



# Mount Pleasant Primary School

# NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 2

9<sup>th</sup> February 2023

## Upcoming Dates

Day off for Foundation Students 2023 – no classes  
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Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

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

## News from the Principal

Dear Families,

We are having such a great start to the term!

Well done everyone – students, families and teachers on working together for a smooth start. Students are doing an AMAZING job of getting into their morning learning routines, we are very proud of our learners at MPPS. Make sure you follow along on our social media and SeeSaw.

On Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup> we invite students and their families to visit our classrooms. This is an informal opportunity for students to “drop in” and have your child/ren show you around their learning space, chat with teachers and hear all about the things we have been doing at school. We will open the gates at 3.00pm for families to enter the school.

### **Morning Drop Off Routine:**

Our morning drop off routine is an important part of how we support our students at our school. We are reminding families that at MPPS we drop students at the gate in the morning. This is to build student independence and confidence at school by being able to walk from the gate to the classroom door (please do not enter via the Admin Office unless your child is arriving to school after the gates have closed).

It also allows teachers to focus on the important task of settling students into our morning learning routines with the full attention and support of their classroom teacher. Some children do need extra support in the morning, please contact your child’s teacher to arrange how we can best support your child if this is the case.

We will be reminding students over the next week that they are very capable of carrying their own bags and walking to their classrooms in the morning. Teachers are best contacted via SeeSaw or email if you need to get them a message in the morning and absences are phoned into the Admin Office on 5332 3646.

### **Update Personal Information:**

Forms to update your personal information are being sent home to each family today. This is important information to ensure schools have the correct information for census. Please return this to school by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of February.

## Code of Conduct:

Thank you to everyone that has returned the blue Code of Conduct form. 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. 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.

## Lunch Orders:

It has been wonderful to have lunch orders back at Mount Pleasant Primary School. Thank you to everyone that remembered their “brown paper bags” – please use this for lunch orders. Lunch orders are taken into classrooms each morning. Please see here for further details and the lunch order menu:

<https://mtpleasps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Mount-Pleasant-Primary-School-Lunch-Orders-1.pdf>

## School Communication:

We use a range of communication channels at MPPS. These include; our school website, weekly Newsletter, SeeSaw, email and social media. These are the main ways to stay connected with what is happening each week and term at school. If you have not yet logged on to SeeSaw, please ask your child’s teacher for assistance – this is the space where we upload your child’s work, photos and celebrations.

## Hats:

Terms 1 and 4 are “no hat, no play” at all Victorian schools. Please ensure you child/ren have a suitable hat (no caps) to wear each day and that it is names. Hats are available at the Admin Office for \$6.

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

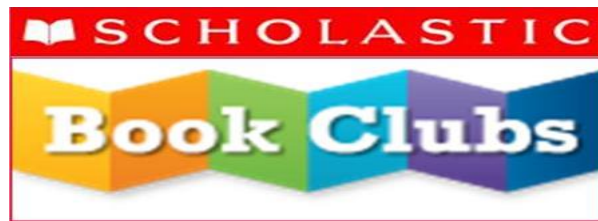


Please help our school win the war against **head lice** by checking your child’s hair over the holidays. Checking hair on a regularly basis helps us keep this issue under control. Thank you for your support.

## 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 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.

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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### 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 previous 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.

# 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

**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.

# Privacy Collection Notice

Information for students, parents and carers

The Department of Education (the department) values your privacy and is committed to protecting the personal and health information that schools collect.

All school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law and the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#). This notice explains how the department, including Victorian government schools (schools), handles personal and health information. On occasion, specific consent will be sought for the collection and use of information, for example, for a student to receive a health service. Our schools are also required by legislation, such as the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*, to collect some of this information.

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, student support service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners, and all other employees, contractors, volunteers and service providers of the school and the department.

On enrolment, and during the ordinary course of a student's attendance at a school, schools will collect information about students and their families for the following purposes:

- educating students
- supporting students' social and emotional wellbeing, and health
- fulfilling legal obligations, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law
- communicating and engaging with parents
- student administration
- school management
- supporting policy in relation to student education and wellbeing.

