



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 4

4th March 2022

Upcoming Dates

Before School Athletics	Monday March 7 th
Labour Day Public Holiday	Monday March 14 th
Athletics Carnival	Tuesday March 15 th
Netball Carnival	Thursday March 17 th
Grade 5/6 Sovereign Hill Excursion	Tuesday March 22 nd



News from the Principal

Dear Families,

I would like to begin by thanking Leah Lacny for doing an exceptional job at stepping in as Acting Principal this week. We have had a number of staff isolating and Leah and the entire team should all be congratulated on their capacity to work so well as a team! We are grateful to have such a wonderful team of teachers and education support staff at MPPS.

Thank you to families who are keeping unwell children at home and following the RAT testing regimes. We send our best wishes to those who have unwell family members at home and are at home isolating.

In the coming two weeks we will be contacting families via email regarding students reading progress. You will also have the opportunity to request a phone call with your child's teacher. This year we are focussing on ensuring that all of our students make adequate Reading growth. We know that the best learning outcomes are achieved when we work in partnership with our families.

A gentle reminder to please return the green Code of Conduct form, if you need another one please contact your child's teacher and we will send it home in their bag. All children and families must return a signed form indicating that they understand the schools Code of Conduct at the beginning of each year.

Sports Day:

A reminder that School Sports Day is on Tuesday 15th March. The current advice is that we are able to have families attend as spectators. This means that they must remain behind the barrier and not walk onto the field during events. We appreciate everyone's co-operation with this. It is exciting to be able to have a Sports Day and have families able to watch on!

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 remainder 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.

Reading Program:

Children and families are doing a wonderful job of remembering to bring their Readers back to school each day. Reading each night has a significant impact on reading outcomes. We encourage all families to spend some time each evening reading together or listening to your child read their reader or Sounds Write word list.

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.



Mount Pleasant Primary School Sports Day 2022

Date – Tuesday March 15th 2022

Venue - Llanberris Athletics Centre

Bus departs - 9:10am sharp

What to bring –Water bottle, lunch box with lots of snacks and lunch.

Wear - PE Uniform (House colours), Sports Shoes (Trainers) and a wide brimmed hat.

Please note: The canteen will be open, but students will be solely responsible for money brought on the day. No liability for lost or stolen funds.

Parents can come to support however parents must remain on the outside of the track.

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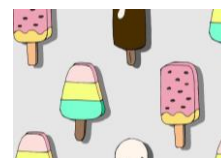
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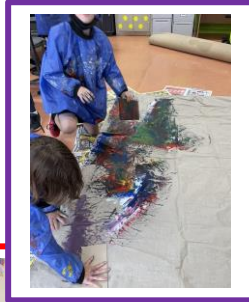
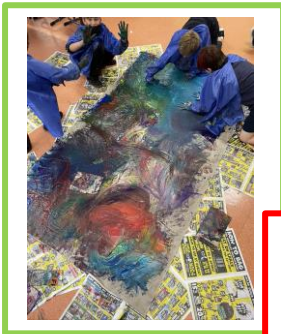
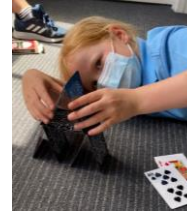


NO LUNCH ORDERS until
further notice.

Grade 3/4 update

Over the past few weeks, the Grade 3/4's have been working hard to develop their knowledge of place value. The students have used different manipulatives such as MAB blocks, counters and cards to explore large numbers, into the thousands and beyond.

This week our students have learnt what it means to be persistent. The students were each given a deck of cards and were asked to build a tower. The students found it challenging; however, they all persisted and kept trying even when their tower would fall.



Collaborative Year 5/6 Painting in Visual Art

We've had a fun start to the year learning about how to express your emotions through painting. One of the artists we've learned about is Jackson Pollock, who uses very unconventional techniques to splatter, splash and smear paint on the canvas.

We seized the opportunity to make one giant collaborative painting when we had a combined class this week. It was super fun, super messy and we were very proud of our efforts! We now have a wonderful, colourful, emotion filled masterpiece to share with our community.

Year 1/2 Excursion

Last Friday, Year 1/2 went on an excursion to Woowookarung Regional Park.

Woowookarung – 'a place of plenty' is part of the traditional lands of the Wadawurrung Aboriginal People. We used our five senses; touch, taste, smell, sight and listening to explore the Dementia Trail as part of our inquiry – People and Places.

Students walked through the trail, using their senses to identify native Australian vegetation and wildlife. Students were given time to stop, listen and reflect on the wonderful native elements around them and record their findings.

See photos from the day below.



Late Passes



If your child arrives to school late please remind them that they must see Sarah or Janine before getting their pass and moving to class. Our late passes work well as a way of communicating to classroom teachers that a child has been noted at the office and will be marked as present. Occasionally, a student will move to class without the office staff seeing them. Parents may then get a text message to state that they are absent.



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Parents of students in
Grades 4, 5 and 6 are
warmly encouraged to attend

INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 16th March, 2022

Information Sessions

will be held at 5.00pm and 6.00pm
in the Theatre, followed by school tours.

Bookings essential.



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Mount Pleasant Primary School Brian Peoples Virtual BBQ

Thank you to staff and families who participated in the virtual BBQ and uploading a photo to our Padlet. It looks like heaps of fun and family time was had 😊

Special shout outs for 'Best BBQ Setup', 'Best Salad' and 'Happy Helper' -

Lily and Matilda
Niamh
Annemarie and Marcus
Miranda
Saul and Seth
Hamish



Parliament of Victoria – Online Incursion

Inquiry this term is 'Making Democracy' - the importance of our democratic values, the rules that are designed to protect our rights, and the responsibilities we have to others.

On Thursday, the grade 5/6's had first-hand experience of Australia's democratic system as they met online with a representative from Parliament Victoria to learn how laws are made in Victoria. Students learned about the process for making laws and took part in a vote on a bill to ban plastic straws. Some students volunteered to debate the reasons for and against the bill. In the end, the aye's won by 11-7, and the bill to ban plastic straws was passed into law.





EXTEND OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

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Extend offers fun programs that develop and nurture young minds including science, cooking, sports and imaginative play.

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Bookings for our Extend Squad Holiday Program will soon be open! Keep an eye out for an email from us in coming days to find out what fun activities are on offer each day so you can secure the days you need for school holidays.

Visit extend.com.au to enrol your child or book your sessions!



Enquiries 1300 366 437

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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.



This advice has been prepared by the Department of Education and Training, Safer Care Victoria and the Department of Health and Human Services