



# Mount Pleasant Primary School

# NEWSLETTER



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7<sup>th</sup> October 2021

## Upcoming Dates

2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
4 <sup>th</sup> November	School Photo Day
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Curriculum Day – Student Free Day
9-10 <sup>th</sup> November	Yr. 5/6 Sovereign Hill Excursion
17-18 <sup>th</sup> November	Bookfair (updated date)

## News from the Principal

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 4! We hope you have all had a restful time with family and friends.

It has been wonderful to have the Foundation – Year 2 students back on site this week and next week we look forward to welcoming the Year 3-4 and 5-6 students.

The commencement of Term 4 will bring some warmer weather, please make sure your child/ren bring their hat and water bottle each day.

Term 4 is an exceptionally busy time for schools and families. We encourage staying up to date with all the happenings with the attached *Term Parent Planner*. As you can imagine, all things are subject to ongoing shifts in Covid-19 regulations.

We understand that getting children back to school can be a struggle. Being on time is important and we are experiencing a significant amount of lateness. Being late impacts children in many ways including their sense of belonging in their classroom. Please ensure child/ren are at school on time to give them the best start to the day.

### Toys at school:

Children are not permitted to bring their own toys to school. Toys are very disruptive to learning and children often become distressed when their toy becomes lost. If a child brings a toy to school the teacher will keep it safe until the end of the day for it to be returned home. Thank you for working with us to support our students with this whole school rule.

### Healthy Eating:

Our school is promoting “healthy lunches” and “nude food”. Our students have recognised the impact rubbish from school lunches have on our playground and environment. We encourage our families to continue to bring “nude food” and appreciate the efforts families have gone to in supporting this for our students!

### 2022 Enrolments:

We are beginning to plan our 2022 Transition Program for our new Foundation students next year. At this stage we are not able to do school tours onsite. If you know anyone who is enrolling with us next year please ask them to contact the school directly for an enrolment pack on 03 – 5332 3646.

### Wellbeing:

We continue to focus on Wellbeing, for our students, staff and wider community. This means following the correct hygiene and restrictions measures. It also means ensuring we are looking after ourselves through good sleep habits, good eating habits and getting outside for fresh air and sunshine when it is here.

### Pick Up Times and After School Care:

A reminder that school pick up time is between 3.15pm and 3.30pm. We kindly request that families observe these times. We are lucky to have on site After School Care that you can book your child/ren into if you need a later pick up time. Contact Extend directly on: 1300 366 437

We discourage families picking children up early from school unless there is a valid reason to do so such as a medical appointment. If you arrive early to pick your child up without prior communication, you may need to wait until there is an available staff member to go to the classroom to collect them.

### School Photos and School Uniform:

Wearing school uniform is compulsory at Mount Pleasant Primary School. Wearing a uniform develops a sense of belonging and promotes equality in our learning community, assists in student safety by ensuring staff are able to identify children when on local walks and excursions, and reduces clothing costs over time. School photos are this term and all students are required to wear a clean school jumper for their class photo. Please ensure your child wears clean school uniform each day.

Warm regards,

Kate Robinson  
Principal

*I respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Victoria and pay respect to the ongoing living cultures of First Peoples.*



## Camp 2021



As part of the curriculum, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 have the opportunity to participate in a 3-day camp to Cave Hill Creek, not far from Beaufort. The camp will be Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2021 to Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2021. This camp is based on developing team building and resilience with activities such as archery, map reading, bush art, bouldering and ropes course. Notes and information will go home with students next week.



### Year 5 and 6 Sovereign Hill Costume School Experience Excursion 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> November



Sovereign Hill School offers a unique two day, fully immersive, costumed school experience tailored to Year 5 and 6 students. Students will experience school life and have the rare opportunity to go behind the scenes in many of the Sovereign Hill businesses and experience first-hand, the tough and turbulent times of life on the diggings. \*Please note: This is **not** an overnight excursion, students will travel to Sovereign Hill each day by bus departing school at 8.30 am and returning at approx. 3.30 pm.

Year 5 and 6 students are looking forward to participating in this wonderful experience! We are hopeful that our students will be permitted to attend when the restrictions ease. More details will follow over the coming weeks. – Mrs Dean



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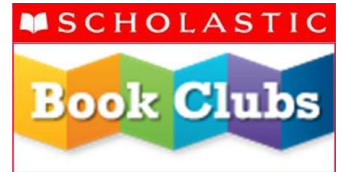
Hi there! I'm Marc and I have been the Extend service coordinator at Mount Pleasant Primary since the start of 2021. In term 4 we're looking forward to continuing providing fun, inclusive, activities based on the interests of your child. We have a wide range of craft activities, games and toys for indoor play and as we enter spring we will make the most of MPPs fantastic oval and outdoor play areas.

As well as craft, games and free play we'll have a weekly cooking activity - and a science themed activity to get those young minds working. And of course we'll provide your child with a healthy, nutritious snack to give them some energy to enjoy all those activities!



Come along and join us for After School Care and enjoy a range of different activities and be nourished with yummy, healthy food! Make new friends at Extend! Enrol and book now via [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au).

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**Issue 7 of Book Club order forms went home today and are due back on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October.** Orders can be placed and paid for online via the LOOP or by completing the form on the catalogue and return to the school with cash.

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## SCHOOL PHOTOS

The School photographs will be taken on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November**. Personalised student envelopes must be returned with payment **on the day** of photographs.

If anyone would like a family photograph, please collect a separate family envelope from the general office.

Please remember ...