If this information is not collected, schools may be unable to provide optimal education or support to students or fulfil legal obligations.

For example, our schools rely on parents to provide **health information** about any medical condition or disability that their child has, medication their child may take while at school, any known allergies and contact details of their child's doctor. If parents do not provide all relevant health information, this may put their child's health at risk.

Our schools also require current, relevant information about all **parents and carers** so that schools can take account of safety concerns that affect their children. Parents should provide schools with copies of all current parenting plans and court orders about or that affect their children and provide updated copies when they change.

When parents enrol their child in primary school, they will be asked to provide personal and health information in several ways, including via the Enrolment Form, the [School Entrance Health Questionnaire](#) (SEHQ) and the [Early Childhood Intervention Service](#) (ECIS) Transition Form.

The **Enrolment Form** is used to collect information that is essential for the purposes listed above, and requests information such as:

- **Emergency contacts** – Individuals parents nominate for a school to contact during an emergency. Parents should ensure that their nominated emergency contact agrees to their contact details being provided to the school and that they understand their details may be disclosed by the department if lawful, e.g. in the case of emergency communications relating to bush fires or floods.
- **Student background information** – Information about country of birth, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin, language spoken at home and parent occupation. This information enables the department to allocate appropriate resources to schools. The department also uses this information to plan for future educational needs in Victoria and shares some information with the Commonwealth government to monitor, plan and allocate resources.
- **Immunisation status** – This assists schools to manage health risks and legal obligations. The department may also provide this information to the Department of Health and Department of Families, Fairness and Housing to assess immunisation rates in Victoria, but not in a way which identifies students.

- **Visa status** – This is required to process a student’s enrolment.

All schools may use departmental systems and online tools such as apps and other software to effectively collect and manage information about students and families for the purposes listed above.

When schools use these online tools, they take steps to ensure that student information is secure. If parents or carers have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact the school.

School staff will only share student and family information with other school staff who need to know to enable them to educate or support the student as described above. Information will only be shared outside the school (and outside the department) as required or authorised by law, including where sharing is required to meet duty of care, anti-discrimination, occupational health and safety, and child wellbeing and safety obligations. The information collected will not be disclosed beyond the school and department without parent consent unless such disclosure is lawful.

When a student transfers to another school (including Catholic, independent and interstate), personal and/or health information about that student may be transferred to the next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of the student and assists the next school to provide the best possible education and support to the student. For further detail about how and what level of information is provided to the next school, refer to the: [Enrolment: Student transfers between schools](#)

Schools only provide school reports and ordinary school communications to students, parents, carers or others who have a legal right to that information. Requests for access to other student information or by others must be made by lodging a [Freedom of Information](#) (FOI) application.

To update student or family information, parents should contact their school.

For more information about how schools and the department collect and manage personal and health information, or how to access personal and health information held by a school about you or your child, refer to the: [Schools’ Privacy Policy](#)

**While children are at school many families will have contact with head lice. The information contained here will help you treat and control head lice.**

## Catching head lice

Head lice have been around for many thousands of years. Anyone can get head lice.

Head lice are small, wingless, blood sucking insects. Their colour varies from whitish-brown to reddish-brown. Head lice only survive on humans. If isolated from the head they die very quickly (usually within 24 hours).

People get head lice from direct hair to hair contact with another person who has head lice. This can happen when people play, cuddle or work closely together.

Head lice do not have wings or jumping legs so they cannot fly or jump from head to head. They can only crawl.

## Finding head lice

Many lice do not cause an itch, so you have to **look carefully to find them**.

Head lice are found on the hair itself and move to the scalp to feed. They have six legs which end in a claw and they rarely fall from the head. Louse eggs (also called nits) are laid within 1.5 cm of the scalp and are firmly attached to the hair. They resemble dandruff, but can't be brushed off.

