



# Mount Pleasant Primary School

# NEWSLETTER



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August 25th, 2022

## **Upcoming Dates**

Book Week	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> August
Book Week Dress Up Day	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> August (Don't forget for tomorrow)
5/6 Excursion – Ballarat Art Gallery	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> August
Father's Day/Special Person's Stall	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September
5/6 Excursion - Ardoch Learning Through Lunch	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> September
Curriculum Day	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> September (No Students at school)

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

## **News from the Principal**

Dear Families,

We are heading towards Spring at racing speed!!! The weather continues to be cold and wet, please continue to make sure that your child/ren are dressed appropriate for the weather including school jumpers. Coats and beanies are highly recommended.

### **Book Week**

A range of activities have taken place this week based on the theme 'Dreaming with Eyes Open:' bringing our favourite book to school, art projects based on the nominated books, running a 'guess that staff members favourite book' competition and most importantly, celebrating the love of reading. All ending with a parade with students and staff dressed as their favourite book character.

### **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,

Leah Lacny  
Acting 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](http://www.extend.com.au) or phone 1300 366 437 to book.



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](mailto: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](http://www.facebook.com/Mtpleasps)

Call 5332 3646 for an Enrolment Pack

ON-SITE  
After School Care  
Monday to Friday



**Ardoch – Learning Through Lunch  
Year 5/6 students Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Year 5/6 students will be attending ACU campus to take part in a Lunch program to learn about different career opportunities. Students will ask questions about the career presented and learn heaps about that chosen profession. Students have the chance to develop confidence with trying new foods, connection with adult role models, learning about career pathways, table conversation and etiquette. The program is no cost and permission forms need to be returned Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of September to school.

**5/6 Art Gallery Excursion**

The Grade 5/6 students will be attending the Ballarat Art Gallery on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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. Cost of excursion is \$10. All permission notes need to back no later than Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August.

**Father’s Day/Special Person’s Stall**

We will be having a Father’s Day/Special Person’s Stall on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September. Students will be able bring money to school to purchase a present for either Dad or a special person. Prices will be \$1, \$2, \$3 and \$5.



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



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

All event info and online rego’s

<https://theunitedfootballprogram.com.au/western-victoria-football-academy>



Making a difference to people who are experiencing crisis.

Help save lives and volunteer as a Lifeline Ballarat Crisis Supporter.

We are seeking people who:

- Have a desire to make a difference to people in crisis.
- Understand empathy and have the ability to respond in a non-judgmental manner.
- Have excellent communication and active listening skills.
- Are willing to undertake a nationally recognised training program – Crisis Supporter Workplace Training. This training has a co-contribution fee.
- Are over 18 years of age.
- Are flexible and willing to commit to the role for a minimum of two years.

We offer you:

- Nationally recognised comprehensive training.
- Continuous support from an experienced, passionate, committed team.
- Personal growth and professional development.

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](mailto:lifeline.ballarat@vt.uniting.org)

M: 0466 852 016  
P: 9051 7471

**Further information:**

[ballarat.lifeline.org.au](http://ballarat.lifeline.org.au)

Delivered on behalf of Lifeline RTO #88036  
Course code: CHCS500113 Crisis Support Skill Set



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



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.*



CHILDREN'S  
**INDOOR SOCCER**  
SET DAY//SET TIME

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

MAJOR LEAGUE  
INDOOR SPORTS  
502 HOWITT STREET, BALLARAT  
CALL TREV ON 0416 134 901

Book Week will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> of August.

The theme this year is 'Dreaming with Eyes Open'. Now is a fantastic time to begin brainstorming

CBCA BOOK WEEK  
20-26 August 2022  
**Dreaming with eyes open...**  
#CBCA2022

### 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](http://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
- Knitting, Embroidery, Sewing and stitching.



Enquiries 1300 366 437  
Book online today

[extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)

# Reward Day TERM 3 2022 – Thursday September 15<sup>th</sup> 2022

Students who achieved 'Gold and Silver status' this term will be going to a Disco Bowling session at Ballarat Tenpin Bowling. The whole school will be travelling to the venue together for this activity. The cost is \$10.00 per students that includes bowling and bus travel. Students are allowed to bring up to \$5.00 spending money to purchase food at the kiosk. Bronze students will be completing work back at school. Notes for Gold and Silver students will be coming home in the next couple of weeks.

Mrs Leah Lacny

Wellbeing/Learning Specialist

## 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 succeed

Registrations for Term 3 Holidays are now open, with the camp being held on Monday September 19<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday September 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 \(nbl1.com.au\)](http://nbl1.com.au)

For further details please contact Ethan Fiegert via email [development@ballaratbasketball.com](mailto:development@ballaratbasketball.com) or for urgent enquiries call reception on (03) 5338 1220

**JUNIOR MINERS HOLIDAY BASKETBALL CAMP**

For more information & to register: 

**ADROIT INSURANCE & RISK HOLIDAY CAMP**

September 19 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am – 2:00pm	Selkirk Stadium
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Adroit Insurance & Risk

Looking for something to do over the school holidays, why not try out our Miners Holiday Camp! Perfect for kids 6-13 years.

BASKETBALL BALLARAT



## 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/ZgQNN8ba65>



APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

"In Knowledge there is Opportunity"



# Book Week

## “Sharing our favourite books at lunch”



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](mailto: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

*Anyone feeling anxious or depressed*

 [beyondblue.org.au](https://beyondblue.org.au)

 1300 22 4636

## Kids Helpline

*Counselling for young people aged 5 to 25*


 [kidshelpline.com.au](https://kidshelpline.com.au)

 1800 55 1800

## MensLine Australia

*Men with emotional or relationship concerns*

 [mensline.org.au](https://mensline.org.au)

 1300 78 99 78

## Open Arms

*Veterans and families counselling*


 [openarms.gov.au](https://openarms.gov.au)

 1800 011 046

## Lifeline

*Anyone having a personal crisis*


 [lifeline.org.au](https://lifeline.org.au)

 13 11 14

## Suicide Call Back Service

*Anyone thinking about suicide*

 [suicidecallbackservice.org.au](https://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)**