



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 21

July 28th, 2022

Upcoming Dates

Swimming Programme Years 1-4
Year 5 & 6 Camp

Friday 22nd July – 19th August (each Friday)
Wednesday 3rd August – Friday 5th August

Change for swimming – swimming will be for Years 1-4. Grade 5/6 will be rescheduled in Term 4 due to staffing shortages at the Aquatic Centre.

News from the Principal

Dear Families,

This week has seen the full blast of Ballarat winter weather. We aim to have children outside for playtime where the weather allows, please ensure students have a school jumper and a jacket for colder days.

This week I met with architects who will be leading us through the design and tender process for new student toilets. We are excited to begin this process!

I would like to remind families that our school is working under some significant workforce pressures during winter. We are managing each day at a time and student learning continuity is at the centre of our arrangements. Please continue to keep unwell children home, even if they do not have a positive RATest but are showing signs of illness, children need to stay home. Thank you to families that continue to support us by keeping themselves, their children and our entire community safe and operational.

This week the school has been undertaking a range of safety and security audits. This is standard practice in schools across the state and enables us to ensure we keep the safety of our students and staff at the centre. Over the coming weeks I will share some of the most up to date DET guidelines and school policies regarding school safety and security.

I would like to congratulate Leah Lacny who will be stepping into the Acting Principal role at Mt. Egerton Primary School from August 1st to August 12th. This means that I will attend Year 5-6 camp alongside David Elvey and Max Alaimo. We are all excited to be able to take our Year 5-6 to Campaspe in Kyneton for a fabulous adventure camp.

Nits and Student Hair

Thank you to families who continue to ensure their children have their hair tied back.

COVID-19 Update

The major change to schools issued regarding parents/carers who test positive to COVID-19 was issued at the end of Term 2. This came into effect at the beginning of Term 3 – parents/carers who test positive for COVID-19 are able to transport their children to and from school in their own private vehicles. They must travel to and from school only and must wear a face mask at all times and remain in their vehicle. RATests will continue to be delivered to families throughout Term 3 and Term 4. The screening recommendations remain the same – recommended testing is for students displaying symptoms.

Students and staff who are household contacts are no longer required to quarantine. They can return to school as long as they undertake RATests 5 times within their 7 day period and wear face masks indoors if they are aged 8 and above, unless they have a valid exemption. If any household contact returns a positive RATest result during this period, they must isolate for 7 days, not attend school and notify both the school and Department of Health.

Change of Contact details

Please let the Admin Office know as soon as possible if your details such as phone number, address change. In case of emergency the school needs up to date contact details of primary carers and emergency contacts.

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. Thank you to families that continue to return readers and assist with a 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.



Extend After School Care onsite at Mount Pleasant Primary School

Log online at www.extend.com.au or phone 1300 366 437 to book.

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A great school in the heart of Ballarat.

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

Stay up to date with the latest here:
www.facebook.com/Mtpleasps

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ON-SITE
After School Care
Monday to Friday



Term 3 Swimming Lessons for Years 1 to 4



The schools swimming program will run for 5 weeks throughout term 3 at the Ballarat Aquatic Centre commencing on **22nd July 2022 to 19 August 2022**. Students in Years 1 to 4 will complete their program on a Friday each week. Students will leave school at 1:30pm and swim between 2.00pm-2:45pm. They will then return to school, ready for the end of the day. Year 5/6 students will be rescheduled for Term 4 due to staffing shortages at the Aquatics Centre. The cost of swimming lessons is only \$20 due to the Education Department Subsidy. Students need to bring a towel, bathers and goggles in a clearly named swim bag.



Please help our school win the war against **head lice** by checking your child's hair over the holidays. Checking hair on a regularly basis helps us keep this issue under control. Thank you for your support.

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. Camp fees must be paid in full prior to camp.

If forms haven't been returned could you please do this ASAP.

Book Week will be held on the 20th to 26th of August.

The theme this year is 'Dreaming with Eyes Open'.

Now is a fantastic time to begin brainstorming costume ideas.



Just a reminder that if you are sending yoghurt or other food items that require spoons, to please send a spoon with your child. Unfortunately, we do not have an endless supply of them.



Administration

School Fees

Thank you to the families that have paid school fees this year. These fees play an important role in the delivery of programs the school can offer students. There are several ways fees can be paid at Mount Pleasant. These are: BPay, EFTPO, Cash and direct credit to the school account BSB 063502 Account Number 10137822.

5/6 CAMP

The 5/6 camp is coming up quickly. Just a reminder the camp must be paid for before students can attend and can be paid for via any of the above methods.

Kind regards
Janine Schulze
Business Manager

A black and white advertisement for 'CHILDREN'S INDOOR SOCCER'. It features a soccer ball in the center. Text includes 'INDIVIDUALS OR TEAMS', 'GREAT FOR BEGINNERS', 'AGES 6 TO 15 (BOYS & GIRLS)', 'SET DAY // SET TIME', and 'MAJOR LEAGUE INDOOR SPORTS'. At the bottom, it says '502 HOWITT STREET, BALLARAT' and 'CALL TREV ON 0416 134 901'. There is a logo for 'MAJOR LEAGUE INDOOR SPORTS' featuring a soccer ball and a person.



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Our safe, fun, educational programs and amazing educators will enrich your children's lives, support, and encourage your children's aspirations.

Enrolments are easy and free!

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PLANNED ACTIVITIES:

- Snake and Caterpillars
- Victorian Dome Jars
- Arts of Recycling
- Knitting, Embroidery, Sewing and stitching.



