



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 4

22nd February 2024

Upcoming Dates

Teeth on Wheels	Thursday 22 nd February
Open Classrooms (2.45pm – 5pm)	Tuesday 27 th February
Day off for Foundation Students 2024 – no classes	Wednesday 28 th February
Teeth on Wheels	Thursday 29 th February
Foundation Students – Full time	Monday 4 th March
Labour Day Public Holiday (No School)	Monday 11 th March

**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,

We are excited to be preparing for our **Open Classrooms** afternoon this term at Mount Pleasant Primary School. Please join us for a drop in visit on Tuesday 27th of February. Our school captains will open the gates at 2:45pm and staff will close the gates at 5:00pm. All children are dismissed at 3:15pm as usual and parents that take children earlier if they have visited a classroom are asked to please sign them out at the Admin Office.

Thank you very much to Xtreme Bounce for donating a family pass as a prize for our Staff Who am I? Guessing game.

School Council:

This year we are holding an election for School Council. It is wonderful that we have had so much interest in our school. School Council provides a limited governance and oversight role for the school promoting the broader directions and vision of the school as well as working to develop policy in accordance with DE guidelines, oversight of school Finance and Management reports, Strategic Plan and Annual Reporting. A well informed School Council and school councillors play an important role in strengthening community confidence in the school and helps to build and secure the school's reputation. Each family will receive a ballot and be asked to vote in this election. To assist in this process we have attached nominee statements at the back of this Newsletter and they are also included in a ballot form.

Playground Update:

Soon we will begin construction of our new playground. The architects have recently sent us through some choices of colours and we will be consulting with our students as part of this exciting process!

During construction we will have changes to areas children can play in and we will need to create a roster for year levels. This is a safety consideration and also a way to ensure we are keeping our youngest students playing safely. Thank you for your assistance in helping our learners understand this new routine.

Toys at School:

We kindly request that children do not bring toys/play items to school. This has the potential to cause significant disruption to daily routines for classes and teachers. Children become upset when things get broken and/or lost. The school supplies toys, fidgets and activities each day. This is an important routine for children to develop at the beginning of the school year.

Code of Conduct:

Reminder to please return the signed Code of Conduct and Acceptable Use Form for technology to the Admin Office by Friday 23rd of February.

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.

School Drinks:

Reminder that only water is permitted at school. Please do not allow children to come to school with cordial, sports or fizzy drinks. These are not permitted to be consumed at school and kept until the end of the day for students to take 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 is 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*”..

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 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

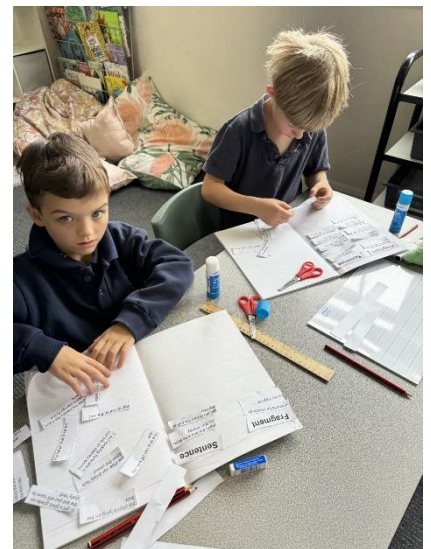
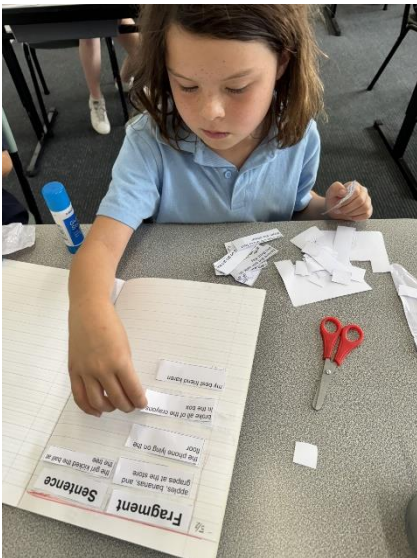
I respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Victoria and pay respect to the ongoing living cultures of First Peoples.



Grade 3 news

We have had a wonderful start to the year in Grade 3!

