



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



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Upcoming Dates

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| Swimming Programme Years 1-4 | Friday 22 nd July – 19 th August (each Friday) |
| Science Works Excursion F-2 | Tuesday 16 th August |
| Toastie Thursday Day | Thursday 18 th August |
| Book Week | Monday 22 nd August – Friday 26 th August |
| Book Week Dress Up Day | Friday 26 th August |

Toastie Thursday – We will be having Toasties' for sale on Thursday 18th August for \$1 each. Maximum of 2 toasties per child.

News from the Principal

Dear Families,

This week an important letter was sent to all families. Please ensure you have read this email/letter regarding the **School Community Safety Order Scheme (Scheme)** that has come into effect in all Victorian schools. This Scheme allows principals and other authorised persons to issue ongoing or immediate school community safety orders that place limitations on the way certain parents, carers or other adults who act in a harmful, abusive or threatening way behave towards staff, students or others in the school community.

Schools are positive places of learning where everyone has a right to a safe and healthy learning environment. Schools are also workplaces, and school staff deserve to work in an environment where they don't feel threatened or unsafe. Our Respect for Staff Policy is also available to read on our website.

With this in mind, our staff wellbeing is a priority. As I have mentioned, and will continue to communicate – *school is not back to normal*. Our staff are absorbing an enormous number of changes everyday and continue to keep the students at the centre. We appreciate the support of our community in understanding the impacts we continue to manage each day.

5-6 School Camp

Last week our 5-6 students went to Campaspe camp in Kyneton. This was a wonderful adventure camp for our students. Next week we will present the winners of the MPPS Campers Cup and a selection of medallions to students who showed a consistent effort in every part of being a camper. Thank you to Anna Johnson who stood in for me as Acting Principal during this time.

Student Stamina

We held our school Reset Day on Wednesday. This was a chance for students to reset and enjoy doing some hands on activities in classroom. Students enjoyed the time to do enjoyable activities that built on friendships, empathy and resilience. Please continue talk to you children and monitor their wellbeing, in particular about the importance of looking after our physical health (the food we eat, getting enough sleep and sunshine) to look after our mental health and wellbeing.

Swimming

Well done to all of the teachers, ES and students who have quickly developed swimming routines on a Friday. We know that the bus has been a little late upon return and thank you for your understanding.

School Grants

This year I have written a number of grants to gain extra funds for our school. We have successfully received the Minor Capital Works Grant for new students toilets. Funds for this total \$343,897. We are also waiting on the outcomes for the Before School Grant to extend our OSHC and the Inclusive Schools Fund Grant for the playground. Fingers crossed!

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.

NOW TAKING 2023 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS

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

Call 5332 3646 for an Enrolment Pack

ON-SITE
After School Care
Monday to Friday



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 323 653
- Email – mount.pleasant.ps@education.vic.gov.au



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.

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.



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.

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.

Kind regards
Janine Schulze
Business Manager

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.



CHILDREN'S INDOOR SOCCER

INDIVIDUALS OR TEAMS
GREAT FOR BEGINNERS
AGES 6 TO 15 (BOYS & GIRLS)

SET DAY // SET TIME

MAJOR LEAGUE INDOOR SPORTS
502 HOWITT STREET, BALLARAT
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PLANNED ACTIVITIES:

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



2023 YEAR 7 ACADEMY OF SPORT

APPLY NOW

Sports: Basketball, Netball, Soccer and AFL Football

Students must have a passion for their sport, uphold our school values in the College community, and be willing to learn and work as a team.



Apply online via this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/ZgQNN8baa3>



APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

"In Knowledge there is Opportunity"



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



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)**