



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 8

1st April 2022

Upcoming Dates

Reward Day	Thursday 7th April
Pyjama Day/ Last day of Term- 2.30pm FINISH	Friday 8 th April
Term 2 commences	Tuesday 26 th April
Teeth on Wheels	Monday 2 nd May
Book Fair	Wednesday 4 th May

News from the Principal

Dear Families,

We can't quite believe we are heading towards the end of term 1!

It has been fantastic to be able to have a full school term. There has been a range of exciting things that have happened including excursions to Sovereign Hill, Dementia trail, our School Athletics day (the first time in two years) and our Learning to Learn program at the beginning of year. The students are really getting into our academic learning with tutoring programs, Sounds Write and Numeracy Number talks up and running.

Next Thursday is a Reward Day where the whole school has a chance to celebrate all their successes in our learning, I'm sure it will be a great day.

On the last day of school students are celebrating with a 'pyjama day' led by the SRC. Please bring a gold coin donation.

Next week teachers will also be planning in their Year groups for next terms Inquiry topic, which is Science focused.

Pick Up Times and After School Care:

We are experiencing a large number of early pick-ups from school.

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. Victorian schools are experiencing ongoing staff shortages that is impacting our daily operations including staffing of our Admin Office.

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 first 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.

Warm regards,

Leah Lacny

Acting Principal

I respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Victoria and pay respect to the ongoing living cultures of First Peoples.



Reward Day forms must be returned by MONDAY or students will be unable to attend.

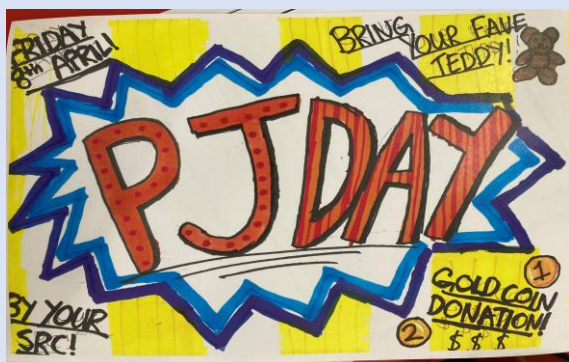


TEETH ON WHEELS- FREE Dental Care


An email was sent out this week to families regarding Teeth on Wheels visiting our school next Term on the **2nd of May**. Teeth on Wheels are focused on providing check-ups and cleaning appointments onsite and will be able to advise you if your child is eligible to receive FREE dental care under The Child Dental Benefit Schedule. **Forms this year need to be filled out online and before the 2nd May**. Once you have completed your form online the Teeth on Wheels team will be in contact to schedule your child’s appointment.

The Students Council members (SRC) met recently to discuss a fundraiser for Term 1. They brainstormed some ideas and decided on a ‘Pyjama Day’ for the last day of term where students could bring their **favourite teddy** and make a **gold coin donation**.

Last week, SRC members were busy making posters to advertise the event around school.



2.30PM FINISH
on Friday 8th April
– End of Term 1



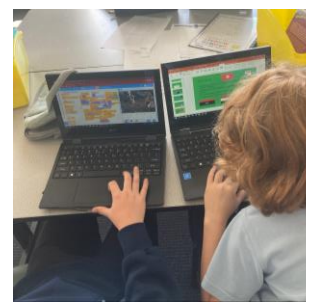
Grade 5/6B update

Students in 5/6B have been working on passion projects to do with our inquiry topic 'Making Democracy'. Here's a snapshot of some of the amazing projects currently underway. Well done students on using teamwork, creativity and individual talents to showcase your knowledge and understanding of Australia's Democracy.

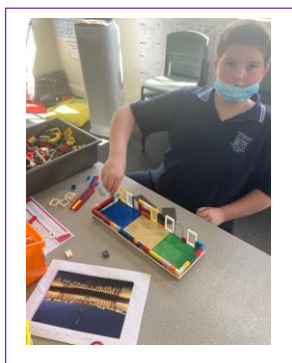
Eva, Siera and Ruby are creating posters to represent life in Australia and to showcase our Democratic values and principles of freedom and equality.



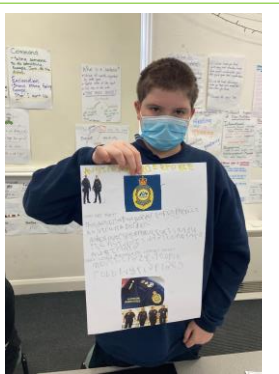
Odin is creating a website/presentations on the History of Democracy. Jack is coding a computer game on the three levels of government.



Storm and Zac are creating clay statues to represent the three-levels of government.



Blade completed an informational poster on the Australian Border Force and is now creating a LEGO construction of Parliament House.



Term 1 Reward Day



At Mount Pleasant Primary School, Gold and Silver Reward Days are special days to acknowledge and reward children for their positive behaviour throughout the school term.

On **Thursday, 7th of April**, students who have achieved Gold and Silver status will be attending the following:

Foundation students will be going to Peady Street Reserve to play games and have a picnic as a group. Students who achieve Bronze status will be supervised by Kate at school.

Year 1 to Year 6 students will be going to Sovereign Hill. Students will be leaving with staff at 10am and return approximately at 1:30pm. **Students are allowed to bring a maximum of \$8 dollars to spend.** Students who achieve Bronze status will be supervised by Kate at school.

There is no cost for attending this terms Reward Day.

Please return forms by the 4th of April.



Leah Lacny



WALK FOR AUTISM BALLARAT

Sunday 3rd April 2022

*Promoting autism acceptance,
neurodiversity & inclusion*

*Come along & show your support for families
& individuals on the autism spectrum
Let's get-together on Sunday 3rd April and put the
spotlight on autism*

MEET at 11.00am at Lake Wendouree playground & picnic area

WALK 11.30 through Fairy Land (short walk 20 mins)

Activities and giant bubbles entertainment with Tim Tim
Free sausage sizzle!



All welcome! Bring your family & friends to support the autism community and inspire a more inclusive world.

We are all superheroes so come along as your favourite superhero!

SEE YOU THERE!

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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.*

EXCITING NEWS

Teeth on Wheels are visiting next Term



PAPER FREE FROM 2022- ONLINE FORMS ONLY

At Teeth On Wheels, we provide the highest quality dental treatment while making it fun, positive and memorable for children.

With the help of the government your child might be eligible for **FREE** dental care.

Our dental services include:

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- ✓ Scale, Clean and Fluoride Treatments
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Phone: VIC (03) 9338 1191

Email: info@teethonwheels.com.au

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