



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 11

May 6th, 2022

Upcoming Dates

Curriculum Day/Student Free day
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
School Photos

Thursday May 12
Monday June 13
Friday June 17

NO SCHOOL
FOR STUDENTS
NEXT
THURSDAY

News from the Principal

Dear Families,

This week has been wonderfully busy for our learners. We have had a local musician and song writer Earl Leonard visit us to begin writing our SCHOOL SONG! Earl will be working with our students to create the words and music for our school song over this term. The song will be recorded and the school will use it at events, assembly and in the classroom. Stay tuned...

We also had the Book Fair and Mother's Day Stall, thank you to everyone who contributed to making these events so successful.

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 RA Testing.

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 state wide. 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.

Home Reading:

It has been wonderful to see students get straight back into their home-school reading routines. Keeping a home reading routine has a big impact on student reading abilities. We are immensely proud of our students and seeing the progress they are making with reading. Keep up the good work!

Curriculum Day – Getting our reading model right!

Thursday May 12th is a student free day. The staff will be working with Emina McLean of "getting our reading model right!" Emina McLean's background is in speech pathology, education, child and adolescent psychiatry and public health. She is an English, literacy and pedagogy researcher and lecturer at La Trobe University and Head of English and Literacy at Docklands Primary School. Emina also works as a professional learning provider, consultant, and instructional coach in schools across Australia. In this session Emina will discuss where we are at and where we are going with reading instruction at Mount Pleasant PS. She will explore best practices in fluency instruction as well as the what, why and how of reading and discussing texts daily to build comprehension, vocabulary and knowledge. Given the changes we are making, implications for reporting will also be discussed. This is an exciting time for MPPS, Emina is an extremely sought-after presenter and literacy expert. We are thrilled to have her continue to support us into 2023 with a "critical friend" role to further develop literacy, reading and writing. Please Agenda for a deeper overview of the day.

Attendance;

The Department of Education has a strong focus on student attendance, the school is required to ensure all children are attending school each day unless there is a valid reason for absence.

We value consistent attendance and being at school on time. Being late impacts children's sense of belonging and interrupts classroom routines. From time to time, we understand that your child may be late or miss a day of school due to an appointment or illness. Please notify the Admin Office if your child is absent.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students are held in May each year. In 2022, Mount Pleasant Primary School will have the NAPLAN Online tests next week on Tuesday 10th May and Wednesday 11th May. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals and can be used to improve student achievement.

Warm regards,

Kate Robinson
Principal

MPPS would like to wish all our Mother's, Grandma's, Aunties and Special Women in our life a lovely Mother's Day on Sunday!



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



★ Exceptional Attendance Awards ★	
Foundation Marshall Chance Charlie Alex Ellena Joey Mehnaz	Year 1-2 Wyatt Quinn Tommy Saul Niamh Melody Millie Autumn Beau Duke Zahra Jackson Skylar
Year 3-4 Zenna Miranda Zac Summer Arcie Annemarie Zoey Evie Lily Matilda Zac	Year 4-5 Deklon Madeine Vincent Zaidan Ruby Deakan Seth Hope Siera
These students have 0 unexplained absences, late arrivals or early pickups. Congratulations to the above students on exceptional attendance during Term 1.	

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.



Issue 3 of Book Club order forms went home this week and are due back on **Wednesday 11th May**. 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.

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

Stay up to date with the latest here:
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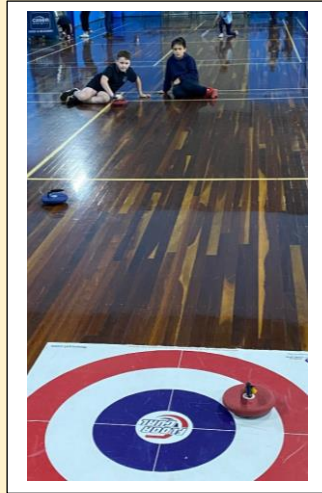
Call 5332 3646 for an Enrolment Pack

ON-SITE
After School Care
Monday to Friday



34A NEWS

On Monday morning, the Grade 3/4 class attended a PE excursion at the Ken Kay Badminton stadium. During the excursion students got to trial 3 different sports: pickleball, badminton and curling. All of the students were enthusiastic throughout the session and they quickly developed their knowledge and skills in each sport.



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On Monday morning we went to the Ken Kay Badminton Stadium to play Pickleball, Badminton and Curling. We travelled by two buses.

When we arrived, we sat down as a group and listened to the volunteers about the sports instructions.

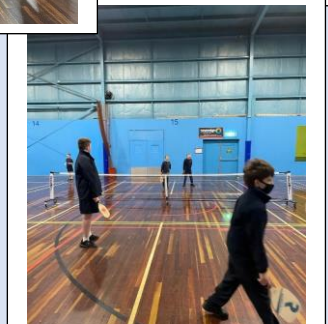
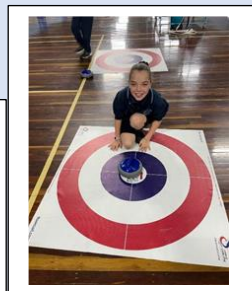
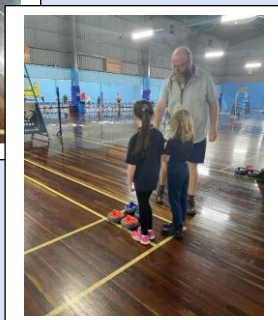
First, we went to Badminton. We played in partners against another team. Some of us found it challenging to get the shuttle over the net.

Then we swapped to Curling and we did this in pairs. In the pairs, we had to try and hit the middle of the target and knock my partners curls out.

Finally, we played Pickleball. Someone of us found it challenging hitting the very different looking ball (that had lots of holes in it). The paddle was also very heavy for some of us.

Storm and Dom bet the number of times to hit the pickleball in the longest rally with 13 hits.

Overall, we found the morning to be excellent, fantastic and exciting.



Newsletter item created by Year 5/6A students.

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

