



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



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Upcoming Dates

Grade 5/6 Sovereign Hill Excursion
Reward Day
Pyjama Day (Last day of Term 1)

Tuesday 22nd March
Thursday 7th April
Friday 8th April

Reminder
Grade 3-6
students to
wear masks.
Thank you

News from the Principal

Dear Families,

It has been a wonderful week for our whole school! Being able to hold our first Sports Day since 2019 was such a joy for our entire learning community. Our children were incredible in their abilities but especially in their caring for others, cheering mates on and general acts of kindness. It was a privilege to see our students shine together. A BIG thank you to Michelle Jackson who organised the day for us, we are grateful to have had volunteers from SEDA Academy as well as our teachers and Education Support Staff. We look forward to being able to host more community events in the future. Bravo MPPS!

We also had our Year 3-4 students attend a Netball Victoria clinic this week. The children were commended publicly for their excellent participation and behaviour when working with the coaches. Again, it makes us proud to hear that our students are seen as role models when attending out of school events. Well done Year 3-4 students!

Reading Goals:

This week your child/ren's teachers have sent home Reading Goals via email. Have a chat with your child about their reading goal. Children are very proud of the achievements they make with reading and celebrating this at home and school will continue to encourage them to develop reading habits that will support them for a lifetime.

Curriculum - Spelling: Our school has done an enormous amount of working with our Reading program. Some of those changes are evident in the reading materials we are sending home and the strategies that students are using to decode words. Foundation – Year 2 students all participate in Sounds Write every day. Next week our Year 3-6 teaching team will be training in Spelling Mastery. This is an evidence-based program that teaches students the strategies they need to become successful, life-long spellers. Spelling Mastery helps students to understand the relationship between sounds, word parts and spelling patterns and encourages them to become proficient writers. We will begin implementation during Term 2 and will send out further information at that time.

Wellbeing:

As we are past the half way mark of Term 1 our students are showing signs of weariness. Good bedtime routines and healthy food choices have a big impact on their stamina at school. We encourage families to have a bedtime reading routine and down time on the weekend to rest up for the week ahead.

COVID Updates:

Thank you to families who have been keeping children home whilst unwell. Even if you have a negative RA Test, *if your child is visibly unwell we ask that they stay home to recover*. There seems to be an array of other illnesses going around at the moment. Our priority is keeping our community safe and our school open. We are very lucky that so far our staffing impacts have been manageable even with CRT shortages and staff absences.

School Uniform:

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

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 5/6 Sovereign Hill Excursion**

Where: Sovereign Hill

When: 22nd March 2022



To further explore our Inquiry into Democracy, students in **5/6A** and **5/6B** will participate in a learning program at Sovereign Hill. We will walk to Sovereign Hill and learn about the key events of the Eureka Rebellion and discover the significant impact this movement had on our developing country.

Students will need to bring their recess and lunch in a paper bag, drink bottle and hat. As we are walking, suitable shoes are required such as runners.

Permission forms to be returned asap. If your child has not returned their permission form, they will be unable to attend the excursion.

**FREE BEDS**

We are updating our sickbay and have 2 single bed frames/mattresses to give away. If your family is interested in a FREE single bed, please contact Sarah at the Admin. Office asap.



2022 Athletics Day

Participation was the key focus for our sports day this year and participate they did! From our whole school five-minute run to our track and field events, our students at Mt Pleasant Primary School made us exceptionally proud there was some amazing performances where athletes displayed resilience pushing themselves to their limits. Others showed respect and care for their teammates when faced with adversity. Overall, a stellar event was topped off by our fabulous students' energy and enthusiasm.



Congratulations to **Morshead** who took out first place!

Year 3/4 Netball Victoria Clinic

Essential to any sport is developing great foundation skills. Yesterday our **year 3/4** cohort had the opportunity to participate in netball Victoria's development days at Lanberris Netball. We have some great up-and-coming netballers amongst our students. Excitement and fun were had by all.





OPEN EVENING

Come along to experience the exceptional and unique opportunities our College offers for Years 7-12.

Our Open Evening will showcase our specialty areas and provide an insight into the quality education students are provided at our College. Join one of our tours to experience the exceptional and unique opportunities our College offers for Years 7-12. The tours will showcase our extensive renovations and refurbishments and you will view our specialty areas and gain an insight into the quality education students are provided at our College.

To abide by Covid-19 guidelines and limit the number of people in each group, tours will be conducted at 15 minute intervals. Please register for a tour via the link below and select a time that is most convenient to you.

All tours will commence from the College Main Entrance/Foyer. We look forward to meeting you.

All attendees (18 years and older) will need to provide evidence of their COVID-19 double vaccination (minimum) to attend this event

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Book tickets at
mountclearcollege.vic.edu.au



Fridays are
ICY-POLE DAY
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If your child is missing a school jumper, please check our lost property supply.

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



**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.



DID YOU KNOW...

FAMILIES CAN ENROL FOR FREE AT EXTEND!

Enrolling couldn't be easier! Oh, and did we mention it's free?
We do not charge any enrolment fees.

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Positive Start in 2022: FREE holiday camps

Dear parents and carers

During the past 2 years, the COVID-19 pandemic has meant that many students have missed out on the opportunity to experience outdoor activities in an organised, **social** and supportive environment.

The Victorian Government is committed to supporting the health and wellbeing of all children and young **people** and is offering the chance for eligible students to attend a free camp program as part of the Positive Start in 2022 initiative, during the 2022 school holiday periods.

Free camps for eligible students

Camps are a great way for young people to build confidence, experience new activities, learn leadership skills, connect **socially** and make new friends.

Holiday camp programs can range from single overnight experiences to spending several nights away.

While on camp, your child may enjoy a range of social and adventure activities which could include team challenges, bush walks, orienteering, hut building, cooking, bush walks, painting with nature, rope courses, abseiling and canoeing. Camp providers will make every effort to ensure they are accessible to all students and will list their facilities and supports available on the Positive Start website.

Express your interest today

Places are limited, so if you are interested in this opportunity for your child or children, register your interest as soon as possible. Registrations close Friday 25 March 2022.

For further information, including how to register, visit:
<https://vacsdta.educationapps.vic.gov.au/PositiveStartHolidayCamps/>
or scan the QR code.



Please also refer to the Holiday Camp Information below.

Once you register your interest, the Department of Education and Training will send you more information about available programs and how you can secure a booking.

Find out more

For further enquiries about the Positive Start holiday camps or to register your interest, contact positivestart@education.vic.gov.au

Kind regards

Stephen Fraser
Deputy Secretary
School Education Programs and Support
Department of Education and Training

To register your interest please click on the following link and register your email, the Positive Start team will then be in touch with further information. **REGISTRATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 25TH MARCH**

<https://vacsdta.educationapps.vic.gov.au/PositiveStartHolidayCamps/>

Participate eligibility must have one or more of the following criteria - Health Care card, CSEF application, disability, refugee background, out of home care, indigenous students, in the Navigator Program or experienced a school closure of 5 days or more.

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