



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 29

October 6th, 2022

Upcoming Dates

5/6 Central Square Excursion	Tuesday 11 th October
5/6 Swimming	Wednesday 12 th October
5/6 ACU Explore your Future Programs Excursion	Wednesday 8 th October
5/6 Swimming	Wednesday 19 th October
Make A Wish for Book Fair	Wednesday 19 th October
Book Fair (parents can attend 2.30-3.30pm)	Thursday 20 th October

**Please note change of phone number for absences
SMS - 0409 323 652**

News from the Principal

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 4! We trust that you have had a restorative break over the holidays. It has been wonderful to see our students return ready for learning. Their adaption back into learning routines has been exceptional. Students are showing enormous growth in their ability to transition back to full time learning.

I am DELIGHTED to announce that Mount Pleasant Primary School is the recipient of an Inclusive Schools Grant of **\$200,000** to build a new inclusive sensory playground that will support our learning community! This work will begin towards the end of 2022. Thank you to all that have supported us with this process either by writing letters or words of encouragement.

This term we would like to welcome families onto the school grounds at 3.10pm for pick up. This will give you an opportunity to meet other families during afternoon pick up.

When coming onto the school grounds this term;

- Please ensure that when on school grounds you continue to stay safe and maintain distance
- We still request that if you need to speak to your child's teacher that you make an appointment and contact them via SeeSaw, email or the school phone (it can be challenging for teachers to "meet on the spot" due to after school meetings/appointments)
- The gates will close at the same time, promptly at 3.30pm as staff need to continue with after school meetings, assessments and planning
- When families are on site after school, they are responsible for the safety of their children when the bell has gone, please make sure children are supervised, teachers are not be responsible for supervising children that have parents/families on the school grounds with them

Student Attendance

In the last week of school term Attendance letters were sent to all of our families. DET has a strong focus on daily student attendance when children are able to attend eg: when they are well and not sick. Mount Pleasant Primary School will be sending out termly Attendance letters that will include a visual snap shot of your child's attendance and late arrivals.

You can find out more about DET's Attendance Policy and the role of DET Attendance Officers here:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/attendance-and-missing-school>

Hats

During Term 4 students are required to wear a hat during recess. All children must bring a hat to school each day. This hat needs to be a broad brimmed hat, not a cap. Hats are available from the office for \$6. Please make sure your child's hat is named clearly.

School Lunches

Please ensure you pack your child's lunch each day. Staffing shortages in schools means that our Admin Staff are unable to be available to deliver student lunches to the classroom. We understand that from time to time a lunch box gets left on the kitchen bench, please call the school ahead if your child/ren have forgotten their lunch to make suitable arrangements.

Foundation Enrolments

Foundation enrolments are surging ahead! We will begin our Transition process this term. This will include 4 transition days for new Foundation students, an information session with families and a meet and greet with myself. We will also be asking new families to book students in during this term for the FELA assessment. FELA stands for Foundation Early Literacy Assessment, a program that has been used by educators around the world to assess a child's readiness for reading, and to provide both teachers and families with data about a child's preparedness for reading.

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.

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.



Issue 7 of Book Club order forms went home today and are due back on Wednesday October 19th. 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.



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. Checking hair on a regularly basis helps us keep this issue under control. Thank you for your support.

STUDENT ABSENCE – PROCEDURE

To reduce absences, parents are asked to advise the school of impending student absences (between 8.30am and 9.00am) by:

- Telephone – 5332 3646
- SMS - 0409 323 652 (Please note change of phone number)
- Email – mount.pleasant.ps@education.vic.gov.au

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:

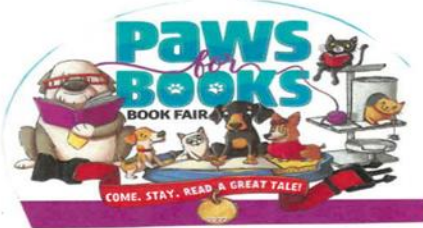
www.facebook.com/Mtpleasps

Call 5332 3646 for an Enrolment Pack

ON-SITE
After School Care
Monday to Friday



Book Fair Thursday 20th October



The Scholastic Book Fair will hit Mount Pleasant on Thursday 20th October. Students will have the opportunity to view the books on Wednesday 19th October where they can select books to put on a wish list. On the day of the Book Fair (Thursday 20th October) 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 be open to parents from 2.30pm – 3.30pm. **PLEASE NOTE: school gates will close at 3.30pm.** If you have any queries, please contact the office.



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.

Free Tickets AFLW Round 8 – Sunday 16th October

We have 100 free tickets to the AFLW Round 8 Pride Football match between Western Bulldogs and St Kilda. This will be held at Mars Stadium on Sunday 16th October commencing at 1.10pm.

If families are interested in attending this game, you can contact Michelle Jackson via email (michelle.jackson@education.vic.gov.au) with number of tickets that you require. Please note that these are adult tickets, as children under 18 are free.



