



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 3

15th February 2024

Upcoming Dates

Big Steps Photo – Courier – Foundation
Day off for Foundation Students 2024 – no classes
Teeth on Wheels
Open Classrooms (2.45pm – 5pm)
Day off for Foundation Students 2024 – no classes
Teeth on Wheels

Thursday 15th February
Wednesday 21st February
Thursday 22nd February
Tuesday 27th February
Wednesday 28th February
Thursday 29th February

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

News from the Principal

Just a reminder to return your Personal Information Forms, Code of Conduct and Permission Forms for 2024 before Monday 26th February. If you require another copy to be sent home, please call the office to organise another copy.

Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome to Week 3 of Term 1. Since Week 1, students have been practising our classroom practices of “entering the room like it’s a movie theatre”, “fantastic walking” and “whiteboard routines”. All of these instructional practices ensure our students are familiar with expectations and routine. At MPPS, routine is extremely important to ensure success for our students. We are extremely proud of the ownership that our students take when practicing these routines and its impressive to see our older students modelling these routines across the school.

Interception

At MPPS we practice interoception after each break and transition. Interoception supports our students to develop self-regulation skills and prepare their minds and bodies for learning after recess, lunch and moving from one room to another. In in most classes, students demonstrate agency by leading these sessions. We encourage you to talk to your child/ren at home about interoception and you may even enjoy practicing this at home.

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”. **We sell wide-brimmed navy hats at the school office for \$6.00.**

A reminder that 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.

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.



**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



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 NOTE: NEW PRICE LIST FOR OUR LUNCH ORDERS. SEE ATTACHED

Grade 4/5

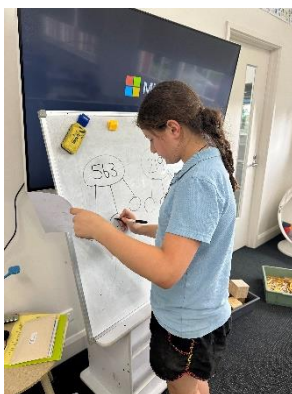
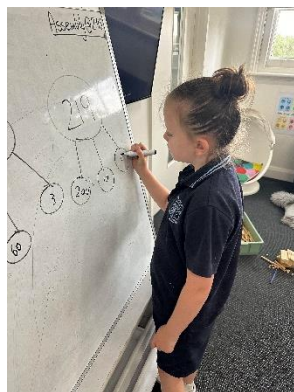
Grade 4/5 have had a great start to Term 1. We have enjoyed learning about the **Chinese Dynasty in our Core Knowledge Unit** and exploring what we know about **writing sentences in Writing** and **Place Value in Maths**. We use Class Dojo to earn points for demonstrating our school values of Respect, Resilience and Responsibility. The students have brainstormed ideas to use their Dojo points towards the end of the term and are motivated to earn points each day. Keep updated with what we are doing in Grade 4/5 by visiting Seesaw regularly.



Wu Zhao



Emperor Taizong



ClassDojo

Buddy Benches

A joint project between Alfredton Rotary Club and Bendigo Bank has resulted in a donation of 2 Buddy Benches for MPPS. The venture was offered to schools in the Ballarat area, with Alfredton Rotary Club organising, assembling and delivering the benches.

Buddy Benches provide a space for a student to sit when they feel lonely or have nobody to play with. Sitting on the Buddy Bench indicates to others that the student would like someone to play with or talk to. This also alerts teachers to those students who are feeling isolated, upset or lonely, allowing for a quick response to the situation. Buddy Benches also help students to show empathy and inclusion to others in need.

Thank you to Alfredton Rotary Club and Bendigo Bank for their thoughtfulness and generous donation that will support our school community!



**MOUNT PLEASANT
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

OPEN

CLASSROOMS

Tuesday 27th February
Drop in between 2.45pm - 5.00pm

We warmly welcome you to join us for a drop in to visit our vibrant classrooms. This is an opportunity to meet your child's classroom teacher as well as visit our Art space and contribute to a whole school community collaborative art piece for 2024.

Enter the MPPS Staff - Who Am I? Competition!
Use the clues and guess the staff member - the entry with the most correct will win a family pass to Extreme Bounce!

**Extreme
Bounce**

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.

LAST CHANCE

To complete your form



Complete your E-form today and a Teeth on Wheels team member will contact you if your child is eligible for **FREE DENTAL CARE!**



CLICK OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE YOUR FORM



TeethOnWheelsAustralia



#teethonwheels

Phone: (03) 9338 1191

Email: info@teethonwheels.com.au



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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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INSTAGRAM



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Supporting Our Community

walk to a
different
beat...



Foster Care is about creating a safe space for children in our community. And we don't need superheroes, just everyday people who care.

FOSTER CARE



TAKE THE FIRST STEP

Visit cafs.org.au or call 1800 692 237

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WELCOME BACK TO TERM 1!

School is back in session, and we're excited to offer another term of extraordinary Outside School Hours Care!

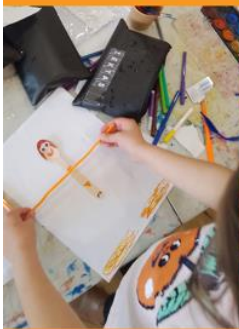
Join us as we come together for a new year filled with fantastic activities that open new worlds of creativity, delicious and nutritious snacks to keep your day full of energy, and countless opportunities for personal growth through play-based learning!