On photo day, please send your child to school with:

1. A completed envelope (even if not placing an order or ordering online)
2. Best school clothes including school jumper.
3. Their very best smile



## 2022 Enrolments

If you know anyone who is enrolling with us next year, please ask them to contact the school directly for an enrolment pack on 03 – 5332 3646. Unfortunately, at this stage we are still not able to do school tours onsite however check out of virtual tour on our website on [mtpleasps.vic.edu.au](http://mtpleasps.vic.edu.au)

One of the most important things we can do to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community is to stay at home when we are unwell, even when we have the mildest of symptoms.

## What you need to know

### 1. If a child is unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms, they must stay at home

If a child becomes unwell during the day, they must be collected from school/early childhood education and care (ECEC) as soon as possible.

### 2. If a child has any of the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) outlined below, however mild, they should get tested and they must remain at home until they receive their results:

- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- loss of sense of smell or taste.

In certain circumstances headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be considered symptoms.

For further advice:

- call the 24-hour coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline 1800 675 398
- call a general practitioner
- use the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) [online self-assessment tool](#).

Visit: [Where to get tested](#).

### 3. A child must stay at home until they are symptom free, even if their coronavirus (COVID-19) test is negative

If a person has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or been identified as a close contact they must isolate/quarantine until they receive clearance from DHHS.

#### Children with persistent symptoms due to underlying conditions such as hay fever or asthma

whose symptoms are clearly typical of their condition can continue to attend ECEC/school.

They should be tested for COVID-19 if they develop symptoms that are different to or worse than their usual symptoms. They should consider getting a medical certificate from their GP to attend ECEC/school if they have persistent symptoms that may overlap with symptoms of COVID-19 such as cough or runny nose.

**Younger children (pre-school up to Grade 2) may have prolonged post viral symptoms** such as a runny nose or cough and may return to school/ECEC following a negative COVID-19 test even if they are not completely free of symptoms. They will need a medical certificate from their GP to confirm they are otherwise well or have recovered from their acute illness.

For information on the minimum periods students and children need to stay at home for other conditions, refer to the [DHHS school exclusion table](#).

### 4. Children do NOT need a medical certificate before returning to school/ECEC

Once symptoms have cleared, there is no requirement from the Department of Education and Training or DHHS for children/students to have a medical certificate before they return to school/ECEC.

**Thank you for your support in following these steps, together we can all stay safe.**



This advice has been prepared by the Department of Education and Training, Safer Care Victoria and the Department of Health and Human Services



# 24/7 Mental Health Services

## Beyond Blue

*Anyone feeling anxious or depressed*

 [beyondblue.org.au](https://beyondblue.org.au)

 1300 22 4636

## Kids Helpline

*Counselling for young people aged 5 to 25*


 [kidshelpline.com.au](https://kidshelpline.com.au)

 1800 55 1800

## MensLine Australia

*Men with emotional or relationship concerns*

 [mensline.org.au](https://mensline.org.au)

 1300 78 99 78

## Open Arms

*Veterans and families counselling*


 [openarms.gov.au](https://openarms.gov.au)

 1800 011 046

## Lifeline


*Anyone having a personal crisis*


 [lifeline.org.au](https://lifeline.org.au)

 13 11 14

## Suicide Call Back Service

*Anyone thinking about suicide*

 [suicidecallbackservice.org.au](https://suicidecallbackservice.org.au)

 1300 659 467



**Is it an emergency?**

If you or someone you know is at immediate risk of harm, call **triple zero (000)**

# Mount Pleasant Primary School

Public  
Holiday

Student  
Free Day



## 2021 Term Parent Planner

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	4 <sup>th</sup> October	5 <sup>th</sup> October	6 <sup>th</sup> October	7 <sup>th</sup> October	8 <sup>th</sup> October
2	11 <sup>th</sup> October	12 <sup>th</sup> October	13 <sup>th</sup> October	14 <sup>th</sup> October	15 <sup>th</sup> October
3	18 <sup>th</sup> October	19 <sup>th</sup> October	20 <sup>th</sup> October	21 <sup>st</sup> October	22 <sup>nd</sup> October
4	25 <sup>th</sup> October	26 <sup>th</sup> October	27 <sup>th</sup> October	28 <sup>th</sup> October	29 <sup>th</sup> October
5	1 <sup>st</sup> November	2 <sup>nd</sup> November MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY	3 <sup>rd</sup> November	4 <sup>th</sup> November PHOTO DAY	5 <sup>th</sup> November
6	8 <sup>th</sup> November CURRICULUM DAY Student Free Day	9 <sup>th</sup> November SOVEREIGN HILL EXCURSION YR 5/6	10 <sup>th</sup> November SOVEREIGN HILL EXCURSION YR 5/6	11 <sup>th</sup> November REMEMBRANCE DAY	12 <sup>th</sup> November
7	15 <sup>th</sup> November	16 <sup>th</sup> November	17 <sup>th</sup> November MAKE A WISH LIST BOOK FAIR	18 <sup>th</sup> November BOOK FAIR	19 <sup>th</sup> November
8	22 <sup>nd</sup> November	23 <sup>rd</sup> November	24 <sup>th</sup> November	25 <sup>th</sup> November	26 <sup>th</sup> November
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11	13 <sup>th</sup> December	14 <sup>th</sup> December	15 <sup>th</sup> December	16 <sup>th</sup> December	17 <sup>th</sup> December



Before & After School Care 1300 366 437

Please Note.

All dates subject to covid regulations and changes.