Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Newsletter Number 5 | 2nd March 2023

Upcoming Dates

Foundation Students – full time at school	Monday 6th March
Open Classroom (3-5pm)	Tuesday 7th March
Labour Day Public Holiday	Monday 13th March
Whole School Sports Day	Tuesday 14th March
Hot Cross Bun forms due back	Thursday 23rd March

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

REMINDER:
Please ensure that all excursions are paid for prior to event.

News from the Principal

Dear Families,

We are over halfway through Term 1. It has been a very busy time, setting up learning routines, doing student assessments, and generally settling back into school. Well done to our families, teachers and education support staff that have all worked together to build meaningful relationships to support our learners. We are excited to see the learning and growth that will occur over the course of the school year.

Next week we welcome our Foundation students to school full time! Now that the beginning of year DET assessments are almost over, we look forward to having our students with us each day from Monday to Friday.

We have heard back from the VSBA regarding our Inclusive Schools Playground Grant! It is pleasing that these works will begin in the second half of this year. We are excited to have new toilets and a new playground being installed for our students in 2023!

At the back of the Newsletter, we have included a print out for your fridge at home – How big is my problem? This is particularly useful to assist students (and adults!) to put things in perspective. I have it place in a prominent position on my own fridge for our family. If you'd like a copy, you can pick one up at the Admin Office or when you come to visit our classrooms on Tuesday 7th March.

Traffic Safety

Please ensure when parking near our school that you adhere to all parking laws. There are several cars parking illegally at the front of the school during drop off/pick up times. In particular near where the children are crossing, there is *ample* parking further down and on Trethowan St. We have also noted that some cars are making illegal u-turns out the front of the school. We take the safety of our students and school community seriously. 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.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN begins across Australia on Wednesday March 15th. Please let your child/ren's classroom teacher know if you have any queries about NAPLAN. Student in Years 3 and 5 will sit four NAPLAN tests. These are; Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy. Each test is 40 minutes in duration.

Student Hair/Nits

Please ensure your child/ren's hair is tied up every day. Schools are known places to pick up nits and the best preventative is to have your hair up every single day at school. The DET policy for Nits is available on the website under "Policies and Documents".

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 gives children a sense of accomplishment and celebration when they see they are improving.

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 ag
head lice by checking your child's hai
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

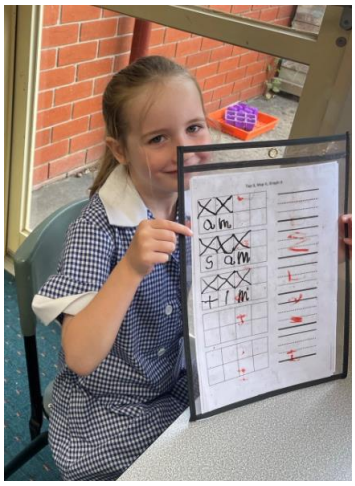
Kitchen Garden/STEM news

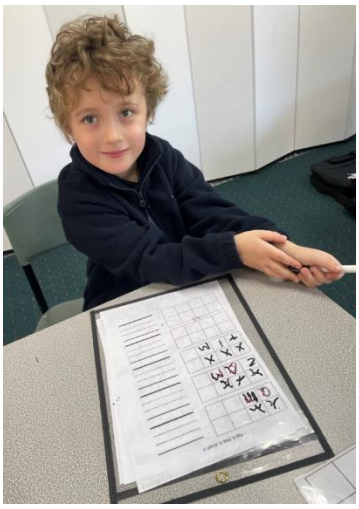
On Monday the 27th February, 2023 the year three to six students were engaged in creating their own healthy food snacks. All students explored healthy food options including choosing foods that give more energy over a longer period of time rather than sugary foods that give a short burst of energy. The students were provided with a range of salad options and dressings, white and brown bread, cookie cutters and the opportunity to create their healthy food snack. At the end of the session, the students ate their creations with great enthusiasm. Some students tried foods they had not tasted before such as pea shoots, yellow cherry tomatoes and cucumber.

Mrs. Dyer

SCHOLASTIC Book Clubs

Issue 2 of Book Club order forms went home today and are due back on Thursday 16th March. 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.





Foundation/1

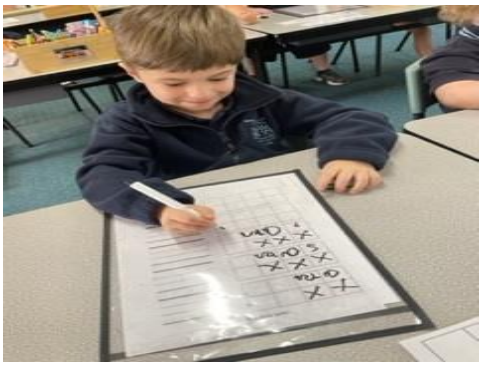
What an amazing start to the school year for our Foundation and Grade 1 students!

