



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 24

August 18th, 2022

Upcoming Dates

Swimming Programme Years 1-4	Last day today – 19 th August
Book Week	Monday 22 nd August – Friday 26 th August
Book Week Dress Up Day	Friday 26 th August
5/6 Excursion – Ballarat Art Gallery	Tuesday 30 th August
Father's Day Stall	Friday 1 st September

News from the Principal

Dear Families,

I hope everyone is doing their best to stay warm as we continue through the big Ballarat freeze.

I will be on leave next week. During this time Leah Lacny will step into the Acting Principal role. As always, your child/ren's classroom teacher is your first point of contact. Please continue to stay up to date with classroom activities via SeeSaw. It is wonderful to see the learning that is happening each day!

School Community Safety Order Scheme (Scheme)

I trust all families have now read the email/letter regarding the School Community Safety Order Scheme (Scheme) that has come into effect in all Victorian schools. This has been sent to all families via email, text message, hard copy and is also on the school website. 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.

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

2023 Foundation enrolments are almost full and will soon close. If you have a sibling that will be attending, please enrol as soon as possible. We are only a student or two away from being at capacity.

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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Call 5332 3646 for an Enrolment Pack

ON-SITE
After School Care
Monday to Friday



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

OUR CAMP ADVENTURE!

- By Luciana, Ruby T & others from Year 5/6

We arrived at Campaspe Downs at around 10:15am and organized ourselves into tribes/groups. The names of the two tribes were 'Kabeebo' and 'Pickles'!

Our first activity was rock climbing. It was really fun! We had to get to the red box first then we could go as high as we wanted! Some of us got all the way to the top! The next activity was Flying Fox. We got to go down sooo fast. The most fun part was the fact we got to go over a giant lake! Afterwards, we went back into our cabins to unpack.



When we finished unpacking we went to the dining lounge for dinner. Dinner on the first night was AMAZING! But.... the dessert was even better! It was chocolate mousse. Once we finished we had to go head out to the deck. We named one of the ducks 'Dilly'!

Then, everyone went back to their cabins to go get ready for the campfire. When we were at the campfire, Kim and Will, the camp staff, told stories and we had a campfire song! We also got to roast yummy marshmallows!!!!

On the next day we got to do more really amazing activities! For our first activity, the Pickles tribe got to do something called 'The Possum Glider', which was one of the coolest activities at the camp! (in my opinion). While tribe Pickles were doing Possum Glider, tribe Kabeebo got to do the 'Leap of Faith'!!!! The Leap of Faith was so high, and you got to jump off it! It was extremely exciting. Then we switched activities.

Later that afternoon, we got to do Low-Ropes and Orienteering! The Pickles got to do the Low-Ropes first. It was really funny because we got to put on a helmet with a cup of water on our head and try to balance it on our head doing the obstacle course! While we were doing that the other group was doing Orienteering. It was quite hard because you had a tiny map of the place and had to find markers!



For lunch, we had chicken, ham and cheese wraps and they were fantastic! Then the tribes switched activities for the last time!

Once we finished our activities, we got to have some cabin time to get ready for dinner!

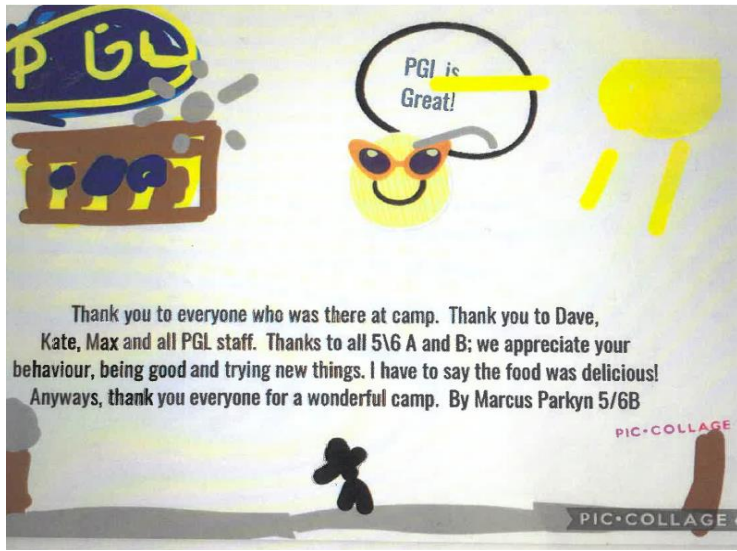
After dinner, we headed out for Quiz night which was so much fun!!!



