



# Mount Pleasant Primary School

# NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 1

11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

## Upcoming Dates

No WEDNESDAYS for foundation students	February and March 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Before School Athletics	February 14,21,28 and March 7 <sup>th</sup>
'The Courier' Photo Day for Foundation students	February 24 <sup>th</sup>
Labour Day Public Holiday	March 14 <sup>th</sup>
Athletics Carnival	March 15 <sup>th</sup>

**Sun Hats  
available to  
purchase at  
the office \$6.**

## News from the Principal

Dear Families,

Welcome back to school! We warmly welcome our new families to the Mount Pleasant Primary School learning community. It has been incredible to all be back together onsite with students and staff. All of our students have settled in incredibly well and are loving their learning spaces.

We have had a little bit of a different start yet again, however our community continues to work together to ensure the safety of everyone. All families have received their RAT's last week and more will be sent home today. Our classroom routines are now well established. We ask that families continue to monitor for symptoms and please keep children home if they are showing symptoms.

### Code of Conduct:

Thank you to the enormous number of families who have already returned the signed green Code of Conduct form sent home!

At the beginning of the year, it is common that we remind our students and families of our school wide expectations. The school Code of Conduct applies to all members of our school community – no-one is exempt from the Code of Conduct. Our teachers work with students at the beginning of the year to set up school expectations and students participate in developing these. We have always been grateful for the support we receive from our parent/family community in working with us to support a safe learning environment.

From time-to-time children may experience challenges at school. When this occurs, we work in *partnership* to develop strategies to support children in a safe way for the benefit of everyone in our school.

Please ensure you discuss this with your child and return the signed Code of Conduct form. Please return this form by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of February.

### Foundation:

Welcome to our 2022 Foundation class. The children have done an exceptional job of transitioning to school. This has been a particularly different time for this years Foundation students who have experienced two years of disrupted Kinder. We are excited to be working with you to begin your child's learning journey at MPPS.

### Home Reading Program:

Students will begin bringing home Readers. Reading at home is very important as it encourages a routine that is the foundation for developing a love of reading. When your child brings home their Reader Bag you will have an overview of our Home Reading Program. Please have a read over this. This year we have started sending home Sounds Write sheets each week/fortnight. These will ensure you are up to date with the letter sounds the classroom teacher is focussing on and means you can also focus on these letter sounds at home. We strongly encourage families to partner with us to develop our learners as readers!

In F-2 we focus on the sounds not the letter name as they learn the initial code (a-z). As children progress they begin learning the extended code and blending letters to make a sound (digraphs eg: th, sh, ch and trigraphs eg: scr, spl, thr).

### School Uniform:

It has been pleasing to see so many of our students returning to school in full school uniform and with their hats! 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.

**Change of Contact details:**

Please let the Admin Office know as soon as possible if your details such as phone number, address change.

**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.

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.*



**YEAR 6 POLO SHIRTS / RUGBY TOPS**



**Year 6 Polo Shirt**  
Size 10 -16 \$39.50  
Size 18 Plus \$40.00

**Year 6 Rugby Tops**  
Size 10-16 \$40.50  
Size 18 plus \$42.50



**Year 6 Uniform are now available** and can be purchased directly from:  
Ruff Cuts Clothing  
202 Lyons Street South Ballarat 3350. Ph: 5332 2477



**Issue 1 of Book Club order forms went home today and are due back on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February.** 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.

## 5/6A NEWS



We welcome students into Year 5/6A for 2022! It has been so wonderful to see students smiling and excited to return school. Students are settling into school routines quickly, building team work and collaboration. February's primary focus is 'Learning to Learn.' This past week and a half we have been working together to establish the expectations of our classroom environment, both inside and outside. Students contributed their ideas on what a good class and playground looks, feels and sounds like. There has been many '1 minute to win it' games, organising our classroom library, creating a flag representing their personality and interests, revisiting mental maths skills and starting STEM lessons with the other Year 5/6 class. Mrs Dean and Mrs Lacny are very much looking forward to working and helping students in Year 5/6A grow!