Starting school can be an exciting and nerve-wracking experience for our Foundation students. It marks a new chapter in their lives, as they transition from the comfort of their homes to the structured environment of the classroom. During this time, it is important for parents and teachers to provide a nurturing and supportive atmosphere that encourages curiosity and creativity.

For teachers, it means creating engaging lessons and fostering a safe and inclusive classroom culture. With the right support, foundation students can thrive and develop a lifelong love for learning.

Our students are well supported by their year one counterparts and their Grade 5/6 Buddies. They have been learning how to write, becoming mathematicians, and most importantly making new friendships. Check out some photos from our learning adventures.

Anna, Michelle, Suzie



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

ALL KIDS DESERVE A HEALTHY START

Many of the ultra-processed and packaged food and drink products still sold in some school canteens and Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) food services are packed full of cheap ingredients, like sugar and salt, that don't give kids the nutrients they need to get through the school day.

But this is changing! Across Victoria, dozens of schools and OSHC services have signed up to the Vic Kids Eat Well (VKEW) movement and are being supported to make positive changes to their canteens and food services through simple steps. Together, we're boosting delicious, fresh and healthier food and drink options, giving kids access to the fuel they need to learn and thrive.

JOIN US & BOOST HEALTHIER FOOD & DRINK OPTIONS FOR YOUR KIDS TODAY!

Interested in learning more about:
- Vic Kids Eat Well and the rewards available?
- How you can be supported to make positive changes?

SCAN QR TO REGISTER for the VKEW Ballarat launch!

VIC KIDS EAT WELL

Vic Kids Eat Well is supported by the Victorian Government, and delivered by Cancer Council Victoria, in partnership with Nutrition Australia.

Cancer Council Victoria · Nutrition Australia · Victoria State Government · Ballarat Community Health

Phoenix P-12 COMMUNITY COLLEGE

2024 YEAR 7 SHOWCASE EVENING

SEBASTOPOL CAMPUS

TUESDAY 14TH MARCH

Parents and prospective students are warmly invited to attend the Showcase Evening at Phoenix P–12 Community College, Sebastopol Campus.

Discover first-hand how your child can share in the lifetime benefits of an excellent secondary education. The College will be open between 4:30pm – 6:30pm for visitors to undertake a self-guided tour, exploring interactive displays of students' work and activities across a variety of learning areas.

Please enter the school via the Hertford Street gate and register.

4:30pm - 6:30pm

The Sebastopol Campus of Phoenix P–12 Community College offers a broad range of scholarship opportunities. Further information will be available on the night.

"In Knowledge there is Opportunity"

Hertford St, Sebastopol · www.phoenix.vic.edu.au

HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE

Today your child should have brought home a Hot Cross Bun form. This is a fundraiser for our school. Please ask family and friends if they would like to purchase any, Easter isn't far away. Forms and money need to be returned to the office by the Close of Business Thursday 23rd March. Hot Cross Buns will be delivered to the school on Thursday 30th March. There are spare forms available from the office.

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 you 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

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Student and community safety should be our priority.

