



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 15

June 3rd, 2022

Upcoming Dates

The World of Bees Incursion	Monday 6 th June
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	Monday 13 th June
School Photos	Friday 17 th June
Parent Teacher Interviews 2.15 – 6pm	Tuesday 21 st June
Parent Teacher Interviews 2.15 – 4.30pm	Wednesday 22 nd June
Last day of term – 2.30pm FINISH	Friday 24 th June
Term 3 commences	Monday 11 th July

News from the Principal

Dear Families,

Winter is upon us! The days have certainly become colder and the nights longer. With this in mind, please ensure children are sent to school dressed appropriately. Weather dependent, we aim to have all children outside for a run and fresh air every day.

Victorian schools continue to manage daily challenges with the impacts of COVID-19, Influenza and illness. This significantly impacts the daily operations of our school. Again, I would like to thank families, staff and students who continue to work in this fluctuating environment. As a school we are continuing to do our best to provide continuity of learning whilst still planning exciting learning experiences. We are pleased to be having a whole school incursion with Coastal Nectar to learn all about the importance of Bees and sustainability, Year 3-4 camp and Year 5-6 camps planned.

In regards to student illness, we send our best wishes to families and students that are or have been unwell. This is not an easy time and being unwell on top of everything can be very challenging. If you need support in accessing services please do not hesitate to reach out, we can assist with connecting families with further supports.

Mid-year Student Reports

Mid-year reports will be sent home on Monday 20th June. We will be holding Parent Teacher Interviews on Tuesday 21st of June and Wednesday 22nd June. Booking notes will be sent out to families at the end of next week. We are all looking forward to having families on site for these interviews.

Cold Weather

At Mount Pleasant Primary School, we like our students to go outside for fresh air each day. Please make sure children are dressed appropriately for colder weather each day – extra layers including a skivvy, jacket and hat are very helpful to keep them warm.

Principal's Conference

This week all Victorian school principals took part in the first Principals' Conference since 2019. The conference program was designed around 4 key themes:

- learning and wellbeing
- power of education and community
- education for reconciliation
- transformative possibilities of inclusion

The key themes were strong around student inclusion and wellbeing. It was pleasing to see many of the things our school already implements and/or set out in our 2020 – 2024 Strategic Plan being highlighted as key components.

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.**

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.



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 3rd of June.

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.



**REMEMBER
ONCE A WEEK,
TAKE A PEEK**

YEAR 7

Information Session

REGISTER
NOW



Thursday 9th June 2022

4:00pm-4:30pm

(followed by refreshments)

Ballarat Christian College

Cnr Yarrowee & Vickers Streets, Sebastopol

We will be running the Year 7 information session for Year 5 and 6 students, who will be looking to commence Year 7 in 2023 or 2024.

The session will be open to current BalCC families and any prospective families.

For further information please email *Heather McInerney*, College Registrar at registrar@balcc.vic.edu.au or phone 5337 5900.

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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, promotes resilience and teamwork.

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

Activities will be included:

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

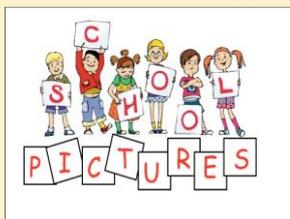
The cost of the Campaspe Downs camp is \$280 per student.

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 have already been sent home with students. Please return forms and a \$50 deposit by TODAY FRIDAY THE 3RD OF JUNE 2022.

Please contact Dave Elvey if you have any further questions.

School Photo Day is fast approaching.



On Friday June 17th

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 were sent home this 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:
www.facebook.com/Mtpleasps

Call 5332 3646 for an Enrolment Pack

ON-SITE
After School Care
Monday to Friday



say cheese!

School Photo Day is fast approaching.
*Have your child's school memories captured forever
on **Friday 17th 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.