Lice can crawl and hide. The easiest and most effective way to find them is to follow these steps:

- Step 1** Comb any type of hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This stuns the lice and makes it difficult for them to grip the hair or crawl around.
- Step 2** Now comb sections of the hair with a fine tooth, head lice comb.
- Step 3** Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.
- Step 4** Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.
- Step 5** Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least four or five times.

If lice or eggs are found, the hair should be treated.

If the person has been treated recently and you only find empty hatched eggs, you may not have to treat, as the empty eggs could be from a previous episode.

## Treating head lice

Treating head lice involves removing lice and eggs from the hair. There are two ways you can do this:

1. Buying and using a head lice lotion or shampoo, following the instructions on the product
2. Using the conditioner and comb method (described under 'finding head lice') every second day until there have been no live lice found for ten days.

If you choose to use a head lice product always read and follow the instructions provided with the product carefully. The following points may also be helpful:

- Head lice products must be applied to all parts of the hair and scalp.
- No treatment kills all of the eggs so treatment must involve two applications, seven days apart. The first treatment kills all lice; the second treatment kills the lice that may have hatched from eggs not killed by the first treatment.
- Cover the person's eyes while the treatment is being applied. A towel is a good way to do this.
- If you are using a lotion, apply the product to dry hair.
- If you are using a shampoo, wet the hair, but use the least amount of water possible.
- Apply the treatment near the scalp, using an ordinary comb to cover the hair from root to tip. Repeat this several times until all the hair is covered.

There is no need to treat the whole family - unless they also have head lice.

Concentrate on the head - there is no need to clean the house or the classroom.

Only the pillowcase requires washing - either wash it in hot water (at least 60°C) or dry it using a clothes dryer on the hot or warm setting.

## Testing resistance

Head lice products belong in one of the following categories depending on the active compound they contain:

- pyrethrins
- synthetic pyrethroids (permethrin, bioallethrin)
- organophosphates (maldison or malathion)
- herbal with or without natural (non-chemical) pyrethrins.

Insecticide resistance is common, so you should test if lice are dead. If they are, treat again in seven days using the same product. If the lice are not dead, the treatment has not worked and the lice may be resistant to the product and all products containing the same active compound. Wash off the product and treat as soon as possible using a product containing a different active compound. If the insecticide has worked, the lice will be dead within 20 minutes.

Any head lice product could cause a reaction and should be used with care by women who are pregnant or breastfeeding, children less than 12 months old and people with allergies, asthma or open wounds on the scalp. If you are unsure, please check with your pharmacist or doctor.

## Head lice combs

Combs with long, rounded stainless steel teeth positioned very close together have been shown to be the most effective, however, any head lice comb can be used.

## Head lice eggs

Head lice eggs are small (the size of a pinhead) and oval. A live egg will 'pop' when squashed between fingernails.



Dead eggs have crumpled sides and hatched eggs look like tiny boiled eggs with their tops cut off.

## Regulations

According to the Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009, children with head lice can be readmitted to school or children's service centres after treatment has commenced.

The department recommends a child with head lice can be treated one evening and return to school or children's service centres the next day, even if there are still some eggs present. There is no need to miss school or child care because of head lice.