Enjoy a new term with Extend!
Enrol your children and book your sessions today!

extend.com.au



BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE



JOIN US FOR AN AMAZING SCHOOL START AT EXTEND.COM.AU!

Ballarat Outdoor Playgroup!

Come together once a week with other families to explore nature in child-led sensory and art activities, sing songs, hear stories and bush walking in a beautiful outside setting.

Wadawurrung Country Meet up in all weather Term OR casual rates

Friday mornings 9:30 -11:30

Wednesday mornings (dependent on numbers)



For more info email Janet!
Janet is a qualified Kindergarten Teacher with backgrounds in music and sustainability.

ballaratoutdoorplaygroup@fastmail.com

A restorative time to connect with nature and form lifelong friendships.



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

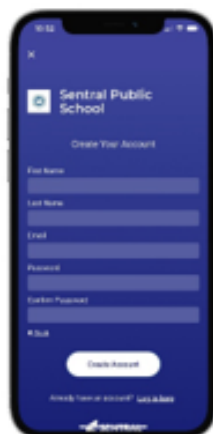
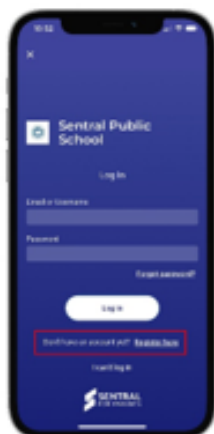
Step One: Download the Sentral for Parents app.



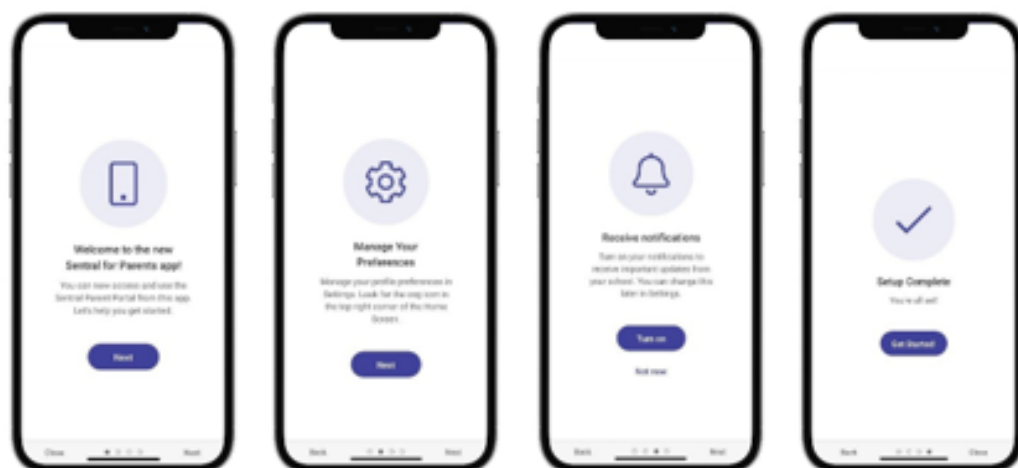
Step Two: Type in the school's name.



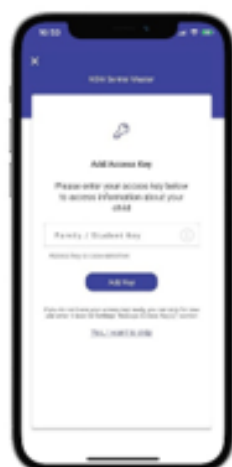
Step Three: Choose 'Register Here' from the bottom of the screen. Complete the details and choose 'Create Account'. You will receive a verification email which **MUST** be verified to continue. When the verification link is clicked it opens the log in screen in browser – close the browser and go back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

New Price List 2024

Off the Grill		Cold Food	
Chicken Parma Roll	\$6.00	BLT Roll	\$6.00
Chicken Schnitzel Burger	\$6.00	Cheese Roll	\$6.00
Vegetarian Burger	\$6.00	Chicken & Salad Roll	\$6.00
		Ham & Salad Roll	\$6.00
Hot Food		Salad Roll	\$6.00
Chicken Nuggets(3)	\$2.50	BLT Sandwich	\$6.00
Chicken Nuggets(6)	\$4.50	Cheese Sandwich	\$6.00
Dim Sim	\$1.50	Chicken & Salad Sandwich	\$6.00
Pie	\$4.50	Ham & Salad Sandwich	\$6.00
Party Pie	\$1.50	Salad Sandwich	\$6.00
Party Sausage Roll	\$1.50	BLT Wrap	\$6.00
Veggie Pastie	\$4.50	Cheese Wrap	\$6.00
		Chicken & Salad Wrap	\$6.00
Drinks		Ham & Salad Wrap	\$6.00
Orange Juice	\$2.50	Salad Wrap	\$6.00
Apple & Blackcurrant Juice	\$2.50		
Strawberry Milk	\$3.00	Snacks	
Chocolate Milk	\$3.00	Fruit Salad	\$3.50
		Yoghurt & Muesli	\$3.50



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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