



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 9

8th April 2022

Upcoming Dates

Pyjama Day/**Last day of Term- 2.30pm FINISH**

Term 2 commences

Teeth on Wheels

Badminton/Pickle Ball/Curling Excursion (Yr.'s 1-6)

Book Fair -Make a Wish Day

Friday 8th April

Tuesday 26th April

Monday 2nd May

Monday 2nd May (9-11am)

Wednesday 4th May

News from the Principal

Dear Families,

What a wonderful term we have had at Mount Pleasant Primary School. We have welcomed new families, held our first Athletic Day in two years and continued to develop strong foundations for our learners. Children have made excellent connections to their peers and teachers.

Term 2 will be a very busy term and only 9 weeks, we will be fitting a lot in during a short space of time. All-important notices are sent via email/SMS alert regarding school operations, Instagram and Facebook are to showcase student activities.

A HUGE thank you to all of our teachers, education support staff, families and especially our incredible learners who continue to partner together to create a great learning community.

Over the holidays take the time to enjoy spending time together, resting and also maintaining good routines! Ensuring children stay in reasonable sleep, eating and reading routines will mean a smoother start back for term 2.

School Holiday Jobs – School Uniform Term 2

School holidays are a time to catch up with each other and catch up on jobs such as organising school uniforms. In readiness for term 2 we would like to remind families;

- to have correct winter uniforms
- appropriate winter shoes
- school or navy blue jumpers (including a spare)

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. It is the parent/carer responsibility to ensure your child wears the correct and clean school uniform each day. Navy blue items such as 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.

Arts Intensive

We are pleased to be holding a Term 2 Arts Intensive for small groups of children that Diana and Glynis are leading on **Fridays during weeks 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 next term**. The focus is Puppetry (hand puppets & shadow puppets) and the theme is the Inquiry focus: Sustainability. The link to Literacy learning is an important aspect of these sessions. With the aim to build vocabulary and focus on the prosody aspect of fluency.



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.

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,
Kate Robinson
Principal

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



Book Fair Thursday 5th May



The Scholastic Book Fair will hit Mount Pleasant on Thursday 5th May. *Students will have the opportunity to view the books on Wednesday 4th May where they can select books to put on a wish list.* On the day of the Book Fair (Thursday 5th May) we encourage parents to send money to school with their children as students will have the opportunity to purchase books and staff will be there to assist them. The Book Fair will not be open to parents. If you have any queries, please contact the office.



TEETH ON WHEELS- FREE Dental Care

An email was sent out last 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.

Grade 1/2 News

This Term, Grade 1/2s Inquiry focus has been Community. Students have explored concepts such as what a community is, what makes up their own personal community, who is a part of their community and services found within their community. Over the past two weeks, students have been very busy creating buildings for businesses in their community. Today, students were able to present their hard work to other students in our school.



Ballarat Primary Schools Regional Athletics Carnival – 5 April

What a fabulous day to compete against 7 local primary schools at the Regional Athletics Meet. Excitement and enthusiasm of the 22 Athletes attending and representing Mount Pleasant Primary School was evident. The following students were successful in gaining a ribbon in the respective events.

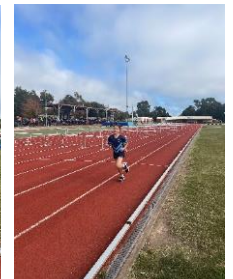


Lylah 3rd 1500m
Maddy 2nd Long Jump
Eithan O 2nd Shot Put, 3rd - 100m, 3rd - 1500m
Jack 2nd - Hurdles
Dom - 1st High Jump, 2nd Hurdles
Mark - 2nd Discuss



There were other successes that I would like to mention. Resilience of an athlete that had a fall in the 100m yet picked themselves up to then compete in the 200m, the comments about how respectful and patient our athletes were in the marshalling area whilst awaiting their events and the number of students who made new friends. Whilst not event specific, the students did our school proud through showing kindness, respect and accountability.

We are so very proud of each and every one of you for putting in 100 percent effort and giving your events a 'red hot go'.



Reward Day Term 1 2022

A great way to end the Term with a trip to Sovereign Hill and Peady Reserve. Reward day was filled with Raspberry Drops, Gold Panning, Gold Pour demonstration, meeting animals, parachutes, a picnic, icy poles and bubbles and celebrating a great term together.



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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 over the holidays.*

EXCITING NEWS Teeth on Wheels are visiting next Term



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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