Students have been revisiting the school values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience; and have been demonstrating these in the classroom and playground. The students have been comparing numbers based on their size in Mathematics and exploring fragments, sentences and compound sentences in Writing. We have also been very busy preparing for our upcoming Athletics Day and NAPLAN assessments.





MOUNT PLEASANT
PRIMARY SCHOOL

OPEN CLASSROOMS

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

1.
Visit your
child/ren's
classroom

2.
Visit the art room &
contribute to our
2024 community art
work

3.
Enter the MPPS
Staff Who Am I?
Competition

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!



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.

School Council nominee statements – 2024 School Council Election

Tamara Maguire

Tamara Maguire has been an enthusiastic community member in Ballarat for the past 12 years, and has an artist and educational background. Serving on the School Council for the last six years at Mount Pleasant Primary, Tamara actively contributes to her son Duke's education, who is currently in Grade 4. Additionally, she is the proud mother of an older son Cash who graduated MPPS in 2022 and is now navigating Year 8 at Phoenix College. Tamara's career is currently focused on her ceramics, a passion she nurtures alongside caring for her new Dachshund puppy Chewie.

Prior to her artistic pursuits, she worked as an Education Support Worker at Delacombe Primary School. Tamara's previous commitments extended to volunteering for breakfast club, designing event posters, and fundraising initiatives at Mount Pleasant Primary. Tamara enjoys being a part of the MPPS community and will be happy continuing to contribute as a member on school council in 2024.

Sarah Warner

Hi, I'm Sarah. My daughter Isabelle is currently in Grade 1 at MPPS and enjoying the start of her second year at school with Miss Burza. Her little brother Ruben has just started 3 year old kinder.

I have great memories of attending primary school in Melbourne's western suburbs, and remember a close community of students, parents and teachers - the sense of community was what initially drew me to MPPS and I'm proud to now be part of that school community!

I work in media and communications and have a strong interest in visual design, social media and event promotion.

I've put my hand up for the School Council, as I see it as an opportunity to become more involved with the school and contribute to positive outcomes throughout an important year in the school's history.

Samantha Kargaran

I'm currently the President of the MPPS School Council. I'm mum to 3 boys who have attended MPPS. One child has a learning disability so I'm personally motivated to push for inclusivity. I've been a parent member of the school council since 2018. I work at Anglicare Victoria Ballarat supporting hundreds of families and individuals through local programs. I'm passionate about literacy, social justice and closing gaps in education with evidence based teaching practices. On School Council, it's been an honour to contribute to developing the whole school plan, its implementation over 4 years, and celebrate amazing achievements. We have an instructional model that benefits every single child, leaving no one behind. Our kids deserve an excellent education in a safe/welcoming space. I'm confident that at MPPS all of our kids are getting that!

I'm excited to take part in the next Whole School Plan, and I hope the school will continue to strengthen and grow our sense of community, expand enrolments, increase community involvement and engagement with the school, and embed a thriving community culture. Our school just keeps getting better. To be part of MPPS School Council is a privilege and a true joy.

Julie Mitchell

I feel very passionate about our small school community. It would be a great opportunity to support the continuing progress and transformation that MPPS is working towards.

I can donate my time and enthusiasm on a practical level to school projects, as required.

Valuable feedback can be obtained from listening to other families' ideas and concerns, which in turn can help to support our school leaders to ensure our students continue to be happy and thrive.

I consider a nurturing environment is important for the well-being of all students (perhaps we could get the sensory and food gardens pumping again?)

Erin Saini

I am a new member of the Mount Pleasant Primary School community, with my son Kiaan commencing Foundation this year.

I have worked as a lawyer in a community organisation since relocating to this wonderful town 8 years ago. When I am not working, I love to hit the gym, dance, sing and play Hockey!

Coming from a family of teachers, I have great respect for the vitally important role that teachers and schools play in our children's development. I chose to enrol Kiaan in Mount Pleasant due to the exceptional community spirit and the commitment to celebrating cultural diversity, combined with the excellence of the teaching staff. If chosen as a Council member, I would relish the opportunity to support the school with its current operations as well as contributing to the development of the school's future plans.

