



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



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Upcoming Dates

The World of Bees Incursion	Monday June 6
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	Monday June 13
School Photos	Friday June 17

News from the Principal

Dear Families,

This week I am very pleased to be welcoming Dok back to Mount Pleasant Primary School for the next four weeks. You will see Dok around the playground and school so make sure you say g'day and give him a warm MPPS welcome back!!!

Congratulations to our Year 3 and Year 5 students who undertook a range of NAPLAN tests this week. Thank you to all of our staff who worked to ensure timetables, computers, and tests were setup for our students. Holding NAPLAN with staffing shortages and student absences has presented some challenges, but as always, our students and team rise to the challenge!

Yesterday I had the pleasure of hearing a preview of our new SCHOOL SONG! This has involved all of our students in the song making process, taking their ideas and weaving it into a catchy and original song for MPPS. Thank you to local song writer Earl Leonard who has worked in such an engaging a fun way with our learners. Stay tuned...

Assessment Week

Next week we begin our midyear student assessments. Students will take a range of Literacy and Numeracy assessments. These assessments will be used along with teacher understandings of their students, observations and anecdotal notes to develop a deeper understanding of student capabilities.

School Uniform

We are noticing some students not wearing the correct school uniform and not dressed appropriately for the weather each day. During term 2 children are to wear a winter uniform. Please ensure your child has a clean school uniform each day, appropriate shoes and jacket for play outside - there's no such thing as bad weather, only inappropriate clothes. As a reminder, when purchasing school items please ensure you purchase **navy blue items** (including pants, shorts, skorts, t-shirts). The school is currently transitioning from light blue to navy blue t-shirts. Attached is an example of the correct school uniform at Mount Pleasant Primary School.

COVID Update

This week has seen the school **significantly impacted** with COVID. We urge families to please continue to keep symptomatic children at home and keep RAT testing if unwell or are a close contact.

Whilst it is pleasing to hear that masks are no longer required in Primary schools we ask that families presenting with symptoms please **do not** present to the Admin Office or at school if unwell. Schools are still high-risk spaces and are running at staffing shortages statewide. If you and/or your child presents at school with symptoms we will ask you to please step outside or put on a mask. Unwell children presenting with symptoms will still be required to be picked up from school. We appreciate your understanding with our efforts to keep our school safe and running as close to "normal" as possible. We continue to work to ensure our students are at the centre and to provide continuity of learning.



Home Reading Program:

We highly value our Home Reading Program at Mount Pleasant Primary School. Developing a nightly home reading routine is paramount to children's reading success. The school sees the most reading growth in students who are committed to a nightly home reading routine.

We strongly encourage all children to read to for at least 5-10 minutes every night at home. Schools provide many activities, learning routines that teach our learners how to read – **the consolidation of this learning happens with an evening reading routine.**

Kind Regards,

Kate Robinson
Principal

HAPPY EDUCATION SUPPORT DAY!

A big THANKYOU to all our ES staff who show empathy, warmth and compassion every day. It takes a big heart to help shape growing minds. We are so lucky to have you all at MPPS.

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



**Did you know your child's best learning time
is the start of the school day?
That's when every minute counts!
School starts promptly at 8.55am.**



He/she is missing	That equals...	Which is...	Over 13 school years...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes a week	1 school week a year	Nearly 1/3 of a school year
20 minutes a day	1 hr 40 minutes a week	2 school weeks a year	Over 1/2 a school year
30 minutes a day	2 hrs 30 minutes a week	3 school weeks a year	Over 1 school year
60 minutes a day	5 hrs a week	6 school weeks a year	Over 2 school years

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A great school in the heart of Ballarat.

Book a **School Tour** here:

<https://mtpleasps.vic.edu.au/book-a-tour/>

Stay up to date with the latest here:

www.facebook.com/Mtpleasps

Call 5332 3646 for an Enrolment Pack

ON-SITE
After School Care
Monday to Friday



Grade 1/2 News

This week, Grade 1/2s have been reading the text 'The Potato People' by Pamela Allen, as part of our whole school Term 2 Inquiry Knowledge Unit and Sustainability. On Wednesday, students created their own potato people and placed them on their classroom windowsill. Over the next few weeks, students will observe and record the changes the potatoes go through as they begin to decompose.



NOMINATIONS FOR BALLARAT'S BEST TEACHER HAVE CLOSED AND NOW IT'S TIME TO VOTE!

Vote for your favourite teacher below for their chance to win some awesome prizes for the class and the school including a brand new Apple iPad and MacBook!

Voting is limited to once per day so don't forget to spread the word to help your class and teacher.

Main voting closes midday on Friday May 20th before our Top 10 teachers are released on Monday May 23rd!

Hop online to vote at
powerfmballarat.com.au

VOTE NOW and daily!

Our nominated teachers are **Leah Lacy** and **Dave Elvey**.



Extend After School Care
3.15pm – 6.00pm
Call 1300 366 437
for enquiries.



Everything \$5



A selection of **Second-hand uniform** is currently on sale from the General Office between the hours of 8.30-10.30am each morning and 2.30-4pm in the afternoon. General Covid safe practices will be in place.

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 PS Uniform



Student outer wear:

School t-shirt with logo
School jumper with logo
or
Navy blue t-shirt with collar
While we are transitioning to navy blue old school light blue t-shirts are still permitted.



Student dress:

Checked blue and white school dress
Navy blue pinafore during winter



Student bottoms:

Plain navy pants/shorts/skorts
Mid thigh length
No leggings, coloured pants or jeans



Student footwear:

Plain closed toe black shoes with a flat sole
Plain black runners
Navy tights during winter
White socks during summer
Navy or black socks during winter



(students may wear coloured sports shoes on the day they have PE)