



# Mount Pleasant Primary School

# NEWSLETTER



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4<sup>th</sup> November 2021

## Upcoming Dates

8 <sup>th</sup> November	Curriculum Day
9-10 <sup>th</sup> November	Yr. 5/6 Sovereign Hill Excursion
17-18 <sup>th</sup> November	Bookfair
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Stay late at school event
1st-3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Year 3-6 Camp

Please note:

**Student Free day**  
**Monday**

## News from the Principal

Dear Families,

It seems quite remarkable that we have almost reached the mid point of Term 4 for 2021!

Next week our School Captains will make a presentation to our grades about the rubbish investigation they have been conducting. Thank you to those families who have jumped on board and are sending “nude food”! It brings a smile to our faces to see our students committed to this important initiative.

This week we have had School Photos. Thank you everyone for wearing the correct school uniform, it was very pleasing to see students proudly wearing their Mount Pleasant Primary School jumpers.

### 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.

### School Photos:

Reminder for all children to bring a hat and water bottle to school. We have started “no hat, no play”. All children need to be appropriately dressed for sport and Kelly Sports, please ensure they are wearing shorts/skorts/skirts on the day they have PE/Kelly Sports. If you are unsure then please contact your child’s teacher.

### 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.

### Foundation Transition and Change of Schools:

Please ensure if your child is planning on attending Foundation next year that they are enrolled as soon as possible. Likewise, if you will be leaving us next year, please let the Admin Office know as soon as possible.

### School Camp:

Year 3-6 Camp is in the first week of December. We will be having a Webex meeting before camp 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 25<sup>th</sup> for all of our students. Our students have been so resilient this year that we want to acknowledge their effort with a fun event! More information coming..

### 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.*



### Lunch Orders



Our school canteen service – provided by Free Range Catering –has resumed and operates every **Wednesday**. A price list is attached to this week's newsletter.

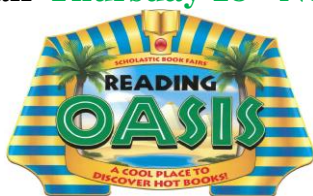
Parents are reminded that their child's name/class and order must be clearly written on the order form then sticky taped to a brown paper bag (NO staples for safety reasons). The correct amount of money should be included with a separate order required for each child. Children should ensure that their orders are placed in the appropriate container in their classroom at the commencement of the school day.

### Student hats

Students are required to wear a hat at school from **September through to April**. Hats are available at the office to purchase for \$6 or at local retailers.



### Book Fair Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November



The Scholastic Book Fair will hit Mount Pleasant on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Students will have the opportunity to view the books on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November where they can select books to put on a wish list. On the day of the Book Fair (Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://scholastic.com.au) and click on 'Book Fairs'.** If you have any queries, please contact the office.

### Book Fair Wish List Prepayments



If your child brings home a Book Fair Wish List and you want to pay for these selections by credit card in advance, please:

1. Go to [scholastic.com.au/payment](http://scholastic.com.au/payment)
2. Click 'Book Fairs'
3. Enter amount and pay
4. Record receipt number on back of Wish List
5. Your child then takes this payment record back to school, chooses books at the Fair and takes receipt number to cashier as payment.

SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs

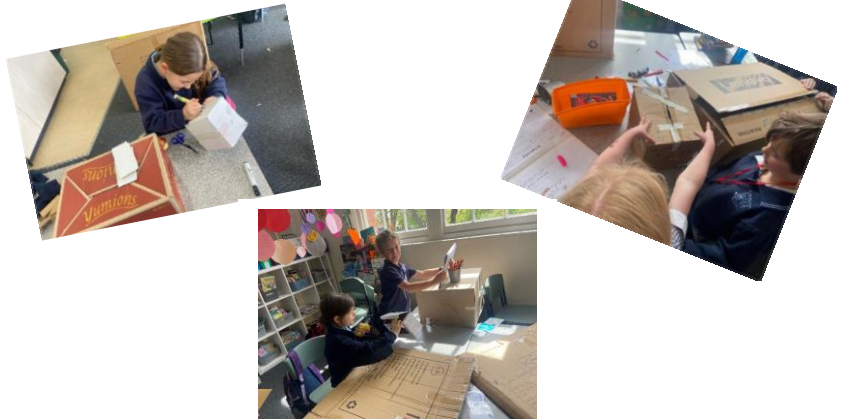


Put a spring in the step of our local kids by encouraging them to get involved in the **Walk to School** programme. This is a great time for us all to get involved in helping families stay healthy and active while following local coronavirus restrictions. When we support our kids to walk, ride, scoot 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](http://walktoschool.vic.gov.au)

## YEAR 2/3 NEWS



As part of our Inquiry Year 2/3 have been learning about the different communities we are apart of. We worked in groups to design and create different communities including supermarkets, houses and shops. We are going to display all of our creations to make a big town, we will then stick our faces onto the community we are apart of.



## School Blitz



As a Ballarat school leading the way in School Wide Positive Behaviour, we continue to strive to make Mount Pleasant Primary a great place for learning. We are currently holding a school wide 'blitz' on **keeping each other safe in the classroom and yard, particularly hands and feet to ourselves**. Books, games, discussions, songs and teaching moments are happening across the school based on the 'blitz'. Please discuss at home with your child to support this.



**REMEMBER  
ONCE A WEEK,  
TAKE A PEEK**

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



### Sovereign Hill Excursion Note

Additional information was sent home today with the Yr. 5/6 students. Please check your child's bag.

### BRAINS FOR LEARNING

## COST OF A NUDE FOOD LUNCH

Celery sticks	.30c
Half an orange	.50c
Popcorn	.20c
Arnotts biscuits	.30c
Handful of Savoy's	.40c
Sandwich	.70c

TOTAL: **\$2.10**



## PLEASE WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniform is compulsory at MPPS.

Please ensure your child/ren are wearing a clean uniform to school each day.



**Extend After  
School Care**

**3.15 pm – 6.00pm**

**Call 1300 366 437  
for enquiries**

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.**



# 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)