Mirinda Harwood

Hi everyone, my name is Mirinda. I currently have 2 children at MPPS, Madeline is in Grade 6 (commenced in 2021) and Quinn is in Grade 3. I am interested in joining the school council as I would like to be more involved within the school community. I am a person who believes, that if we can help, we should! I have been part of a School Council prior to Madeline attending MPPS where I enjoyed being involved in organising working bees, fundraising and helping out with playgroup. I work on a casual basis within the Ballarat community and volunteer on a Wednesday at a local indigenous plant nursery. Revegetation and sustainability are important to myself and my family. At home, I can usually be found in the garden or with our family pets, which include a dalmatian, a pony, 2 goats and chickens. If I am selected, I believe that working bees would be a good starting point for families to connect and share ideas. I look forward to collaborating with other council members, teachers, staff and parents to benefit current and prospective students. Thank you for considering my application.



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

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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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.

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PRIMARY SCHOOLS

INDOOR SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS

MAJOR LEAGUE INDOOR SPORTS
502 HOWITT STREET, BALLARAT

CHOOSE YOUR DAY & WEEK TO PLAY

<p>GRADES 3 & 4 BOYS & GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP TUES 13TH AUG 2024 OR TUES 20TH AUG 2024</p>	<p>GRADES 5 & 6 BOYS & GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP THURS 15TH AUG 2024 OR THURS 22ND AUG 2024</p>
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\$10 PER CHILD

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO NOMINATE
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Sentral e-resource

Registering on the Sentral for Parents App for the first time



Sentral for Parents App

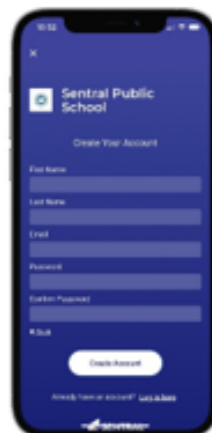
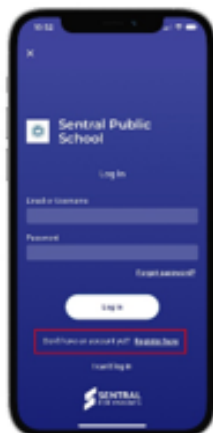
Step One: Download the Sentral for Parents app.



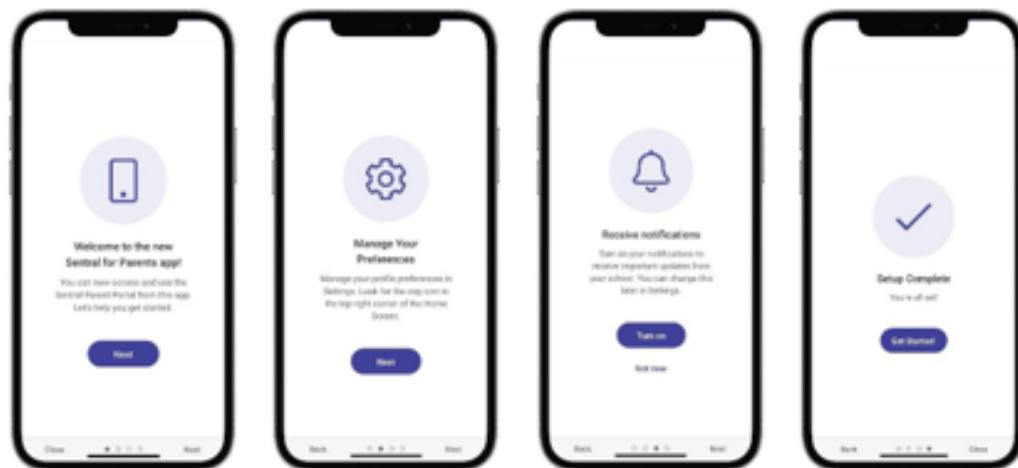
Step Two: Type in the school's name.



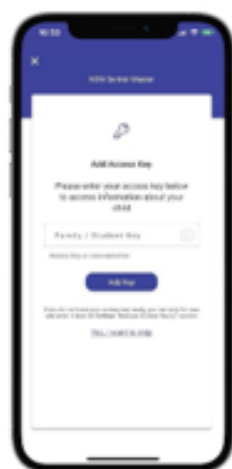
Step Three: Choose 'Register Here' from the bottom of the screen. Complete the details and choose 'Create Account'. You will receive a verification email which **MUST** be verified to continue. When the verification link is clicked it opens the log in screen in browser – close the browser and go back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



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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