## 1/2 B UPDATE!

We have had a great start to our school year. We have been doing lots of hands on learning revisiting the Zones of Regulation & making Zone Monsters to display in our classroom. We have also begun learning about our school community. We took a walk around the school and drew pictures of all the different things we see in our community. Here are some photos us learning.



## Athletics Carnival coming up!

Students are working hard in PE lessons in preparation for Athletics Carnival on **Tuesday 15 March 2022**. Make a note in your calendar! Looking forward to seeing those students signed up for Monday's before school Athletics Australia development sessions.



## Brian Peoples Welcome Virtual BBQ



Next week we will be celebrating Mount Pleasant Primary School coming together with the Brian Peoples Welcome Virtual BBQ!!! A great family event where everyone can take part in decorating the table, helping serve the food, creating a yummy salad or dessert and having great family fun.

Families are asked to take a photo of their virtual BBQ and upload to the Mount Pleasant Primary BBQ Padlet where we can be together even though we are apart!

There will be a certificate and shout out awarded for best salad, best BBQ set up and 'Happy Helper.'

A link to families will be sent home via email from classroom teachers to access the Padlet.

We look forward to seeing your fantastic family BBQ events.

# Administration News

## PARENT PAYMENTS AND SCHOOL CHARGES 2022



Mount Pleasant Primary School is committed to providing the best possible opportunities for all our students. In order to provide a high standard of service, some financial contributions from parents are necessary.

School Council has approved a policy which levies a range of charges on parents; these are compliant with the DET Policy for Parent Payments.

The 2022 Book Packs have now been distributed to all students in class.

I thank all parents/guardians who have already paid, or made arrangements to pay, their School Charges for 2022.

For those parents who have not yet done so, I ask that you make payment in the near future, via one of the following options;

- ☑ Cash
- ☑ EFTPOS
- ☑ BPay
- ☑ Centrepay

The General Office is open from 8.30 am to 4.00 pm each school day. We are happy to take payments in full or by instalment.

**If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Business Manager**

### Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) – 2022

We are now accepting applications for CSEF 2022. Application forms are available from the General Office.

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

If you applied for the CSEF at Mount Pleasant Primary School in 2021, you do not need to complete an application form in 2022 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments**; your child has started or changed schools in 2022 or you did not apply in 2022.
- **changed family circumstances**, such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2022.

Eligible families will receive \$125.00 per student, paid into the family account at Mount Pleasant Primary School. These funds can be allocated to school camps and excursions for 2022.

CSEF credits in family accounts from 2021 are carried forward for use in 2022.

I encourage parents to take advantage of this funding opportunity.

**Janine Schulze**



Centrepay is a direct bill-paying service offered to customers receiving payments from Centrelink. Through Centrepay you can choose to pay bills by having a regular amount deducted from your Centrelink payment.

Mount Pleasant Primary School is approved as a registered organisation for the Centrepay scheme and is able to take applications from families/guardians wishing to participate. Information brochures and Application forms are available from the School.

Eligible customers are encouraged to consider this option as an easy and effective way to pay school charges, camps costs etc.



## ZONES OF REGULATION

During our 'Learning to Learn' weeks, we revisited the Zones of Regulation into all classrooms across the school. The Zones of Regulation is a program that assists children in communicating their feelings and thoughts through self-regulation techniques. Students identify what 'Zone' they are in and then use a range of strategies to help them to get back in the 'Green Zone' and 'Ready to Learn.' Strategies include taking deep breaths, talking to the teacher, quiet colouring, getting a drink or spending time in the classrooms calm corner. We continue to be excited to incorporate this into our classrooms and know that it will have a positive effect on all of our students. A copy of the Zones is being sent home with this Newsletter for you to refer to at home (on the front of the fridge is a great spot).

## The ZONES of Regulation®

<b>BLUE ZONE</b>	<b>GREEN ZONE</b>	<b>YELLOW ZONE</b>	<b>RED ZONE</b>
Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly	Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	Mad/Angry Mean Terrified Yelling/Hitting Out of Control



### WELCOME BACK TO TERM 1, 2022!

We can't wait to welcome back your children to our services this year!

