



# Mount Pleasant Primary School

# NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 14

May 27th, 2022

## 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,

We have had a very busy week working with students on mid year assessments. Included in this has been the Maths Online Interview and DIBELS – a reading assessment from F-6. Thank you to all staff and students who have worked hard to ensure we have accurate and timely data for our semester one reporting period.

We are half way through our Arts Intensives for Term 2. This terms focus has been looking at Sustainability through the lens of puppetry. As students come together to further develop their processes and skills we are always thrilled to see such high levels of excitement and engagement. Students are able to show socially and emotionally how they collaborate together in the artistic process. You can stay up to date with what this looks like on our school Facebook page and Instagram.

This week a further package of RA Tests have been sent home. Thank you to families who continue to support us all to stay safe and well. You may have seen in the news the pressures our schools are under and we are very grateful to still be fully open and operational given staffing shortages.

### Kelly Sports

It has been wonderful to have Kelly Sports back on site this term. Please ensure students come ready for and dressed for PE each Monday.

### School Camps

We will soon be sending notes home to our Year 3-4 and Year 5-6 students for expression of interests for camps during term 3. We have bookings for Year 3-4 at Log Cabin Lodge and Year 5-6 at Campaspe in Kyneton.

### 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 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.

### 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 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.**

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 - PGL Adventure Camps at Campaspe Downs – 2022



As part of our interpersonal and Personal Learning programs children in Year 5 and 6 will be given the opportunity to participate in a camp to Campaspe Downs, close to Kyneton this year.

It is an excellent venue for students to visit as it provides many recreational opportunities, promote resilience and teamwork.

The Campaspe Downs camp will be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of August to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of August 2022.

Activities will be included:

Archery	Canoeing	Team Challenge
Bush Walk	Flying Fox	Initiative Exercises
Bush Craft	Low Ropes	Orienteering

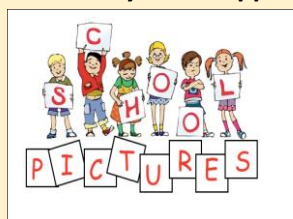
The cost of the Campaspe Downs camp is \$280 per student.

To assist parents meet the commitments a payment schedule will be offered by the school whereby parents can make regular monthly payments.

**Expression of interest forms went home with students on Wednesday. Please return forms and a \$50 deposit by Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2022.**

Please contact Dave Elvey if you have any further questions.

School Photo Day is fast approaching.



**On Friday June 17<sup>th</sup>**

Please remember ...

On photo day, please send your child to school with:

1. A completed envelope (even if not placing an order or ordering online)
2. Best school clothes including school jumper.
3. Their very best smile.

**Photo envelopes will be sent home next week.**



**Issue 4 of Book Club** order forms went home today and are due back on **Wednesday June 8th**. 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.



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.

## NOW TAKING 2023 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS

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:

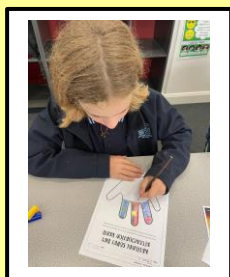
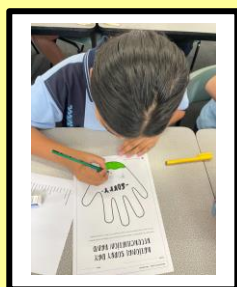
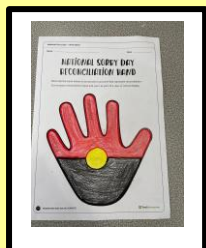
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Call 5332 3646 for an Enrolment Pack

ON-SITE  
After School Care  
Monday to Friday



**National Sorry Day**, or the National Day of Healing, is an annual event that has been held in Australia on 26<sup>th</sup> of May since 1998. The event remembers and commemorates the mistreatment of the country's Indigenous peoples, as part of an ongoing process of reconciliation. This week our school have explored the event by reading 'Sorry Day' by Coral Vass. The classes have discussed it's meaning and created our hands of solidarity. ♥️🟡🖤🟡🟢🤍



## Visual Art News

In Visual Art this term we are making art in the most sustainable way possible. We have a lot of recycled fabric and yarn that has been donated to the school, so we are getting creative to make wonderful textile artworks!

Foundation has been beading to make yarn jewellery, while Years 1 and 2 have been weaving and stitching. Year 3 and 4 have been creating imaginative jungles with recycled magazines and fabric, while Year 5 and 6 have been twisting, wrapping and using their imagination to make unique scrappy creatures from recycled fabric. Here are some pictures of their work in progress!

Diana.



## The World of Bees

### Incursion



The World of Bees incursion will give the students an opportunity to step into the fascinating world of bees. Students will discover a fun and engaging way, why bees are important to our environment and to the food that we eat. Beekeeper Tom shares his experiences and genuine passion for bees and honey, involving children through hands on equipment and interactive games. The incursion will not include actual bees onsite.

Excursion forms to be returned to school by the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June.



**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. Checking hair on a regularly basis helps us keep this issue under control. Thank you for your support.*

# say cheese!

School Photo Day is fast approaching.  
*Have your child's school memories captured forever*  
on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

Your photo order envelopes will arrive shortly. Please start planning your purchases and payment options.

Remember these helpful points:

- Read all relevant instructions for your preferred payment method.  
**All payments are due by photo day.**
- You may pay **online** using your credit card. Each child will have an individual 'shootkey' listed on their envelope. This will help identify your child's order.
- You may pay by cash using the individual envelope provided.  
**Please enclose correct money as no change will be given.**
- *Sibling photo envelopes are available at the school office upon request. THESE PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN DURING SCHOOL, ON PHOTO DAY, USUALLY AT RECESS*
  - Please instruct siblings to attend the photo studio during this time. Photographers are unable to search for students who do not attend.
- Do not seal envelopes inside each other. You may include payment for all children in one envelope, however, please indicate on this envelope the names of all the children you are paying for.
- All students should wear their correct school uniform.

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact

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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.**

