



# Mount Pleasant Primary School

# NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 33

November 3rd, 2022

## Upcoming Dates

Foundation 2023 Parents/Carers morning tea (9-9.30am)	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November
Foundation 2023 Transition Day 1 (9-10.30am)	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November
5/6 Swimming	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November
Foundation 2023 Transition Day 2 (9-11am)	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November

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

## News from the Principal

Dear Families,

As we come to the middle of Term 4 teachers are beginning to plan for student assessments, end of year activities, graduation and our whole school Community Event Night!

Term 4 is a very busy time for schools, families and children. We would like to take this moment to remind all of our students and learning community of the school wide Code of Conduct. This week we have discussed the expectations of behaviour at our school and the Code of Conduct. The Mount Pleasant Primary School Code of Conduct provides a clear statement of the school's expectations of students in our learning community. Every student deserves a safe and positive learning experience where they are engaged and supported to reach their full potential. We are grateful to the support of our families in supporting our learners of the clear expectations of modelling our values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.

### School Fees

Thank you to our families that have made payment for the 2022 School Fees. This contribution helps the school to run any supportive classroom and lunch time programs. It would be much appreciated if families could please finalise their accounts at the Admin Office prior to the end of the year.

### Literacy – MPPS Reading Spine

This year we have created a whole school Reading Spine. This is a curation of Mentor Texts aligned with Inquiry Knowledge Units and Class Novels that students explore with support from classroom teachers. These books have been chosen to build knowledge and assist in the teaching of content, background knowledge and building a rich vocabulary.

Our Class Novels have been curated from Doug Lemov's – Reading Reconsidered Reading Spine and the 5 Plagues of Reading. These are inclusive of the 5 text types that children should have access to in order to successfully navigate reading with confidence – Archaic, Non-linear time sequences, Narratively complex, Figurative/Symbolic and Resistant texts.

Over the course of their schooling life children will be exposed to books including; Charlotte's Web, Fantastic Mr. Fox, The Twits, The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe, Uncanny, The Borrowers as well as literature from authors including; Oliver Jeffers, Shaun Tan, Anthony Browne, Grace Lin, Roald Dahl, Mem Fox, May Gibbs, Jeannie Baker and many more...

## Student Led Conferences

Students are VERY excited about their Student Led Conferences next week! Thank you to those that have signed up to their child/ren's Student Led Conference. If you need assistance booking a time, please contact your child/ren's classroom teacher.

## 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.

## Hats

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.

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.*



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](https://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 10<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto: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

Don't forget to bring your school hat, as in Term 4 its "no hat, no play".

You can purchase a hat from the front office for \$6.



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.





## 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



# YEAR 6 RUGBY TOP 2023

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The school has a special rugby top – exclusively for Year 6 students. The top is predominately navy blue (as per the existing one) with a pale blue panel on the right hand side. In this panel the name of the school is printed vertically. At the bottom of the school name – ‘Year 6’ – is printed horizontally. The school logo is embroidered (as usual) on the left hand side of the garment.

A special polo shirt is also available – exclusively for students in Year 6. The colours of this garment will be in reverse to that of the rugby top – pale blue with a navy blue panel on the right hand side. In this panel the name of the school is printed vertically. At the bottom of the school name – ‘Year 6’ – is printed horizontally. The school logo is embroidered (as usual) on the left hand side of the garment

Prices of these articles are as follows:

## Year 6 Polo Shirt:

Sizes 10 – 16	\$39.50
Size 18 plus	\$41.50

## Year 6 Rugby Tops:

Sizes 10 – 16	\$40.50
Size 18 plus	\$42.50

**Year 6 Uniform is available now and can be purchased from Ruff Cuts Clothing  
202 Lyons Street South Ballarat 3350.  
Operating Hours Monday-Thursday 9am-5pm  
Friday 9am-4pm**

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## Log Cabin Camp Year 5 and 6 students

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> of November to the Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of November 2022**

Year 5 and 6 students will be travelling by bus to Log Cabin Camp in Creswick for overnight stay. Campers will be involved in activities such as Flying Fox, Archery, Milk Crack Stacking, Night walk, Billy Tea and Damper, Leap of Faith and Clip & Climb. All activities supervised by teaching staff and camp instructors. This camp is free thanks to the Positive Start 2022 initiative. **All forms** (including Camp Contract) need to be returned to school by **Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of November 2022**.

Mrs Leah Lacny

Year 5/6 Teacher

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## Albert Coates Project:

Our grade 6 students will begin work on their projects for Albert Coates (An Australian Soldier, surgeon and past student of MPPs). Two scholarships are awarded by the Sir Albert Coates Foundation for the most informative and innovative projects sharing his life story. Time will be given to work on these projects here at school, but time spent at home in this project is strongly encouraged. The projects are due on 3<sup>rd</sup> of December so they can be assessed and judged by The Albert Coates Trust and staff committee.

# EXCITING NEWS

## Teeth on Wheels will be visiting this term!



**PAPER FREE FROM 2022- ONLINE FORMS ONLY**

At Teeth On Wheels, we provide the highest quality dental treatment while making it fun, positive and memorable for children.

With the help of the government your child might be eligible for **FREE** dental care.

Our dental services include:

- ✓ Check-ups
- ✓ Scale, Clean and Fluoride Treatments
- ✓ Fissure Sealants
- ✓ X-rays
- ✓ Fillings
- ✓ Extractions

Proud Partners with



**CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE YOUR FORM**

[f TeethOnWheelsAustralia](#) [#teethonwheels](#)

Phone: VIC (03) 9338 1191

Email: [info@teethonwheels.com.au](mailto:info@teethonwheels.com.au)

Dear Families,

We are excited to have Teeth on Wheels visiting our school for a dental visit starting on the **2<sup>nd</sup> of December**.

Below is a link to their E-form which needs to be completed by the **30<sup>th</sup> of November** for your child to participate.

**PLEASE KEEP IN MIND NO PAPER FORMS WILL BE GOING OUT FOR 2022.**

<https://teethonwheels.com.au/consent-forms/consent-eform/>

Teeth on Wheels are focused on providing a positive dental experience and specialise with working with children. They can provide check-up and clean appointments and more onsite and will be able to advise you if your child is eligible to received dental care for **FREE** under the Child Dental Benefit Schedule.

Complete your form today and the Teeth on Wheels team will be in contact to schedule your child's appointment.

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## 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](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)**