



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 1

1st February 2024

Upcoming Dates

Day off for Foundation Students 2024 – no classes
Day off for Foundation Students 2024 – no classes
Big Steps Photo – Courier – Foundation
Day off for Foundation Students 2024 – no classes
Teeth on Wheels
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Wednesday 7th February
Wednesday 14th February
Thursday 15th February
Wednesday 21st February
Thursday 22nd February
Wednesday 28th February
Thursday 29th February

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

News from the Principal

Dear Families, Students and Staff,

Welcome back, we trust you have all had a safe and restful time over the holidays. It's been wonderful to see our learners back at school in good spirits, doing their best and ready for a fabulous year of learning. Thank you to all the wonderful work our staff, students, parents and carers have done to make it such a success in starting back for 2024.

We are excited to begin the year as co-principals at Mount Pleasant Primary School. We have spent time over the holidays to rest and also to define our roles partnering together to support our learning community. We have shared values and similar ways of working to ensure consistency, together we will lead and support our school community. MPPS has been through a significant number of changes over recent years. We are committed to continuing the implementation of embedding evidence based practices to support our community.

This year we will celebrate Mount Pleasant Primary Schools 150th anniversary of the school opening. We have started preparations for a community celebration that is near the official opening date of August 3rd 1874. This will be a very exciting time for the school and for the broader school community. Celebrating our school's 150th anniversary is a significant milestone, and it provides an excellent opportunity to commemorate Mount Pleasant Primary School's significant history, achievements, and the community that has been part of it over the years. Thank you to the families that have already paid the voluntary contribution that will be spent to upgrade our heritage building in preparation for our celebrations this year. This includes maintenance to the roof in the original building which once housed over 500 pupils. You can learn more about our rich history on our website here:

<https://mtpleasps.vic.edu.au/history/>

The beginning of the year brings us the opportunity to ensure our commitment to our school values and vision. At Mount Pleasant Primary School, our vision is to create a learning community that shares "a commitment to, and a responsibility for, creating an inclusive and safe school environment for our students." Our core values are 'Respect, Responsibility and Resilience'. We see these values and our vision reflected in so many interactions at our school every day, thank you to everyone that contributes to the positivity of our school community each and every week. We all have a shared responsibility for ensuring that we uphold our values and vision in our day to day interactions with each other, and we are committed to ensuring that everyone in our school community is treated with respect, fairness and dignity. This is particularly important where there

are concerns or sensitive matters to be raised, or where we think that particular issues should be responded to or handled differently.

To reflect the importance of our values and vision, the school has a Respect for Staff policy, Code of Conduct, School Values policy and School Community Safety Schemes that are available via the school website: <https://mtpleasps.vic.edu.au/policies-documents>

These documents outline the behaviours we expect members of our school community to exhibit towards our school staff, as well as students to each other and ensures that all members of our community understand the importance of working together with our staff in an appropriate and respectful way.

As a close knit and committed school community, our strength comes from our relationships with one another, and we are so proud of the way our students, parents and carers contribute to the positivity of our school environment in a supportive and collegiate way. Together we look forward to continuing to work with you throughout the rest of the year.

Sincerely,

Kate Robinson
Principal

Anna Johnson
Acting 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.

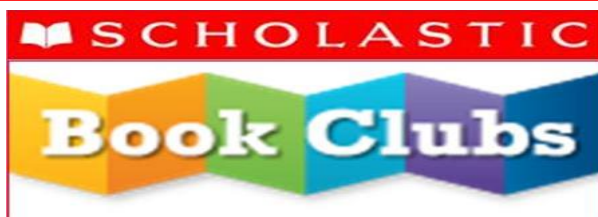


Please help our school win the war against **head lice** by checking your child's hair over the holidays. Checking hair on a regularly basis helps us keep this issue under control. Thank you for your support.

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



Issue 1 of Book Club order forms went home today and are due back on **Wednesday 14th 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.

Administration News

PARENT PAYMENTS AND SCHOOL CHARGES 2024

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 2024 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 2024. 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) – 2024

We are now accepting applications for CSEF 2024. 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 2023, you do not need to complete an application form in 2024 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 2024. 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.

EXCITING NEWS

Teeth on Wheels will be visiting our School!



At Teeth On Wheels, we provide the highest quality dental treatment while making it fun, positive and memorable for children.

