



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 2

8th February 2024

Upcoming Dates

Day off for Foundation Students 2024 – no classes
Big Steps Photo – Courier – Foundation
Day off for Foundation Students 2024 – no classes
Teeth on Wheels
Day off for Foundation Students 2024 – no classes
Teeth on Wheels

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 and Friends,

It's week 2 and our students (and staff!) have done a wonderful job of getting back into the swing of learning! We are especially excited to welcome our 2024 Foundation students and families to school.

The children have done an exceptional job of transitioning to school. Thank you for partnering with us to begin your child's learning journey at MPPS.

Code of Conduct:

On Friday we are sending home the student Code of Conduct form for families to discuss, sign and return to school.

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.

Our teachers work with students at the beginning of the year to set up school expectations and students participate in developing these. We have always been grateful for the support we receive from our parent/family community in working with us to support a safe learning environment.

From time to time children may experience challenges at school. When this occurs, we work in partnership to develop strategies to support children in a safe way for the benefit of everyone in our school.

Please ensure you discuss this with your child and return the signed Code of Conduct form. Please return this form by Friday 23rd of February.


School Uniform and Hats:

It has been pleasing to see so many of our students returning to school in full school uniform and with their hats! Term 1 is a hat term in all schools in Victoria. It is compulsory that all children bring/wear a hat to school. A good check in the morning is – *“got my shoes, got my hat”*.

Wearing a clean school uniform is compulsory at Mount Pleasant Primary School. Wearing a uniform develops a sense of belonging and promotes equality in our learning community, assists in student safety by ensuring staff are able to identify children when on local walks and excursions, and reduces clothing costs over time. Please ensure your child wears the correct and clean school uniform each day. Navy blue items such as shorts, pants, t shirts and jumpers can all be purchased at very reasonable prices from a range of stores such

as Big W/Best and Less/K-Mart. For embroidered school uniform pieces, you can purchase from Crockers in Ballarat.

Safer Internet Day:

It was Safer Internet Day on February 6th this week and we will be sending home our Acceptable Use Agreement (AUA) for our Year 3-6 students. We are all responsible for ensuring we are safe digital citizens 

Safer Internet Day is a global initiative to raise awareness of online safety issues. The eSafety Commissioner leads the initiative in Australia. We educate people about online safety risks, like online abuse, how to be safe online and where to go for help. This Safer Internet Day we are being encouraged to take three simple actions when approaching online safety: Connect. Reflect. Protect.

Connect ~ safely by keeping apps and devices secure and reviewing your privacy settings regularly.

Reflect ~ on how your actions online may affect others or your safety.

Protect ~ yourself and others by visiting eSafety.gov.au to find out how to stay safe online and report online abuse.

By doing these things and sharing the Connect. Reflect. Protect message, we can work towards making every day a Safer Internet Day.

Learn more here:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au>

Privacy Policy:

Please see the Department of Education's Privacy Policy here:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/schools-privacy-policy>

This document is also available on our website;

<https://mtpleasps.vic.edu.au/policies-documents/>

Change of Contact details:

Please let the Admin Office know as soon as possible if your details such as phone number, address change.

Pick Up Times and After School Care:

A reminder that school pick up time is at 3.15pm. We kindly request that families observe these times. We have on site After School Care that you can book your child/ren into if you need a later pick up time. Contact Extend directly on: 1300 366 437

We discourage families picking children up early from school unless there is a valid reason to do so such as a medical appointment. If you arrive early to pick your child up without prior communication, you may need to wait until there is an available staff member to go to the classroom to collect them. We advise families to please let their child's teacher know via email if they will need to leave school early.

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.



REMEMBER
ONCE A WEEK,
TAKE A PEEK.

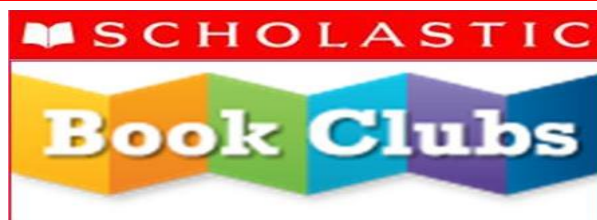


Please help our school win the war against **head lice** by checking your child's hair over the holidays. Checking hair on a regularly basis helps us keep this issue under control. Thank you for your support.

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



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.

Why it's important to **Connect. Reflect. Protect.** this Safer Internet Day



Almost half

of children aged 8-17 were treated in a **hurtful or nasty way online**¹

Of these children

55%

said they had **felt sadness**, 43% had **felt anger**, and 17% said their **mental health** had been affected¹

62%

of children were **exposed to potentially harmful online content** (graphic violence, hate messages and ways to self-harm)¹

75%

of teens aged 16-18 had **encountered online porn**, with 13 being the average age of their first encounter²

68%

of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children have been treated in a **hurtful or nasty way online**³

29%

of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children **experienced online hate speech** – almost triple the national average³

75%

of adults had at least one **negative online experience**⁴

1 in 6

adults had **done something negative** online to others⁴

Fewer than

1 in 3

adults knew what to do when personal information or images were **shared without consent**⁵

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



#teethonwheels

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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www.facebook.com/Mtpleasps

FOLLOW US ON
INSTAGRAM



@mountpleasantprimaryschool

Supporting Our Community

A Taste of Competition Encouragement Meet (\$15/swimmer – includes 2 strokes)

Fun events for any swimmer looking to try competitive swimming and experience racing before their School's Swimming Carnival.

