



# Mount Pleasant Primary School

# NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 35

November 17th, 2022

## Upcoming Dates

5/6 Log Cabin Camp	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> /Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November
Foundation 2023 Transition Day 3 (9-11am)	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> November
F-6 Ballarat Art Gallery Excursion	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November
Community Night (4.30-6.30pm)	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December
Teeth on Wheels	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> /Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> /Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December
2023 Transition Day (Whole School Step up Day)	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
Rewards Day	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 6 Graduation	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December
Last day of Term 4 (PLEASE NOTE 1.30PM FINISH)	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December

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

## News from the Principal

Dear Families,

This has been a very busy week for students and teachers with school wide end of year assessments. It has been pleasing to see children continue to grow in their learning.

Join us for our whole school Community Night on 1<sup>st</sup> December for a whole lotta fun! From 4.30pm – 6.30pm we welcome you to join us to see student performances, an art exhibition and lots of other fun things to do and see. Pre-purchase a wrist band for \$5 for a sausage or veggie burger, snow cone and fairy floss. Items available on the night for \$2 each. Notes will be sent home with the students for orders. Please return with money to the office.



### ***Ronald McDonald House Fundraiser for Siera!***

*Importantly*, our whole school Community Night will be raising money for Ronald McDonald House. Some of our families may already be aware that one of our wonderful Year 5 students Siera Merrett is currently being cared for at the Royal Children’s Hospital.

Siera was diagnosed with leukemia during the last school holidays. Whilst receiving treatment she has been at Ronald McDonald House. The school will be raising money for Ronald McDonald House as well as collecting items for a gift hamper for Siera.

Students in her grade will be collecting items for Siera’s hamper at our whole school Community Night. Some ideas are; craft packs, colouring books, beading activities, summer hats, nail polish and self care items and cuddly toys....

## Before School Care

We are excited to begin offering Before School Care in 2023. Please contact Extend directly if you would like to book your child/ren into this great service on 1300 366 437.

## School Uniforms

We are looking for donations for second hand uniforms. In particular size 5 – 14 sports pants and tracksuit pants. If you have a spare pair we have lent your child, please wash and return it as soon as possible. Thank you to families that have supplied us with second hand uniforms in the past.

## Pick Up Times and After School Care:

A reminder that school pick up time is between 3.15pm and 3.30pm. We kindly request that families observe these times. We are lucky to have on site After School Care that you can book your child/ren into if you need a later pick up time. Contact Extend directly on: 1300 366 437

## 5-6 camp

Next week our Year 5-6 students head off to Log Cabin Lodge for a school camp! This will be an exciting time for the students. Please make sure children sleep well the night before and check in with teachers about the finer details such as items to pack, leaving and returning times. We can't wait to hear all about it.

## 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

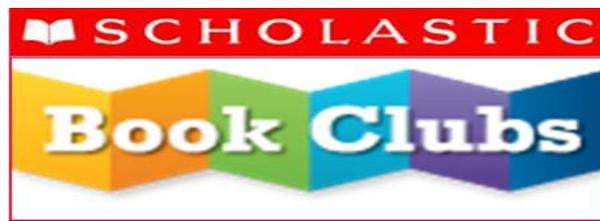
To reduce absences, parents are asked to advise the school of impending student absences (between 8.30am and 9.00am) by:

- 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)



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.



**Issue 8 (last issue for the year) of Book Club order forms** went home today and are due back on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November**. 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.

## 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



### Reward Day Term 4 2022 – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

To celebrate the end of the Year, Gold and Silver students will be travelling to Show Biz cinemas to watch a movie in the last week of term. Students will be able to purchase a Popcorn and drink combo. The prize will be \$10.00 per student (includes combo and bus travel). Bronze students will be completing work at school. Please continue to remind students to make good choices in their behaviours as we would like as many students from school to attend this end of term celebration.



### School Blitz

As a Ballarat school leading the way in School Wide Positive Behaviour, we continue to strive to make Mount Pleasant Primary a great place for learning. We are currently holding a school wide 'blitz' **on speaking and treating each other with respect - particularly in not name calling**. Books, games, discussions, songs and teaching moments are happening across the school based on the 'blitz'. Please discuss at home with your child to support this.



## 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.



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**COULD YOU FOSTER A CHILD?**

We **URGENTLY** need **Foster Carers** in your area. Enquire now on how you can help change a child's life.

**CanIFoster.com.au | 1800 932 273**



## Year 6 Big Day Out

To celebrate their final year at Mount Pleasant Primary Year 6 students and their teachers will be walking down to Gladstone Reserve to have a Fish and Chip lunch. The group will then travel to Ballarat Indoor Go-Karts & Laser force Entertainment Centre for Laser Force game afternoon. Students need to bring water bottles. No spending money needed. Cost is \$20.00 per students (this includes lunch, drinks and Lazer force afternoon). Forms will be going home and need to be returned by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2022.

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## 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> November to the Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 **ASAP** so that everything can be finalised.

Mrs Leah Lacny

Year 5/6 Teacher



### **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.

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## **KELLY SPORTS DEC & JAN HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**

**DECEMBER: Mon 12th to Fri 23rd**

**JANUARY: Tue 3rd to Fri 27th (potentially extending to Tue 31st Jan)**

**Eastwood Leisure Centre**

8am - 5pm (weekdays)

Boys & Girls, Kinder to Grade 6

Cost: \$55 per day (\$250 for a full week)

Fun-filled days featuring sports, games and activities to keep the kids engaged, entertained & active for the full day.

Enrol: [www.kellysports.com.au/greater-ballarat](http://www.kellysports.com.au/greater-ballarat)

Queries: Please call Dom 0417 967 621



# 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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# 2022 MPPS Community Night

Join us on Thursday 1st of  
December for a whole school  
community event!

TIME: 4.30pm - 6.30pm

Pre-purchase a \$5 wrist band for:

- sausage or veggie burger
- snow cone and fairy floss

Fun games + more!

Second hand book sale  
- all books for sale for a  
silver coin or 5 for a \$1

Enjoy student performances and  
student art work exhibition!



## **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)**