With the help of the government your child might be eligible for **FREE** dental care.

Our dental services include:

- ✓ Check-ups
- ✓ Oral Health Education
- ✓ Scale, Clean & Fluoride Treatments
- ✓ Fissure Sealants
- ✓ X-rays
- ✓ Fillings
- ✓ Extractions



CLICK OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE YOUR FORM



TeethOnWheelsAustralia



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Phone: (03) 9338 1191

Email: info@teethonwheels.com.au



TeethOnWheels
a positive dental experience

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.

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.

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Supporting Our Community



2024 UNDER 12
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

6 WEEK PROGRAM **ALL ABILITIES WELCOME**

TRAINING PACK INCLUDES
FOOTBALL **DRINK BOTTLE** **TRAINING TOP**

REGISTRATIONS OPEN NEXT WEEK
VISIT BFNL.COM.AU FOR DETAILS



Sentral e-resource

Registering on the Sentral for Parents App for the first time



Sentral for Parents App

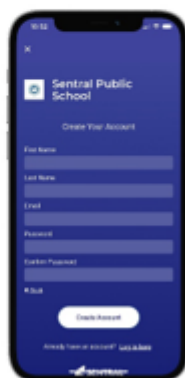
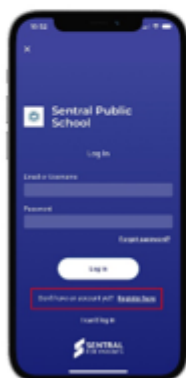
Step One: Download the Sentral for Parents app.



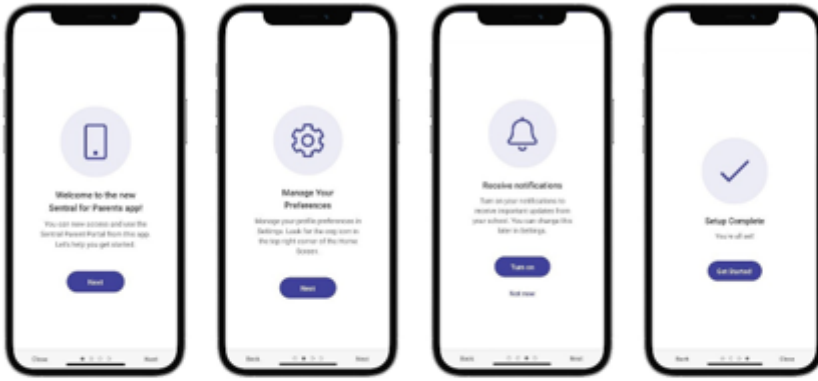
Step Two: Type in the school's name.



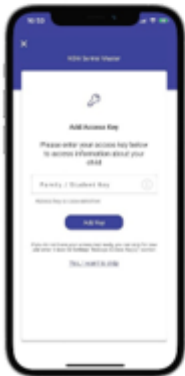
Step Three: Choose 'Register Here' from the bottom of the screen. Complete the details and choose 'Create Account'. You will receive a verification email which **MUST** be verified to continue. When the verification link is clicked it opens the log in screen in browser – close the browser and go back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





Mount Pleasant Primary School



Term 1 2024 Parent Planner

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	January 29 Staff return - Maths PD	January 30 Staff return - Maths PD	January 31 All students return. No classes – Foundation	February 1	February 2
Week 2	February 5	February 6	February 7 No classes – Foundation	February 8	February 9
Week 3	February 12	February 13	February 14 No classes – Foundation	February 15 Foundation photo – Big Steps with The Courier	February 16
Week 4	February 19	February 20	February 21 No classes – Foundation	February 22 Teeth on Wheels	February 23
Week 5	February 26	February 27 Open Classrooms (2.45-5pm)	February 28 No classes – Foundation	February 29 Teeth on Wheels	March 1
Week 6	March 4 Foundation students – fulltime	March 5	March 6	March 7	March 8
Week 7	March 11 Labour Day Public Holiday	March 12	March 13	March 14	March 15 Athletics Carnival
Week 8	March 18	March 19	March 20	March 21	March 22
Week 9	March 25	March 26	March 27	March 28 Last day of term - 2.15pm finish	March 29 Good Friday

Public Holiday	Student Free Day
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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	\$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



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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