Events to choose from:

- 50m Freestyle
- 50m Backstroke
- 50m Breaststroke
- 50m Butterfly



You can choose to swim any number of strokes from only 1 race to all 4 Events. The entry fee includes your choice of 2 strokes. Additional Events cost \$5.50/event. All participants will be awarded a participation certificate.

No requirement to be registered with a club.

Suitable for "Swim School" and new, inexperienced club swimmers.

All Events will be 50m (1 length of the pool).

Swimmer must be able to swim 50m without stopping.

Events will be split into Age Groups based on swimmer's age on 18th February 2024.

Events with only 1 competitor may be combined with the next nearest age group

Entry fees are not refundable.

[Enter Encouragement Meet Online](#) through TryBooking.

Event name: "2024 BALLARAT GOLD ENCOURAGEMENT SWIM MEET"

Check out our [Guide for Swim Meet Newbies](#)

Program, timeline and athlete roster available no later than two days prior to competition from Swim Central and [Ballarat Gold Website](#)

Free spectator entry. BYO Chairs & Picnic Blankets.



All enquiries to Jo Peters, entries@ballaratgold.org.au, 0438 823 965



BALLARAT GOLD
SWIMMING CLUB

Presents

2024 Ballarat Gold Proficiency & Encouragement Meet

SV Proficiency Assessment for SV registered Club Swimmers
Encouragement Meet to introduce Recreational Swimmers to Competitive Swimming
THIS IS NOT A QUALIFYING MEET

Sunday 18th February 2024 at

**50m Outdoor Pool, Eureka Aquatic Centre,
102 Stawell Street South, Eureka, VIC 3350**

Doors open 9.00am, warm up 9.15 am, start 10.00am



AUSTRALIAN
CAMPS ASSOCIATION
PEOPLE OUTDOORS
Adventure for all



- Overnight Camps
- Weekend Camps
- School Holiday Camps



All meals, activities, transport and accommodation included. Central pick up point.



We are a Registered NDIS Service Provider.



Kids, teens and adults welcome.



Campers supported by professional staff.

30 years experience!

**Call today to find out more:
Head Office - 03 9863 6824**



Scan to complete
Referral Form to
join us on camp!



www.peopleoutdoors.org.au

This flyer has been printed on recycled stock.

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

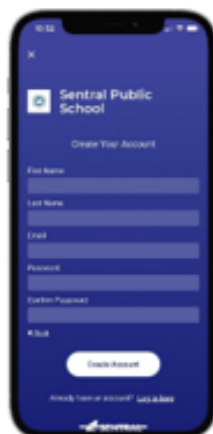
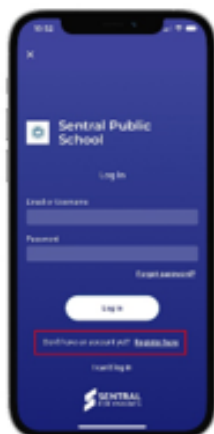
Step One: Download the Sentral for Parents app.



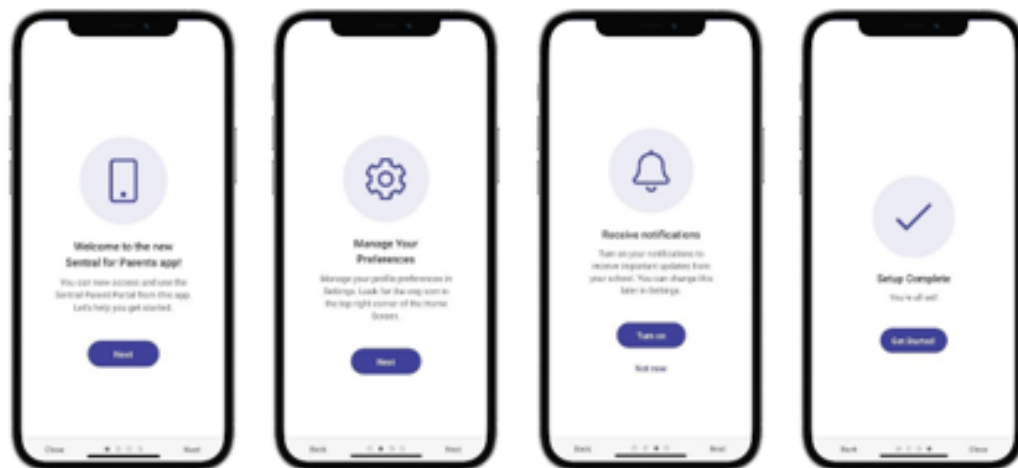
Step Two: Type in the school's name.



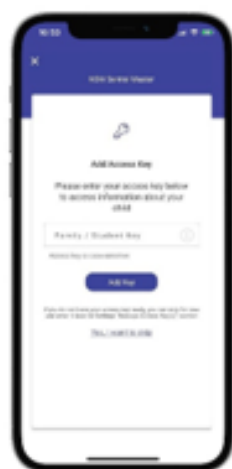
Step Three: Choose 'Register Here' from the bottom of the screen. Complete the details and choose 'Create Account'. You will receive a verification email which **MUST** be verified to continue. When the verification link is clicked it opens the log in screen in browser – close the browser and go back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

We're half way there at Mt Pleasant Primary School

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