

# Mount Pleasant Primary School NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 28 September 15th, 2022

## **Upcoming Dates**

Last Day of School Footy Colours Day Curriculum Day First day of Term 4 Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September (2.30pm finish) Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October (Student free day)

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October

REMINDER: 2.30pm finish

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

## **News from the Principal**

Dear Families,

We have made it to the end of term 3! What a term of celebrations. This term has seen students participate in school camps, swimming, and some excursions too.

There are lots of things to look forward to during term 4. We have our student led conferences and will begin having some open mornings for families to visit classrooms. COVID has seen schools operate in different ways and next term we hope to begin integrating our community further back into our school.

Next term, when the school gates open at 3.10pm we invite families to enter the grounds to pick up their children. We hope this will give families an opportunity to come onto the grounds and meet other families during afternoon pick up.

When coming onto the school grounds next 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"
- 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

## **Student Attendance**

This week we will be sending home Attendance letters 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

## **Pupil Free Day**

Reminder that the first day of school term 4, Monday the  $3^{rd}$  of October is a Curriculum Day. Students will start term 4 on Tuesday the  $4^{th}$  of October.

#### **Student Led Conferences**

Next term we will be holding Student Led Conferences. This is an opportunity for our learners to lead conversations with their family members about their most proud achievements. We will use SeeSaw to assist with these conversations. Please stay up to date with your child's learning on SeeSaw, it's great seeing families like and respond when their child has work posted.

#### **School Visits**

We have had three schools visit us this month. In particular schools and teachers wanted to observe our Sounds Write, Spelling Mastery and Fluency lessons. We are excited that schools are choosing to come and see our practice at Mount Pleasant Primary School.

#### **School Uniforms**

We are looking for donations for second hand uniforms. In particular size 5 - 14 sports pants and tracksuit pants. If you have a spare pair we have lent your child, please wash and return it as soon as possible. Thank you to families that have supplied us with second hand uniforms this past week.

#### **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**

We urge families that are in our zone and with siblings to return their enrolments as a high priority. We continue to take tours each week for interested families, we will have a waiting list for families that have not returned their enrolment forms.

#### **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.





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

Stay up to date with the latest here: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Mtpleasps">www.facebook.com/Mtpleasps</a>

Call 5332 3646 for an Enrolment Pack

ON-SITE After School Care Monday to Friday

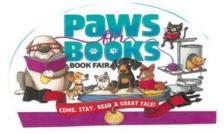


## **Footy Colours Day**



On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of September, Students, parents and staff are encouraged to wear their favourite team gear (whether its football, soccer, basketball or any other team you support). Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation to support the Fight Cancer Foundation. Activities will happen throughout the day based around sport.

## **Book Fair Thursday 20th October**



The Scholastic Book Fair will hit Mount Pleasant on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Students will have the opportunity to view the books on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October where they can select books to put on a wish list. On the day of the Book Fair (Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 not be open to parents. 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.





## Grade 5/6 excursion to ACU

Last week, Year 5 and 6 students attended the Australian Catholic University for an excursion lead by Ardoch 'Learning Thru Lunch' program. The students met with a range of workplace role models and learnt about their careers including nursing, paramedicine and teaching. Ardoch also prepared a delicious two-course lunch for the students which gave them an opportunity to ask questions and learn

more about working in these sector. Here are some of the great questions students asked:

Eva – What is your favourite book?



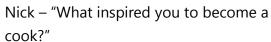
Dom – What are some challenges that you face in your job?

Hope – "What inspired you to become a chef?"

Cash – "How much money do you make?"

Jack – "Do you need to wake up early to go to work?"

Blade – "Have you ever gotten hurt from your job?"



Kamal – "What was your dream job when growing up?"





## **District Athletics – Friday 9 September**

Five of our amazing young athletes were selected to participate in the district athletics for Western Region; Madelaine Harwood Y3, Dom Lam Y5, Ethan Oldaker Y5, Jack Robertson and Mark Blake. Four were able to attend on the day and achieved some amazing results:

- Madelaine 7<sup>th</sup> in 9/10 girls Long Jump
- Dom 6<sup>th</sup> in 10yo 80m Hurdles & 2<sup>nd</sup> 10yo boys High Jump
- Ethan 7<sup>th</sup> in 11yo boys Shot Put
- Jack 3<sup>rdi</sup> in 11yo Boys Hurdles

We are extremely proud of your success in representing Mt Pleasant in this event.

### Well done Team!

















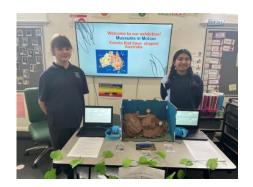




## **Grade 5/6 Term Inquiry Projects**

On Tuesday the Year 5/6 classes presented their Term Inquiry projects based on the topic 'Museum in Motion.' Students choose an event that has had a significant impact on Australia's history. They created fantastic presentations using PowerPoints, voice recording as well as Dioramas to bring these historical events to life. Other classes came to look, listen and learn. Students should be congratulated on their enthusiasm and work they presented.











## **EUREKA NETBALL CLUB**

After school Netball Competition commencing in October and running Term 4 and Term 1. U11 and U13 Monday nights. U15 Thursday nights.

If you are interested please contact us before 16<sup>th</sup> September at <u>Eureka.nbc@outlook.com</u>

Would also welcome anyone wishing to coach and/or umpire.



If you 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.





#### 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!



#### PLANNED ACTIVITIES:

- Snake and Caterpillars
- Victorian Dome Jars
   Arts of Recycling
- Arts of Recycling





Enquiries 1300 366 437 Book online today

## **Basketball Ballarat Junior Miners Holiday Camp**

Adroit Insurance & Risk Junior Holiday Camps are held during each school holidays for children aged 6-13 years old of all

genders and abilities.

Improve your skills, develop techniques, enhance your game, meet new friends and ultimately have fun! The camp catering for the beginner who has never picked up a basketball to the most experience 13 year old in the land!

All participants can expect:

- Meet your favourite Miners players
- Expert instructions from professional coaches including Miners player and coaches
- Develop new basketball skills and training methods
- Fun and inclusive learning environment
- Structured session content including great games and prizes at every camp
- Learn how to be a great team mate and help other

Registrations for Term 3 Holidays are now open, with the camp being held on Monday September 19th, Tuesday September 20th, Thursday September 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday September 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am till 2:00pm at Selkirk Stadium.



For more information and to register: Adroit Insurance & Risk Holiday Camps (nbl1.com.au)

For further details please contact Ethan Fiegert via email development@ballaratbasketball.com or for urgent enquiries

call reception on (03) 5338 1220





Join us in Walking Home to raise funds to directly help the children we work with.



















## **Mt Pleasant Primary School Song**

Five days a week, 40 weeks a year

My friends and I we all hang out here

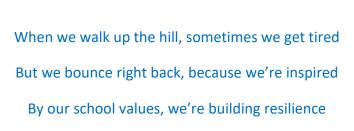
This is our school, where we're learning how

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



It's a long way to the top

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

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

- (k)
- beyondblue.org.au
- (C)
- 1300 22 4636

## Kids Helpline

Counselling for young people aged 5 to 25

- (k)
  - kidshelpline.com.au
- (
  - ) 1800 55 1800

## MensLine Australia

Men with emotional or relationship concerns

- R
- 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

- (1)
- lifeline.org.au
- (4)

13 11 14

## Suicide Call Back Service

Anyone thinking about suicide

- (1)
- 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)** 

