



# Mount Pleasant Primary School

# NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 1

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

## Upcoming Dates

Big Steps Photo – Courier – Foundation  
Day off for Foundation Students 2023 – no classes  
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Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

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

## **News from the Principal**

Dear Families,

Welcome back to school! We warmly welcome our new families to the Mount Pleasant Primary School learning community. It has been incredible to all be back together onsite with students and staff. All of our students have settled well into classroom routines and are loving their learning spaces.

It has been wonderful to have a relatively normal start back to school this year! Please ensure all children are ready for learning each day with a hat, lunch, water bottle and clean uniform.

### **Code of Conduct:**

On Friday we are sending home the student Code of Conduct form for families to discuss, sign and return to school.

At the beginning of the year, we remind our students and families of our school wide expectations. The school Code of Conduct applies to all members of our school community – no-one is exempt from the Code of Conduct.

Our teachers work with students at the beginning of the year to set up school expectations and students participate in developing these. We have always been grateful for the support we receive from our parent/family community in working with us to support a safe learning environment.

From time to time children may experience challenges at school. When this occurs we work in *partnership* to develop strategies to support children in a safe way for the benefit of everyone in our school.

Please ensure you discuss this with your child and return the signed Code of Conduct form. Please return this form by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of February.

### **Foundation:**

Welcome to our 2023 Foundation class. The children have done an exceptional job of transitioning to school. We are excited to be working with you to begin your child's learning journey at MPPS.

### **Repeated Reading:**

One of the instructional practices we use at school is Repeated Reading. This process involves a student re-reading a passage 3 or more times. Repeated Reading helps children develop automaticity with decoding unknown words and developing their fluency. Being able to read around 100 words per minute is highly beneficial to comprehension. A fun activity at home is to set a 1 minute timer on your phone and

see if your child can “beat” the number of words per minute. This activity also give children a sense of accomplishment and celebration when they see they are improving.

### School Uniform:

It has been pleasing to see so many of our students returning to school in full school uniform and with their hats!

Wearing a clean school uniform is compulsory at Mount Pleasant Primary School. Wearing a uniform develops a *sense of belonging* and *promotes equality* in our learning community, assists in student safety by ensuring staff are able to identify children when on local walks and excursions, and reduces clothing costs over time. Please ensure your child wears the correct and clean school uniform each day. Navy blue items such as shorts, pants, t shirts and jumpers can all be purchased at very reasonable prices from a range of stores such as Big W/Best and Less/K-Mart. For embroidered school uniform pieces you can purchase from Crockers in Ballarat.

### Change of Contact details:

Please let the Admin Office know as soon as possible if your details such as phone number, address change.

### Pick Up Times and After School Care:

A reminder that school pick up time is at 3.15pm. We kindly request that families observe these times. We 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

We discourage families picking children up early from school unless there is a valid reason to do so such as a medical appointment. If you arrive early to pick your child up without prior communication you may need to wait until there is an available staff member to go to the classroom to collect them. We advise families to please to please let their child’s teacher know via email if they will need to leave school early.

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



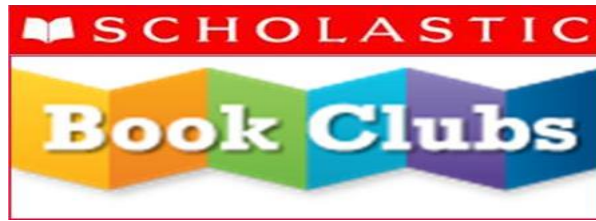
**REMEMBER  
ONCE A WEEK,  
TAKE A PEEK**

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)



**Issue 1 of Book Club** order forms went home today and are due back on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February**. 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.

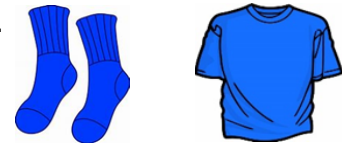
Don't forget to bring your school hat, Term 1 its "no hat, no play".

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.



If your child is missing any belongings, please check our lost property at the office. We urge families to **please name their school uniforms/lunch boxes** so that items brought to the office can be returned to students.

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## Kitchen Garden STEM

During semester 1 on a Monday, the students from year's three to six will be involved in the specialist program – Kitchen Garden/STEM. Each week, the students will be engaged in learning about sustainability, growing fresh vegetables, soil health, growing seedlings, harvesting small crops, cooking vegetables, creating simple recipes and trying out new tastes. We are hoping to have our current sensory garden transformed into a wonderful edible garden with a rotation of crops of seasonal vegetables and fruit throughout the year. Our first investigation will be how to identify and check the health of our soil. Stay tuned for the results of our experiments.



**Mrs. Dyer – Kitchen Garden/STEM Specialist**

## 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 – 18 years whom are living with a disability

Registrations are now open for all community hoops programs, with the programs starting the week beginning February 6<sup>th</sup>.

For more information and to register:  
[Community – Ballarat Basketball](#)

For further details please contact  
Ethan Fiegert via email  
[development@ballaratbasketball.com](mailto:development@ballaratbasketball.com)

or call reception on (03) 5338 1220

**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 - 18 years old )**  
Introductory basketball development program

**Next Level ( 10 - 15 years old )**  
Learn new concepts and build on skills

[BALLARATBASKETBALL.COM.AU](http://BALLARATBASKETBALL.COM.AU)

### Parent Portal – Sentral

We are currently trying to get all families registered to be on the Sentral Parent Portal, as we will be utilizing this app this year for many things. For those of you who are already registered, we thank you. If you need to register, you can find the instructions in the newsletter. This can be used for sending through student absences, etc.

