



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



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11th November 2021

Upcoming Dates

17 th November	Bookfair 'make a wish' day
18 th November	Bookfair
25 TH November	Stay late at school event
1 st -3 rd December	Years 3-6 Camp



**Lunch orders
on Wednesdays**

News from the Principal

Dear Families,

Today is Remembrance Day. It marks the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month when the guns fell silent on the Western Front after World War I. Today students have been remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice in a range of activities in classrooms. Our Year 5-6 students took part in a Remembrance Day service at 10:50am at the flagpole out the front of the school with The Last Post performed on the bugle by Evie in Year 2. Lest We Forget.

Foundation Transition:

This week we welcomed our new Foundation students to Mount Pleasant Primary School. This is a very exciting time for families and especially for students. Thank you to the staff who all worked so hard to ensure a smooth transition for our new Foundies.

Student Stamina and Behaviour:

Teachers and Education Support staff are noticing that children are beginning to show signs of slowing down and decreased stamina at school. With the year we have had this is understanding. It's now more important than ever that we work in partnership to support our children. Sometimes we may need to call you for support and work together to find ways to support students' behaviours at school. This is not unusual and always works best when we work together as a team. Just as importantly is sleep and eating habits, a good night time routine will make a big impact on stamina the next day.

School notes:

Our Admin team work very hard with teachers to send out notes for excursions/school photos/camp in a timely manner. Please ensure you return notes to school on time. This has a big impact on organisation of staff ratios for events but also for other classrooms. We try very hard to ensure we have excellent staff ratios at our school and this is something that will help us even more.

2022 Classes:

We have started the process of staff appointments and class lists will also begin soon. If you are moving on from MPPS or plan on enrolling a child for next year, please let the Admin Office know ASAP.

Change of Schools:

Please let the Admin Office know as soon as possible if you will be moving on from Mount Pleasant Primary School in 2022.

School Camp:

Year 3-6 Camp is in the first week of December. We will be having a Webex meeting for families on November 17th at 6.00pm for families – this is **compulsory** for all families to attend prior to their child going on camp. Families who do not attend will not be able to have their child attend school camp. All families and students will be required to sign a **Camp Contract** before going on camp. We look forward to camp being an exciting and safe time for all, but especially a time of growth for our learners.

Stay Late at School:

We are in the midst of planning a Stay Late at School event on November 25th for all of our students. Our students have been so resilient this year that we want to acknowledge their effort with a fun event! A note will be sent out this week for the school wide event.

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.

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 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. Please ensure your child wears the correct and clean school uniform each day. Navy blue items such as shorts, pants, t shirts and jumpers can all be purchased at very reasonable prices from a range of stores such as Big W/Best and Less/K-Mart. For embroidered school uniform pieces you can purchase from Crockers in Ballarat.

Warm regards,

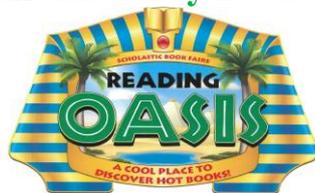
Kate Robinson

Principal

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



Book Fair Thursday 18th November



The Scholastic Book Fair will hit Mount Pleasant on Thursday 18th November. Students will have the opportunity to view the books on Wednesday 17th November where they can select books to put on a wish list. On the day of the Book Fair (Thursday 18th November) we encourage parents to send money to school with their children or receipt of their online payment, students will have the opportunity to purchase books and staff will be there to assist them.

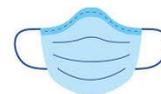
The Book Fair will **not** be open to parents but feel free to browse online at scholastic.com.au and click on 'Book Fairs'. If you have any queries, please contact the office.





Albert Coates Project:

Our grade 6 students are beginning their work on their projects for Albert Coates (An Australian Soldier, surgeon and past student of MPPs). Two scholarships are awarded by the Sir Albert Coates Foundation for the most informative and innovative projects sharing his life story. Time will be given to work on these projects here at school, but time spent at home in this project is greatly encouraged. The projects are due on 26th November so they can be assessed and judged by The Albert Coates Trust and staff committee.



Masks are compulsory for Grade 3-6 students and must be worn inside at school. This is a government requirement. It is the family's responsibility to supply a mask for your child. Masks can be purchased at most leading retail outlets.



REMEMBER
ONCE A WEEK,
TAKE A PEEK

Please take the opportunity over the weekend to check your child's hair. Checking hair on a regular basis helps to keep this issue under control. Thank you for your support.



Remembrance Day



Today the 5/6 students took part in a remembrance ceremony at the flagpole to remember those who sacrificed their lives in service for their country. The students laid wreaths and repeated the 'Ode'. This year we had the pleasure of Evie from grade 2/3 playing 'the last post' on her cornet, she did an amazing job. Across the school classes took part in various activities for Remembrance Day.



PLEASE WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniform is compulsory at MPPS. Please ensure your child/ren are wearing a clean uniform to school each day.

School hats are available at the office to purchase for \$6.



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Put a spring in the step of our local kids by encouraging them to get involved in the **Walk to School** programme. This is a great time for us all to get involved in helping families stay healthy and active while following local coronavirus restrictions.

When we support our kids to walk, ride, scoot or skate to school, we're setting them up for healthy, active adult lives. We're also making the streets around our schools safer and less congested. To find out more about how the kids at your school can get involved in **Walk to School** (and to download the free worksheets!) visit walktoschool.vic.gov.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

MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY SCHOOL

\$5 Lunch

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Please choose (and tick) ONE item from each section.

HOT FOOD

Party Pies (3 pack)

Party Sausage Rolls (3 Pack)

Dim Sims (3 Pack)

Penne Napolitana

SNACKS

Chocolate Chip Biscuit

Jelly

Watermelon

SAUCE

Tomato Sauce

Soy Sauce

JUICE BOX

Apple & Blackcurrant

Tropical

Orange

Apple

Water Pop Top

MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY SCHOOL

\$8 Lunch

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Please choose (and tick) ONE item from each section.

HOT FOOD

Meat Pie

Penne Napolitana

Pizza (Ham & Pineapple)

Sausage Roll

Dim Sims (4 pack)

SNACKS

Iced Doughnut

Chocolate Chip Biscuit

Jelly

Watermelon

SAUCE

Tomato Sauce

Soy Sauce

DRINKS

Chocolate Oak Milk (300ml)

Strawberry Oak Milk (300ml)

Fresha Orange Drink (300ml)

Mount Franklin Water (500ml)