



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 4

23rd February 2023

Upcoming Dates

Day off for Foundation Students 2023 – no classes	Wednesday 1 st March
Foundation Students – full time at school	Monday 6 th March
Open Classroom (3-5pm)	Tuesday 7 th March
Labour Day Public Holiday	Monday 13 th March
Whole School Sports Day	Tuesday 14 th March

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

News from the Principal

Dear Families,

It's an exciting time at MPPS. This week our new student toilets demolition/construction has commenced. We are told that this should take between 4-5 weeks. Children are doing a wonderful job of staying away from the fenced area and using other toilets during this time.

This Saturday just gone, myself and 3 of our staff attended Sharing Best Practice Bendigo at LaTrobe University. Our staff are to be commended for the time take out of their weekends to attend these events. This highlights a strong commitment to ongoing learning and continuing to embed best teaching and learning practices at MPPS. Last year our staff also attended and volunteered their time to attend Sharing Best Practice Ballarat. Our team continues to be involved in groups leading best practice improvement to schools in the Ballarat region. Thank you to, Suzie, Kayla, Bek and Kathleen for attending Sharing Best Practice this past year.

Student Attendance

Victorian schools have a strong focus on daily student attendance. When children are well, the routine of daily attendance is a key focus for all students and families. At MPPS we send out termly letters to inform families of the children's attendance. This will include a visual snapshot of attendance including late arrivals. The purpose of these letters is to ensure we are communicating student daily attendance in a timely manner to families.

Classroom Visits

This coming **Tuesday March 7th** 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. Apologies for the confusion in dates that may have been sent out earlier – it is Tuesday March 7th from 3pm – 5pm.

During the classroom visits your child will be able to show you their SeeSaw, where they sit and we will also have a video playing of a Repeated Read. 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.

No Hat, No Play:

Some children are still forgetting their hat. Term 4 is “no hat, no play” and this week we have started to enforce this rule. Please ensure your child has a hat every day, a good reminder when you walk out the door is - “got my shoes, got my hat!”

SeeSaw:

Are you on SeeSaw? This is a wonderful way to stay up to date with everything that is happening at school. Teachers post individual student photos and learning celebrations to their portfolios. It's a great conversation starter at the end of the day.

Lunch Orders:

Lunch orders continue to be well subscribed! Thank you to everyone that remembered their “brown paper bags” – please use this for lunch orders. Lunch orders are taken into classrooms each morning. Our School Captains collect the lunch orders in the morning, the Admin Office does not accept lunch orders.

Please see here for further details and the lunch order menu:

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

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 or phone 1300 366 437 to book.



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

Year 2 Update

This week Year 2 have been learning about addition in Numeracy. We have been exploring worded problems and solving them using hands on materials. We have focused on using different strategies to find the best way to work out the answer. Next week we will challenge ourselves learning subtraction. Here are some pictures of us working hard!



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.



WOODMANS HILL
SECONDARY COLLEGE

Parents of students in
Grades 4, 5 and 6 are
warmly encouraged to attend

**INFORMATION
EVENING**

Wednesday 15th March, 2023

Information Sessions

will be held at 5.00pm and 6.00pm
in the Theatre, followed by school tours.

Bookings essential.



www.woodmanshill.net.au

Woodmans Hill - Fussell Street Ballarat, Ph: 5336 7264

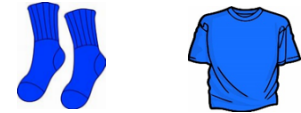


If your child is missing any belongings, please check our lost property at the office.

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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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.

Parent Portal – Sentral

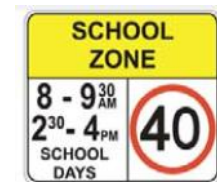
We are currently trying to get all families registered to be on the Sentral Parent Portal, as we will be utilizing this app this year for many things. For those of you who are already registered, we thank you. If you need to register, you can find the instructions in the previous newsletter. This can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

PARKING, TRAFFIC AND SCHOOL CROSSING INSPECTIONS

The City of Ballarat traffic unit staff will be actively enforcing all parking and traffic regulations around schools and inspections will be undertaken randomly throughout the year.

All parents and visitors are reminded to please observe all parking, traffic and school crossing rules.