### Piano Lessons

*By Miss Karen Cox*

Learn Piano skills and reading of music.

Weekly Rates \$20

**If interested, please call Karen  
on 0404 601 481.**

**Everything \$5**



Second hand uniform is currently on sale from the General Office between the hours of 8.30-10.30 each morning and 2.30-4pm in the afternoon.

# Administration News

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## PARENT PAYMENTS AND SCHOOL CHARGES 2023

Mount Pleasant Primary School is committed to providing the best possible opportunities for all our students. In order to provide a high standard of service, some financial contributions from parents are necessary. School Council has approved a policy which levies a range of charges on parents; these are compliant with the DET Policy for Parent Payments.

**The 2023 Book Packs have now been distributed to all students in class.**

I thank all parents/guardians who have already paid, or made arrangements to pay, their School Charges for 2023. For those parents who have not yet done so, I ask that you make payment in the near future, via one of the following options;

Cash  EFTPOS  BPay  Centrepay

The General Office is open from 8.30 am to 4.00 pm each school day. We are happy to take payments in full or by instalment.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Janine Schulze Business Manager.

**Centrepay** is a direct bill-paying service offered to customers receiving payments from Centrelink. Mount Pleasant Primary School is approved as a registered organisation for the Centrepay scheme and is able to take applications from families/guardians wishing to participate. Information brochures and Application forms are available from the School.

Eligible customers are encouraged to consider this option as an easy and effective way to pay school charges, camps and excursion costs.

## Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) – 2023

We are now accepting applications for CSEF 2023. Application forms are available from the General Office. New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form

If you applied for the CSEF at Mount Pleasant Primary School in 2022, you do not need to complete an application form in 2023 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

Eligible families will receive \$125.00 per student, paid into the family account at Mount Pleasant Primary School. These funds can be allocated to school camps and excursions for 2023. I encourage parents to take advantage of this funding opportunity.

**Janine Schulze**  
**Business Manager**





# Sentral e-resource

## Registering on the Sentral for Parents App for the first time



Sentral for Parents App

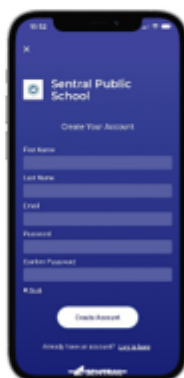
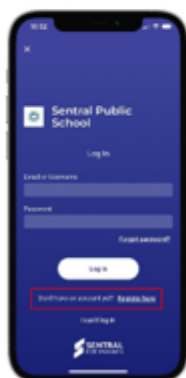
**Step One:** Download the Sentral for Parents app.



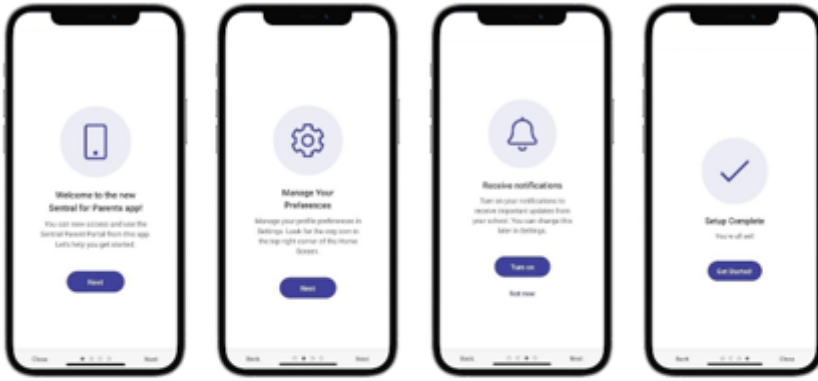
**Step Two:** Type in the school's name.



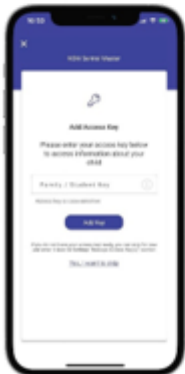
**Step Three:** Choose 'Register Here' from the bottom of the screen. Complete the details and choose 'Create Account'. You will receive a verification email which **MUST** be verified to continue. When the verification link is clicked it opens the log in screen in browser – close the browser and go back to the Sentral for Parents app.



**Step Four: Choose your preferences**



**Step Five: Connect to your child in this screen 'Add Access Key'.** The access key is written on the note/email sent to you from the school. It is case sensitive so type it in exactly as it appears in the note/email.



**Step Five: You are now connected and can interact with the App.**





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## Term 1 2023 Parent Planner



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	January 23	January 24	January 25	January 26	January 27 Staff Return
Week 2	January 30 Assessment Day	January 31 All students return	February 1 No classes – Foundation	February 2	February 3 Big Steps photo - Courier
Week 3	February 6	February 7	February 8 No classes – Foundation	February 9	February 10
Week 4	February 13	February 14	February 15 No classes – Foundation	February 16	February 17
Week 5	February 20	February 21	February 22 No classes – Foundation	February 23	February 24
Week 6	February 27	February 28	March 1 No classes – Foundation	March 2	March 3
Week 7	March 6 Foundation students – fulltime	March 7	March 8	March 9	March 10
Week 8	March 13  Labour Day Public Holiday	March 14  Sports Day	March 15	March 16	March 17
Week 9	March 20	March 21	March 22	March 23	March 24
Week 10	March 27 Learning Through Lunch program at ACU – Year 5/6	March 28 Sovereign Hill Costume School – Year 5/6	March 29 Sovereign Hill Costume School – Year 5/6	March 30 District Athletics	March 31
Week 11	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6 Last day of school 2.15pm	April 7 Good Friday

Public Holiday	Student Free Day
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## 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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