Enquiries 1300 366 437
Book online today

extend.com.au

Dear families,

Over the next 12 months, the Art Gallery of Ballarat will be offering an after-school art-making program for young people from selected Ballarat public schools. This special program is being offered free to participants.

We have booked local professional artists to deliver this exciting program and the sessions will change from term to term.

Each after-school program will run during one school term.

If you are enrolled for the term, we would be asking you to commit to the whole program.

The program during Term 3, 2022, which will run for 7 weeks, is now open for bookings.

Term 3 2022 Program

Creative artmaking with Emily Van Der Molen

Dates: Wednesdays, 27 July–14 September

Times: 4 pm – 5.30 pm

Ages: Primary aged students aged 8 to 12 years

Number of places available: 16

Printmaking with Diokno Pasilan

Date Thursdays, 28 July–15 September

Times: 4 pm–5.30 pm

Ages: Secondary students aged 12 to 17 years

Number of places available: 16

If you are interested in booking in, please complete the form link below

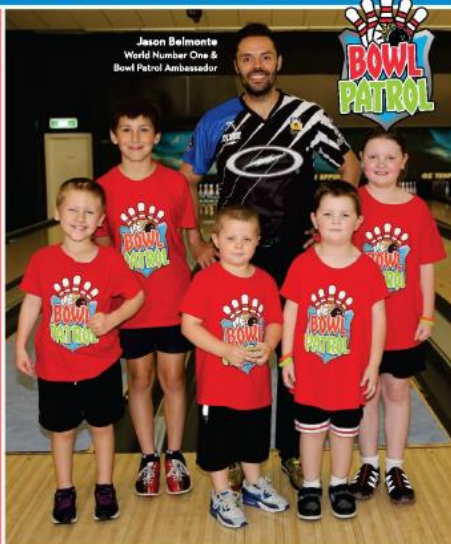
<https://forms.office.com/r/jDzajMq9nU>

If you have any questions, please email kategorman@ballarat.vic.gov.au

BOWL PATROL A NEW WAY TO LEARN TO BOWL

Bowl Patrol is a program for primary school aged children to learn the basic skills of tenpin bowling.

- Bowl with a qualified coach
- Inclusive support resources
- Vouchers accepted where applicable
- \$99 for 8 weeks
- Bowl Patrol T-Shirt, Cap & Drink Bottle included



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State Government

Does your family have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card?

You may be eligible for \$200 to help your child play sport. Find out more at: getactive.vic.gov.au



SCAN THE QR
CODE TO FIND A
LOCATION NEAR
YOU

For more information or to register go to www.bowlpatrol.com.au

VRI Delacombe Cricket Club would like to announce a **Free Junior Program**

Training

Under 11 - No Training

Under 13 - Tuesday Evening

Under 15 - Wednesday Evening

Under 17 - Wednesday Evening

Games

Under 11 - Wednesdays @ 4:30

Under 13 - Friday Nights

Under 15 - Saturday Mornings

Under 17 - Saturday Mornings

Members Day on the 22nd of July 2022 @ Doug Dean Reserve from 5pm to 7pm. Please come along and register your interest in playing for VRI. For more information please email: vridcc@gmail.com

**Get Your Kids into the
FUN of Cricket!**



**DAUGHTERS OF THE WEST REGISTRATIONS
NOW OPEN!**



Community
FOUNDATION



MAJOR PARTNER



Daughters of the West is a FREE ten-week health program which aims to empower women to improve their health and wellbeing by providing them with the tools, knowledge and support to take control of their health journey.

Venue: Selkirk Stadium

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Day: Wednesday

Commencing: 13th July 2022

OR

Venue: Phoenix P-12 Community College, Sebastopol Campus

Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Day: Wednesday

Commencing: 13th July 2022

To register click here: <https://www.westernbulldogs.com.au/foundation/programs>

For more information on the program, contact Sabelle McSparron from Sports Central on 5331 6966 (ext. 104) or sabellem@sportscentral.org.au.



Mt Pleasant Primary School Song

Five days a week, 40 weeks a year

My friends and I we all hang out here

This is our school, where we're learning how

To respect each other and ourselves as well, now

It's a long way to the top

But we're half way there

We're half way there at Mt Pleasant Primary School



When we walk up the hill, sometimes we get tired

But we bounce right back, because we're inspired

By our school values, we're building resilience

And skills we can use to share all our brilliance, yes

It's a long way to the top

But we're half way there

We're half way there at Mt Pleasant Primary School

We're part of a community

So we show responsibility

Being kind and helping out

Taking care of each other is what it's all about, yes

We break for fruit snack

We're on the right track

It's a long way to the top

But we're half way there

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24/7 Mental Health Services

Beyond Blue

Anyone feeling anxious or depressed


 beyondblue.org.au

 1300 22 4636

Kids Helpline

Counselling for young people aged 5 to 25


 kidshelpline.com.au

 1800 55 1800

MensLine Australia

Men with emotional or relationship concerns


 mensline.org.au

 1300 78 99 78

Open Arms

Veterans and families counselling


 openarms.gov.au

 1800 011 046

Lifeline

Anyone having a personal crisis


 lifeline.org.au

 13 11 14

Suicide Call Back Service

Anyone thinking about suicide

 suicidecallbackservice.org.au

 1300 659 467



Is it an emergency?

If you or someone you know is at immediate risk of harm, call **triple zero (000)**