



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 2

18th February 2022

Upcoming Dates

No WEDNESDAYS for foundation students
Before School Athletics
'The Courier' Photo Day for Foundation students
Labour Day Public Holiday
Athletics Carnival

February and March 2nd
February 14,21,28 and March 7th
Thursday February 24th
Monday March 14th
Tuesday March 15th



News from the Principal

Dear Families,

The first few weeks of school are busy establishing routines and expectations. At Mount Pleasant we involve our students in the creation of classroom and playground expectations. It has been pleasing to see so many children building strong relationships with their teachers and classmates.

Setting the climate and ensuring our relationships are supported with predictable structure and routines will provide our students with the support they need to get on with the business of learning.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for their hard work and dedication in getting the year underway. With the addition of RAT's, air purifiers and a range of other COVID Safe procedures they have taken it in their stride to keep learning happening.

Our first focus is keeping the school safe, open and operational.

COVID Updates:

The Victorian Government has today announced a 6-week extension of the COVIDSafe measures in place for schools. These were introduced at the beginning of Term 1 and will now be in effect until the remained of Term 1, subject to any changes in health advice.

In summary, there will continue to be a focus on the "3V's" of ventilation, vaccination and vital COVIDSafe steps.

Use of RATS will continue, and distribution of these will be throughout Term 1.

Code of Conduct:

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

Home Reading Program:

Well done to all students who have committed to daily home reading!

Reading at home is very important as it encourages a routine that is the foundation for developing a love of reading. We strongly encourage families to partner with us to develop our learners as readers!

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.



Brian Peoples Welcome Virtual BBQ



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 was sent home via email from classroom teachers to access the Padlet.

We look forward to seeing your fantastic family BBQ events.



Athletics Australia Clinics

Great to see so many smiling faces as students attended Athletics Australia Clinics on Monday February 14 with Coach Emma. An active morning with students improving their running technique and reaction times. Looking forward to having our athletes back for next session.



Tutoring Groups 2022

The Tutor Learning Initiative has commenced at MPPS. Students this semester are focussing on Literacy skills. Groups are created on a point of need basis. Small group tutoring is one of the most effective educational interventions available to support students to progress in their learning. Check out our students in action!



First two weeks in Foundation

Our 2022 Foundy's have settled in beautifully to school life. They have enjoyed learning routines, taking on new responsibilities and meeting new friends.

In the initial weeks of Term 1 we are focusing on building independence when arriving to school and following routines throughout the day and responsibility for themselves and what is expected of them while at school.

We started our Sounds Write program last week and students have quickly responded to the routine of the program and they are showing great enthusiasm for learning. In numeracy we are focusing on numbers up to ten and how numbers can be represented in different ways. Every afternoon students have the chance to develop their fine motor skills and play.



Grade 5/6B update

It's been a busy and exciting start to the year in grade 5/6B.

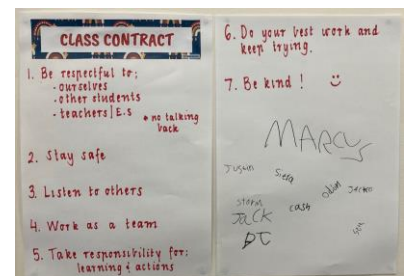
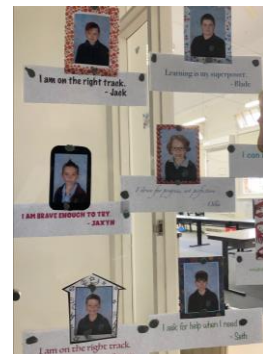
Over the past few weeks, we have been building a classroom community by setting up the classroom norms/expectations and routines so that students feel they belong and can thrive in a safe and productive learning environment. Importantly, the students are learning to adopt a Growth Mindset and have chosen 'affirmations' to remind them that, through effort and persistence, they can achieve their goals.

We have also been focusing on relationships and the importance of treating ourselves and others with respect. This can be seen in the class contract the students created in discussions about 'what makes a GREAT classroom?'

Overall, it's been a very strong start to the year and we're excited about all the wonderful learning opportunities ahead.

Dave & Amy

GROWTH
Mindset



In term one Chinese, our students will focus on celebrating the Chinese New Year in class as part of our Mandarin lessons. Students will learn to write Chinese blessings; make lanterns, tiger puppets; and explore the twelve zodiacs. Through all activities, students will continue to develop a sense of how this special time is celebrated in China. The Beijing 2022 Winter Olympic Games will take place in February 2022, coinciding with the Chinese New Year. Our students will take a glance at the beauty of winter sports, explore the majestic landscape, the rich cultures of Beijing, and celebrate cultural diversity.

We wish everyone good luck and good fortune for a happy Year of the wealthy Tiger!





EXTEND OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

School is back and we can't wait for the year ahead!

Our safe, fun, educational programs and amazing educators will enrich your children's lives, support, and encourage your children's aspirations.

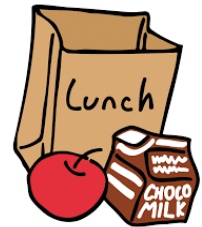
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**REMEMBER
ONCE A WEEK,
TAKE A PEEK**

*Please help our school win the war against head
lice by checking your child's hair each week.*



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.