On the last day we didn't do much because it was raining, but we did still do some things. The first thing we did was go to the gym to play basketball. We were there for an hour. Then, we went to watch the movie, "Luca". That's when we were supposed to go on the trampolines, but sadly we didn't because it was wet from the rain!

Sadly, we had to go back home, so we put all of our bags in the bus then left!

We all definitely really enjoyed this camp, we didn't want to leave at all!



Thank you to everyone who was there at camp. Thank you to Dave, Kate, Max and all PGL staff. Thanks to all 5/6 A and B; we appreciate your behaviour, being good and trying new things. I have to say the food was delicious! Anyways, thank you everyone for a wonderful camp. By Marcus Parkyn 5/6B

5/6 Art Gallery Excursion

The Grade 5/6 students will be attending the Ballarat Art Gallery on Tuesday 30th August to participate in a learning program called "Artists on the Goldfields". This will be a one hour program where students will learn how to make a sketchbook and then go on a sketching tour to learn about stories and history of early Ballarat captured by goldfield artists.

All permission notes need to back no later than Friday 26th August.

Western Victoria Football Academy are partnering with Western United FC in the :-

THE UNITED FOOTBALL PROGRAM

Western Victoria Football academy is launching The United Football Program (TUFP) by hosting a **TUFP Spring Holiday Camp** on Sept 26 & 27.

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We offer you:

- Nationally recognised comprehensive training.
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All prospective volunteers are strongly encouraged to attend the online (Zoom)

Information Session:

Thursday, 18 August
4 - 5pm

Click on the date to register for the Information Session.

Get in touch:

lifeline.ballarat@vt.uniting.org

M: 0466 852 016
P: 9051 7471

Further information:

ballarat.lifeline.org.au

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Uniting

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.

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

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.



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.

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AGES 6 TO 15
(BOYS & GIRLS)

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502 HOWITT STREET, BALLARAT
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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

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In Chinese, students from all year levels have had a wonderful start to the term. Foundation students learnt about numbers by singing the song "Counting 1 to 100" in Chinese, and began to recognise the importance of tones in Chinese speaking. They also practiced writing simple Chinese characters and learnt to use Pinyin to represent Chinese characters in a way similar to English spelling. Grade 1 and 2 students learnt a range of Chinese characters, such as fruit names. They also enjoyed singing the song "Fruits Salad" in Chinese. Grade 3 and 4 students focused on reviewing the Chinese numeric system and how to use the numbers in different scenarios, such as time, days of a week, months, etc. They showed a strong interest in talking about their swimming program and writing the Chinese sentence "I'm going to swim today". The Grade 5 and 6 students have put a great deal of effort into learning the Chinese song "It's okay, my Chinese has Improved". They enjoyed practicing the lyrics with partners while also playing percussion instruments.

Chinese Characters decorated biscuits

To celebrate the hard work of the students, we will decorate the biscuits with Chinese characters during our Chinese lessons in week 9. If your child cannot have the following items to eat, please inform your class teacher or myself.



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/ZgQNN8bae3>



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

We're half way there at Mt Pleasant Primary School

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24/7 Mental Health Services

Beyond Blue

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 beyondblue.org.au

 1300 22 4636

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 1800 55 1800

MensLine Australia

Men with emotional or relationship concerns

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 1300 78 99 78

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 1800 011 046

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 13 11 14

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