



# Mount Pleasant Primary School

# NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 9

30<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## Upcoming Dates

### **Hot Cross Bun delivery today**

Term 1 Rewards Day

Last day of Term 1

Professional Learning Day (staff) – NO SCHOOL

Anzac Day – Public Holiday

**Term 2 commences**

### **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April @ 2.15pm

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

Dear Families,

It has been an eventful time at school! The past two weeks we have had our Year 3 and Year 5 students complete NAPLAN Assessments, all students and teachers have completed progress monitoring in literacy and numeracy and we have planning week beginning for Term 2.

Thank you to all of the families that have supported our school with purchasing Hot Cross Buns! We hope they enjoy a warm and toasty hot cross bun with a hot choccy over the weekend as the weather gets cooler.

## **School Staffing Shortages**

It is being reported often in national newspapers and on the news that challenges the system is facing with staff shortages. Mount Pleasant Primary School is not immune to this situation. The past fortnight we have experienced challenges in finding staff to cover absence/illness. With this in mind, you may receive an evening or morning txt message that your child's grade is being "split". When this occurs, children are sent to work in other classrooms with work for the day. We appreciate your understanding as we navigate these challenges together as a community.

## **Staffing Update**

I am pleased to announce that Bronwyn Wood has been provisionally appointed as the successful candidate to the Student Wellbeing Leader role for the remainder of 2023 at MPPS. Bronwyn brings a wealth of experience in her roles at Berry St, Dana St PS and within a range of counselling roles. Bronwyn will be working Tuesday, Thursday and Friday starting in term 2.

## **End of Term**

The end of term is approaching. Like us, you may have noticed there are some very tired children. At school we keep to routine and structure as much as we can until the end of term. We encourage families to continue with eating/sleeping routines also, routines help keep children feeling safe and happy.

## **Student Illness**

The rise in COVID over the past few weeks is again having an impact. Please keep unwell children at home. The Admin Office and First Aide will call families for unwell children to be picked up from school.

## **Professional Practice Day**

Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> April is a whole school Professional Practice Day. Staff undertake professional learning aligned to their role and the school Annual Implementation Plan. The next day, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April is ANZAC Day, this means that children will return to school on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April for term 2.

Kate Robinson, Principal, Mount Pleasant Primary School

# FINAL STEM/KITCHEN GARDEN SESSION



On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March, we dug up our undies that we buried in week. Year 3 students discovered that their 'soil your undies' experiment revealed that the soil near the building in the junior school area was not suitable to plant vegetables. The undies were only wet and dirty with no visible signs of decomposing. Try this at home to see where the best place to plant your vegetable crop should be.

[Volcano Science Experiment | Science Experiments for Kids | Science Fun](#)

The students from years F/1 and 3 discovered the magic of chemical reactions when an alkali and an acid mix together. We mixed, vinegar, bi-carb soda and hot water with dishwashing liquid and a drop of food dye. The results were very visual. If you would like to do this experiment at home, the link above has all the instructions.



We also discovered what happens when you put food colouring into a bowl of milk and touch it with a cotton tip dipped in dishwashing solution. The dishwashing solution breaks down the fat in the milk and forces the colours to separate.

[Milk Food Coloring And Dish Soap Experiment ~ Incredible Science - YouTube](#)



The students in year 3 and 4 were investigating the chemical reactions between bi carb soda and vinegar when put together in a bottle. We found out that the reactions cause a gas called carbon dioxide that inflated the balloon. It was amazing! An easy kitchen science experiment to try at home.



This was my last session with the students, I've thoroughly enjoyed developing the scientific minds of the student's, promoting curiosity and investigations.



## Farewell

It was with a heavy heart that I resigned this week from Mount Pleasant Primary School. I have been fortunate to secure an exciting career change working with the Australian Health Association to support schools with their applications for funding for students with Disabilities and Inclusion. I will be working throughout the Central Highlands Area visiting schools to facilitate the Disability and Inclusion Profile process. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kate, the staff, students, parents and wider community of Mount Pleasant Primary School for your support during the time I have worked here. I have been associated with school and community for a very long time with my children being past students. It has been a real pleasure to educate the children of Mount Pleasant for the past seventeen years as a Teacher and Leader of the school. I look forward to a continued relationship, albeit in another role. I will miss those little smiling faces every day. My last day will be Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2023.

All the best, Jenny Dyer.



**nab AFL Auskick**  
**JOIN THE FUN!**

**East Point Dragons All Girls Auskick Centre**  
**White Flat Oval, Ballarat**

Friday April 28th - July 21st from 4:30pm-5:30pm

For more information please contact  
**Alex Campbell: 0448 598 934**



Scan the QR Code to register!

**ARE YOU READY FOR AN AMAZING TERM 2?**

The Extend team is ecstatic to get ready for another term of outstanding creativity and inspiring activities!

Join us for artsy programs that make the most of your children's talent and recycling abilities!

Create terrific coloured tubes, cool cotton ball creatures, little foam-made friends and fantastic firework paintings!

All that and more awaits you at Extend!



**extend**  
BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Join us for amazing arts and crafts in Term 2  
Book 14 days in advance to receive the  
Early Bird Rate at [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)!



**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

Tue Apr 11th to Fri Apr 14th  
Mon Apr 17th to Fri Apr 21st

**PROGRAM ACTIVITIES**

Gymnastics Park Play  
FORTRESS FUN Cheerleading  
Mini Olympics Games  
Ninja Craft Acrobatics  
Dance Circus

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Daily - 9am to 3pm  
\$65 \*

Extra Care 3 - 5pm  
\$15

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[www.ballaratgymnastics.com/holiday-fun-program](http://www.ballaratgymnastics.com/holiday-fun-program)



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 supp



**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.

### 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)



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.

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.



### 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.

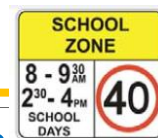
***Student and community safety should be our priority.***



**Extend After School Care**

**3.15 pm– 6.00pm**

**Call 1300 366 437 for enquiries**





**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 Blackcurrent	

- 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