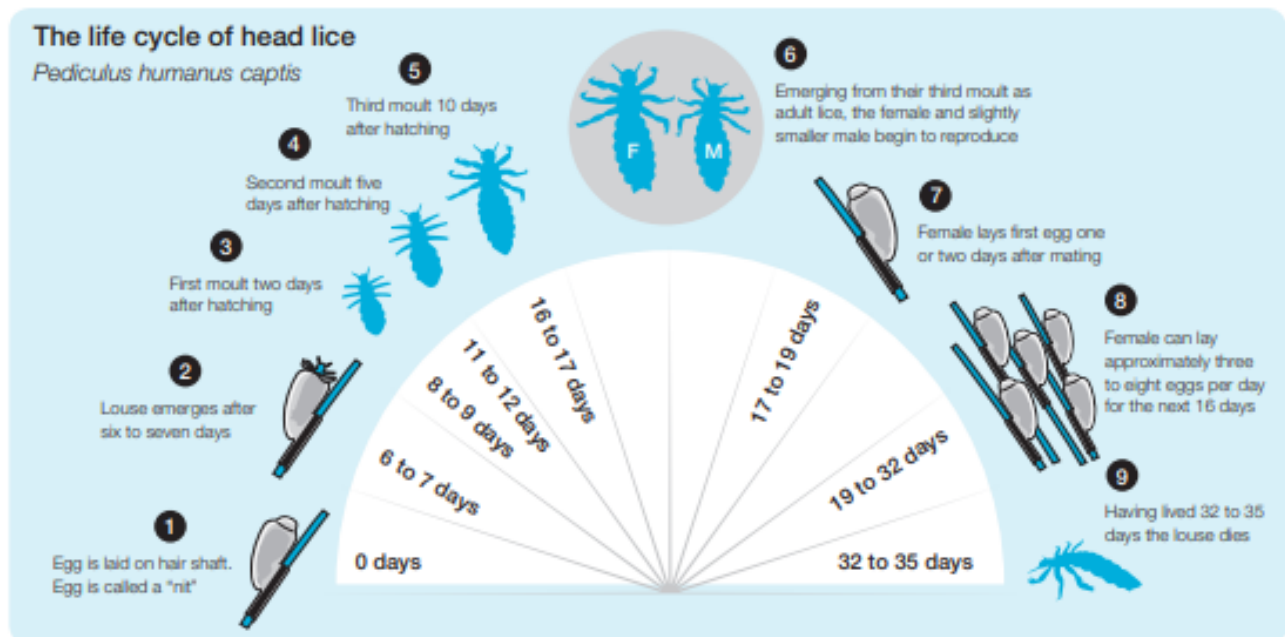
## Preventing head lice

Check your child's head regularly with comb and conditioner. There is no research to prove that chemical or herbal therapies can prevent head lice.

## Further information

The following website offers further information:

[www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice)



The information in this pamphlet is based on the research conducted and written by Associate Professor Rick Speare and the team of researchers at, School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, James Cook University.

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**LUNCH ORDER ~ PRICE LIST ~ 2023**  
**GRANT STREET TAKE-AWAY**  
**40 Grant Street, Ballarat Central 3350**



**Thursday Only**

Pies	\$3.60
Veggie Pasties	\$3.60
Party Pies	\$1.20
Sausage Rolls	\$1.20
Steamed Dim Sims	\$1.20
Chicken Nuggets x 3	\$2.20

Sauce	.20
Soy Sauce	.20

**OFF THE GRILL**

Chicken Schnitzel Burger with Lettuce, Cheese & Mayo	\$4.90
Chicken Parma Roll	\$5.00
Vegetarian Burger with Salad	\$4.90

**SANDWICHES**

Ham & Salad	\$3.50
Chicken & Salad	\$3.50
Salad	\$3.00
Cheese	\$2.50
Bacon, Lettuce & Tomato	\$4.00

**WRAPS**

Ham & Salad	\$4.00
Chicken & Salad	\$4.00
Salad	\$4.00
Chicken Caesar	\$4.00
Bacon, Lettuce & Tomato	\$4.00

**ROLLS**

Ham & Salad	\$4.00
Chicken & Salad	\$4.00
Salad	\$4.00
Cheese	\$4.00
Bacon, Lettuce & Tomato	\$4.00

**EXTRAS**

Fruit Salad	\$3.00
Yogurt & Muesli	\$3.00

**DRINKS**

Flavoured Milk~ Small Choc or Strawberry	\$2.70
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Prima:	\$2.20
Orange/Apple/Orange & Mango/Apple and Blackcurrant	

- Be sure the writing is neat and **clear**.
- Correct money is appreciated, as change can be lost.
- If insufficient payment is enclosed we will send a lunch to the enclosed value.

**Please set out paper bags as below:**

<b>John Student</b>	
<b>3/4S</b>	
3 Party Pies	\$3.60
Sauce	.20
Prima Orange Juice	\$2.00
Total	\$5.80
Enclosed	\$6.00
Change Required	.20