



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



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Upcoming Dates

30 th November	Step Up Day
1 st -3 rd December	Years 3-6 Camp
8 th December	Year 6 Day Out
9 th December	Year 6 Graduation

Piano Lessons



Please call Karen Cox on
0404 601 481 for
further information.

News from the Principal

Dear Families,

Our Stay Late at School Event is tonight! We are very excited to be able to spend some recreational time together as a school. Time out to enjoy each other's company will be well spent.

I will be taking personal leave from Monday 29th of November for the remainder of the school year.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our school community for their wonderful partnership during what has been an extraordinary two years! At each obstacle our students, teachers and families have risen to the challenge. I'm so grateful to be part of the Mount Pleasant Primary School learning community and look forward to continuing our work together next year.

Rosemary Doherty has been appointed for this duration until the end of the school year.

Rosemary comes from Werribee Primary School with an enormous amount of school wide experiences as the Assistant Principal. I have been meeting with Rosemary over the past week to ensure a smooth transition process. I know that you will all give Rosemary a big MPPS welcome when she begins next week!

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 understandable. 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. We cannot stress enough the importance of good sleep and eating habits, a good night time routine will make a big impact on stamina the next day.

Foundation Transition:

We have one week left of Transition for our new Foundation students. It has been a joy to welcome them to our school and we look forward to 2022.

2022 Classes:

Next Tuesday we will be having an MPPS Step Up Day from 9am – 11am. This is a great opportunity for students to "step up" to their new grade for 2022 and meet their friends in their new classroom. Some new students and teachers will also be joining us for the morning. That afternoon all students will take a letter home with their classroom teachers name for 2022.



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.

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:

Next week is school camp! It is a very exciting time for students and staff who will be attending. Please make sure children are well rested over the weekend and ready to have a wonderful camp experience.

Wellbeing:

We continue to focus on Wellbeing, for our students, staff and wider community. This means following the correct hygiene and restriction 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.





Issue 8 of Book Club order forms went out yesterday and are due back on Wednesday 1st December. 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.

Lulu and Sparkles need a new home!



Hi there, Sparkles and I are looking for a new home, we need to have a home that will care and love us both. We come with our own hutch.

You will need to be able to do the following:

- Feed and water us each day
- Keep our hutch clean
- Give us time out of the hutch regularly

If you are interested in being our new home, please write a letter and tell us why you think you will be a good home for us.

Look forward to hearing from you soon, applications close on Friday 3rd December.

Please hand your letters to the office.

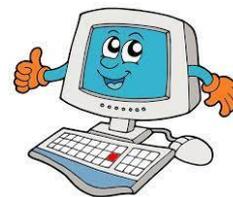
Grade 4/5 Inquiry update

This term for Inquiry, the grade 4/5 students have been learning about social justice issues experienced by people with disabilities. They have learned about people who have disabilities, the need to respect those who are different to us, and that we can help people with disabilities, for instance, by making sure they have access to services that improve their quality of life.

Many students in grade 4/5 love to 'crunch code' and have designed and programmed their own accessible game or activity for people living with disabilities:

- **Seth** has coded a spear-throwing game with a target scope. This game can be played by people with dexterity issues and helps to improve hand-eye co-ordination.
- **Ethan** has coded a catching game entitled, 'Catch the Apple', which can be played using only two buttons. This game can be played by people with dexterity issues and helps to improve hand-eye co-ordination.
- **Odin** has coded a text-to-speech engine that relays text into spoken voice. He has created the program to work in different languages.
- **Storm** has designed and created a 'Rehabilitation Wheel' that can be used to help to rehabilitate people with finger/hand injuries.

Many other students in the class are still completing their programs and apps and it's been a pleasure watching these future change-makers using their design and technology skills in service to others.



3RD & 7TH BALLARAT SCOUTS

Christmas TREE Fundraiser

PRE ORDER NOW FOR CHRISTMAS!!

Prices
Small \$45
Med \$55
Large \$70
Stands available

Tree collection from 3rd Ballarat (Black Hill) OR 7th Ballarat (Sebastopol) Scout Halls

Dates
26-28th Nov
3-5th Dec
11-12th Dec

SCAN QR CODE TO ORDER, FOR MORE INFO OR TO CONTACT US VIA FACEBOOK OR CALL 0439 571 743

Delivery & After Christmas Pick up available

LIBRARY NEWS



A big thank you to everyone who purchased books from our Book Fair. We made a grand total of \$1092 which gives us \$382 worth of new books for our children to read.

Stocktake of the library books has started today. Can all parents and children please look at home to see if you can find any books that are hiding. Please return all library books as soon as possible.

Sue Eames

Library



IMPORTANT CAMP NOTICE

Year 3,4,5 and 6 Camp

Reminder that camp for Year 3,4,5 and 6 students is happening **Wednesday 1st of December**. Campers need to be at school by **8:45am**. Return time will be approximately **3pm on Friday 3rd of December**.



Reminder Albert Coates Project Entries are due this week:

Our grade 6 students are concluding work on their projects for Albert Coates. Two scholarships will be awarded by the Sir Albert Coates Foundation for the most informative and innovative projects sharing his life story. These projects have been developed at home with some time provide to students at school. We are pleased to have a range of projects presented this year. Year 6 students will need to have their completed projects submitted by the end of this week. The Albert Coates Trust and staff committee will view the projects and announce the winners of the scholarships at the Year 6 Graduation.

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