Student and community safety should be our priority.

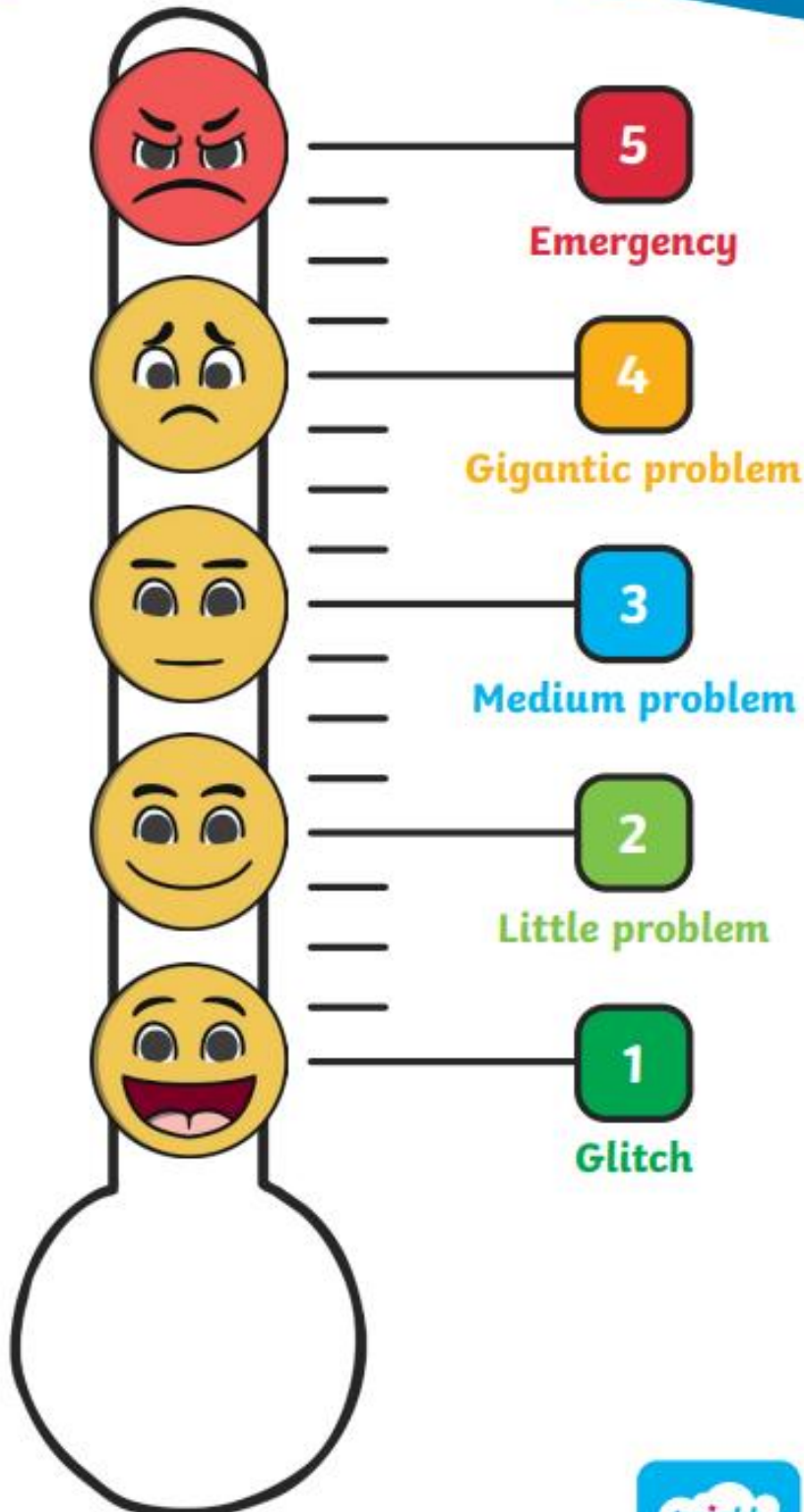


Extend After School Care

3.15 pm – 6.00pm

Call 1300 366 437 for enquiries

How big is my problem?





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	\$2.70
Choc or Strawberry	

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:

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