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Meet and learn from all your favourite Ballarat Miners players

Aussie Hoops (4 - 7 years old)

Introductory basketball development program

Rookie Hoops (8 - 11 years old)

Introductory basketball development program

All Abilities Hoops (5 - 13 years old)

Introductory basketball development program

BALLARATBASKETBALL.COM.AU



Basketball Ballarat Community Programs

Basketball Ballarat provide children with a fun and safe basketball experience that will serve as an introduction to a lifetime involvement in the game. A wide variety of introduction to basketball programs are ran by Basketball Ballarat, allowing children to start learning basketball as young as 4 years old.

Basketball Ballarat's introduction to basketball programs:

- Aussie Hoops – perfect for children aged 4 – 7 years
- Rookie Hoops – perfect for children aged 8 – 11 years
- All Abilities Rookie Hoops – perfect for children aged 5 – 13 years whom are living with a disability

Registrations are now open for all community hoops programs, with the programs starting the week beginning October 10th.

For more information and to register: [Community \(nbl1.com.au\)](http://Community(nbl1.com.au))

For further details please contact Ethan Fiegert via email development@ballaratbasketball.com

or call reception on (03) 5338 1220

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.

Kind regards
Janine Schulze



EXTEND OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

School is back and we can't wait for Term 3!

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!

What are you waiting for? Secure your place today!

It only takes 10 minutes to enrol and 1 minute to book!

Visit extend.com.au to enrol your children for free and book your sessions!

BOOK 14 DAYS IN ADVANCE TO SECURE THE EARLY BIRD RATE!



Enquiries 1300 366 437
Book online today



PLANNED ACTIVITIES:

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

If your child has come home in clothing from the school due to an accident or wet weather, could you kindly return this washed so that we can reuse them. Currently our cupboard is bare, so if your child requires clothing, you may be called to drop some off.

If by chance you have any navy tracksuit pants, in excellent condition, that you no longer require and would like to donate to the wet weather cupboard it would be very much appreciated.

JUNIOR BASEBALL COME & TRY

T-BALL (5-7YEAR OLDS)
LITTLE LEAGUE (8-11 YEARS OLDS)

THURS 5PM - 6.30PM | OCTOBER 6TH - 13TH - 20TH

LOCATED AT PRINCE OF WHALES PARK OFF GILLIES ST

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HOW YOUR CHILD CAN BE INVOLVED

FOLLOW US @ BALLARAT ROYALS BASEBALL CLUB

FREE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS AT THE ART GALLERY OF BALLARAT

Dear families,

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 4, 2022, which will run for 7 weeks, is now open for bookings.

Term 4 2022 Program

Pirates ahoy with Pauline O'Shannessy Dowling

Dates: Wednesdays, 19 October–7 December

Times: 4 pm – 5.30 pm

Ages: Primary aged students aged 8 to 12 years

Number of places available: 16

Street Art with Stuart Walsh (aka Bacon Drum)

Date Thursdays, 20 October–8 December

Times: 4 pm–5.30 pm

Ages: Primary and Secondary students aged 11 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/mibQ8SrJQy>

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



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Term 4 2022 Parent Planner

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	October 3	October 4	October 5	October 6	October 7
Week 2	October 10	October 11 5/6 Central Square Excursion	October 12 5/6 Swimming	October 13	October 14
Week 3	October 17	October 18 5/6 ACU Explore your Future Programs	October 19 5/6 Swimming Make A Wish for Book Fair	October 20 Book Fair	October 21
Week 4	October 24	October 25	October 26 5/6 Swimming School Council Meeting Foundation 2023 Parent Information Session	October 27	October 28
Week 5	October 31	November 1 Melbourne Cup Day	November 2 5/6 Swimming	November 3	November 4
Week 6	November 7 2023 Foundation Parents meet and greet Principal Foundation 2023 Transition Day 1	November 8	November 9 5/6 Swimming	November 10	November 11
Week 7	November 14 Foundation 2023 Transition Day 2	November 15	November 16	November 17	November 18
Week 8	November 21 5/6 Log Cabin Camp Foundation 2023 Transition Day 3	November 22 5/6 Log Cabin Camp	November 23	November 24	November 25
Week 9	November 28	November 29	November 30 F-6 Ballarat Art Gallery Excursion	December 1	December 2 Teeth on Wheels
Week 10	December 5 Teeth on Wheels	December 6 Teeth on Wheels	December 7	December 8	December 9
Week 11	December 12	December 13 Orientation Day for Year 6 students	December 14 Rewards Day	December 15 Year 6 Graduation	December 16 Term 4 finishes 1.30pm
Week 12	December 19 Professional Practice Day	December 20 Professional Practice Day			

Public Holiday	Student Free Day
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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

We're half way there at Mt Pleasant Primary School

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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)**