CommBank School Banking program will no longer operate at our school after the end of this term. If you are unsure of other methods of depositing to your child's account, please feel free to contact the Bank's general enquiries hotline on 13 2221 or alternatively visit your local CommBank branch.

If your child is eligible to receive a reward, please notify our School Banking Coordinator prior to the 11th December 2020.

We would like to thank you for your participation and support throughout the School Banking program.





**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](http://www.kellysports.com.au/greater-ballarat)

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

OR

**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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