CITY OF BALLARAT

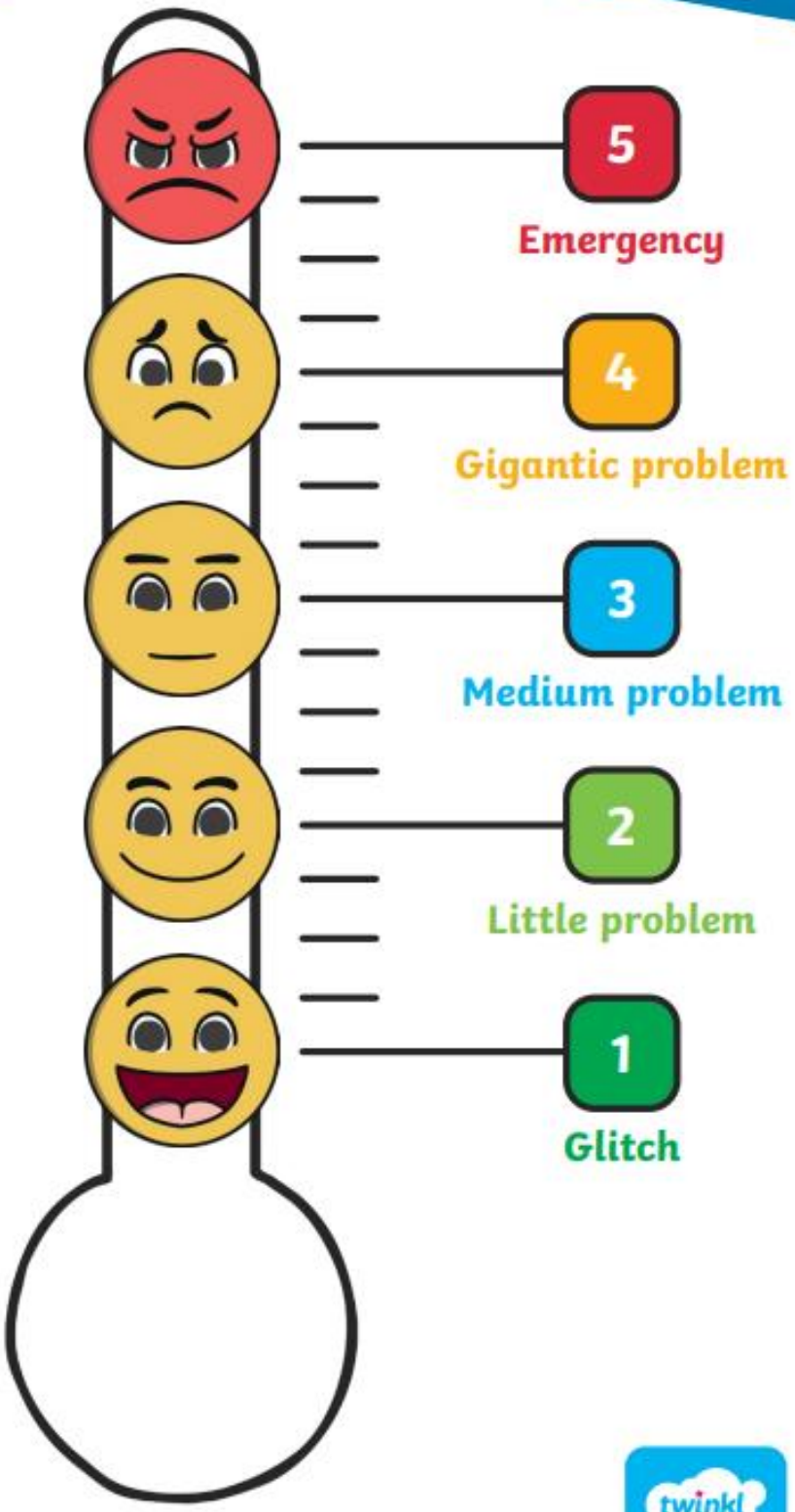
extend BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

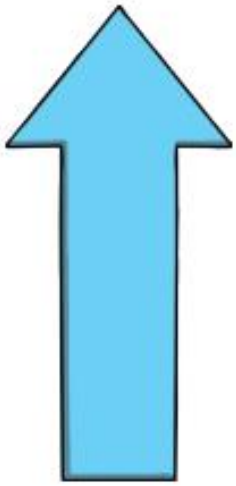
Extend After School Care

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 Choc or Strawberry	$2.70
Prima: Orange/Apple/Orange & Mango/ Apple and Blackcurrant	$2.20

- **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

HOT CROSS BUN ORDER FORM EASTER 2023

Bakers Delight Ballarat City would like to offer you the opportunity to purchase delicious Hot Cross Buns and make a profit for Mt Pleasant Primary School

For every 6 pack of Hot Cross Buns you order, Bakers Delight Ballarat City will give $2.00 to Mt Pleasant P.S.

Simply fill in the details below and select how many and which Hot Cross Buns you would like to order, bring your order form together with full payment back to the school office by the COB Thursday 23rd March and your buns baked fresh that morning will be delivered to the school on the Thursday 30th Mar.
Remember to ask family and friends if they would like to order some too.

Full Name: _____ Class: _____

Contact No: _____

Name	**Traditional Hot Cross Buns** Qty (per 6 pack) $9.00 per 6 pack	**Choc Chip Hot Cross Buns** Qty (per 6 pack) $9.00 per 6 pack	**Apple & Cinnamon Hot Cross Buns** Qty (per 6 pack) $9.00 per 6 pack	**Mocha Hot Cross Buns** Qty (per 6 pack) $9.00 per 6 pack	**Fruitless Hot Cross Buns** Qty (per 6 pack) $9.00 per 6 pack	**Total $**	**Paid**