



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 30

October 13th, 2022

Upcoming Dates

5/6 ACU Explore your Future Programs Excursion	Tuesday 18 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,

This has been a busy week! Year 5-6 started Swimming and showed exceptional skills of independence and having a go. We have also had visits from Michaela Settle to celebrate our success with the Inclusive Schools Grant of **\$200,000** and another visit from our VSBA Architects with final drawings for our new student toilets.

It is exciting that next year we will have a range of exciting works and improvements begin at our school in 2023.

Changing Schools

If you are leaving MPPS at the end of 2022 please contact the Admin Office and let us know. It's important that we have accurate numbers for planning in 2023 and ensuring we support positive transitions for children moving to new schools.

2023 Foundation Assessments

This term we have asked Foundation students to book in for a short assessment with us. The assessment is called the FELA (Foundations of Early Literacy Assessment) and it assesses two foundational early literacy skills: basic phonological/phonemic awareness (the sounds we hear in spoken words), and grasp of the alphabetic principle, including nonword reading and spelling. Please call the school if you would like assistance to book your 2023 Foundation student in for this assessment.

Arriving on Time

Last week we saw strong attendance in all year levels. This is the last and biggest term for all our learners. Students are also participating in morning Intervention to support their learning growth. Please ensure children also arrive on time to maximise their time in small group learning. Being on time is important for young people to succeed in education and to ensure they don't fall behind both socially and developmentally. Being on time to school helps students to develop important routines and sets them up for a day of learning and participation in their community.

Continual and ongoing lateness can impact their ability to fit into the classroom and develop friendships. The school places great importance in all students being at school on time and being picked up on time.

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.

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 an 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.



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



Extend After School Care onsite at Mount Pleasant Primary School

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

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



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

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.



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.

BALLARAT ROYALS BASEBALL CLUB

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



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)**