As you return to work, study, and other pursuits throughout Term 1, you can be assured your child will have fun and be enriched whilst in the safety and reliability of our care.

We will continue to provide COVIDsafe practices throughout Term 1 to ensure families and the school community remains safe at all times.

**Bookings just got easier for families!**

Now, in less than 30 seconds, families can make ALL your bookings for ALL your children on one screen at one time in LookedAfter!

Plan ahead for Term 1 and book now!  
Book 14 days in advance to secure the early bird rate!



Enquiries 1300 366 437  
Book Now!

extend.com.au



### Piano Lessons

By Miss Karen Cox



Learn Piano skills and reading of music.

Weekly Rates \$20

If interested, please call Karen  
on 0404 601 481.



If your child is missing any belongings, please check our lost property at the office.

We urge families to **please name their school uniforms/lunch boxes** so that items brought to the office can be returned to students.



## Mount Pleasant Primary School 2022 Term 1 Parent Planner

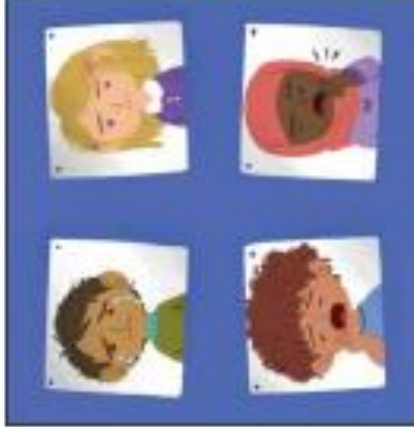





	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1</b>					Staff Return
<b>Week 2</b>	<i>Jan 31</i> Student Assessment Day	<i>Feb 1</i> Student Assessment Day	<i>Feb 2</i>	<i>Feb 3</i> All students Return	<i>Feb 4</i>
<b>Week 3</b>	<i>Feb 7</i>	<i>Feb 8</i>	<i>Feb 9</i> No Foundation Students	<i>Feb 10</i>	<i>Feb 11</i>
<b>Week 4</b>	<i>Feb 14</i> Before School Athletics.  Brian People's Welcome BBQ week (Virtual)	<i>Feb 15</i>	<i>Feb 16</i> No Foundation Students	<i>Feb 17</i>	<i>Feb 18</i>
<b>Week 5</b>	<i>Feb 21</i> Before School Athletics.	<i>Feb 22</i>	<i>Feb 23</i> No Foundation Students	<i>Feb 24</i> Foundation Photos by The Courier.	<i>Feb 25</i>
<b>Week 6</b>	<i>Feb 28</i> Before School Athletics.	<i>March 1</i>	<i>March 2</i> No Foundation Students	<i>March 3</i>	<i>March 4</i>
<b>Week 7</b>	<i>March 7</i> Before School Athletics.	<i>March 8</i>	<i>March 9</i> Foundation students start full time.	<i>March 10</i>	<i>March 11</i>
<b>Week 8</b>	<i>March 14</i> LABOUR DAY Public Holiday	<i>March 15</i> Athletics Carnival	<i>March 16</i>	<i>March 17</i> Netball Carnival GD 3\4S	<i>March 18</i>
<b>Week 9</b>	<i>March 21</i>	<i>March 22</i>	<i>March 23</i>	<i>March 24</i>	<i>March 25</i>
<b>Week 10</b>	<i>March 28</i>	<i>March 29</i>	<i>March 30</i>	<i>March 31</i>	<i>April 1</i>
<b>Week 11</b>	<i>April 2</i>	<i>April 3</i>	<i>April 4</i>	<i>April 5</i> District Sports	<i>April 6</i> Last Day of Term 1 2.30 FINISH

Public  
Holiday

Student  
Free Day

# The ZONES of Regulation

			
<p>Blue Zone</p> <p>Sad Bored Tired Sick</p>	<p>Green Zone</p> <p>Happy Focused Calm Proud</p>	<p>Yellow Zone</p> <p>Worried Frustrated Silly Excited</p>	<p>Red Zone</p> <p>overjoyed/Elated Panicked Angry Terrified</p>