



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 5

29th February 2024

Upcoming Dates

Foundation Students – Full time
Labour Day Public Holiday (No School)
Whole School Athletics Carnival

Monday 4th March
Monday 11th March
Friday 15th March

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

News from the Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

Thank you to our wonderful families, students, teachers and education support for bringing all the positive vibes to our Open Classrooms. This was a wonderful celebration to begin the year at MPPS with so many families/carers/guardians in attendance.

The winner of our Guess Who? Competition is **Zoey Scicluna** with 15 out of 18 guesses correct! Well done Zoey! You have won a family pass to Xtreme Bounce, please collect your prize from the Admin Office.

School Council:

This year we held a School Council election ballot. It was energising to have so much interest in our wonderful school community.

Congratulations to; Sam Kargaran, Tamara Maguire and Sarah Warner who will join School Council for the 2024 – 2026 term.

I want to express my gratitude on behalf of MPPS to all of the nominees for their interest and participation in the recent school council elections. During the year we will have a range of community activities that we welcome families to contribute to. These will be announced in the newsletter closer to the dates.

Contacting Teachers:

From time to time, you may need to contact your child/ren's teacher. The classroom teacher is the first point of contact (before the principal and admin office). We warmly welcome you to make contact with your child's teacher via email or calling to leave a message. You are also welcome to book in a parent teacher interview (in person or over the phone) to discuss any concerns you may have.

Students Leaving the Classroom:

Please remind your child/ren that leaving the classroom is not permitted at Mount Pleasant Primary School. Students need teacher permission to leave the classroom. This is to ensure the safety of all students and part of our Duty of Care. Just as children are not able to walk out of their front door at home without permission, the same applies at school. The teacher is responsible for student safety. When a child leaves the classroom without permission this jeopardises the operations of our school. The school may call the parent/care giver/guardian to pick the student up from school. Staying in the classroom is an important instruction for children to be able follow and allows the school to sign off on a student being able to attend camps/excursions.

Staff Right to Feel Safe:

We would like to alert all of our school community about the Department of Education's "*right to feel safe at work*" initiative. We continue to work on effective, positive and constructive communication with families. All of our staff have a right to feel safe at work. Parents, carers, advocates and adult members of the school community must engage respectfully with school staff. Unacceptable behaviour will be addressed promptly. This may include calling the police if required or issuing a School Community Safety Order. These behaviours are not permitted in-person, over the phone, by email, text message or on social media: Rudeness, Insults or offensive communication, Malicious or defamatory communications, Aggression, including raising your voice at a staff member, Harassment, Intimidation (passive or overt), Discriminatory or derogatory comments, Threatening gestures, Threats, Violence. These behaviours are never okay and can make staff and students feel unsafe in their workplace.

More information on this DE policy is available here:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/respectful-behaviours-within-school-community-policy>

Scooters/Bikes:

It's exciting to see children riding bikes and scooters to school and even better that they are wearing their helmets. A gentle reminder that children are not to ride scooters/bikes in the school grounds.

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*".

Child Safety:

Child safety and wellbeing at Mount Pleasant Primary School: information for families and the school community

The Victorian Government has announced new Child Safe Standards to further strengthen child safety across organisations, including schools. The new standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing. Mount Pleasant Primary School has reviewed and updated our child safety policies and procedures to ensure they meet the requirements of the new standards. These are available to view on our school website: <https://mtpleasps.vic.edu.au/child-safe/>

We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices.

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions, please contact the school via email mount.pleasant.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Policies Update:

The following policies were updated at School Council on 27th February 2024.

Cash Handling Policy, EFT policy, Internet Banking Policy, Petty Cash Policy – all available here: <https://mtpleasps.vic.edu.au/policies-documents/>

As valuable partners at Mount Pleasant Primary School we welcome and encourage your feedback. If you have any suggestions, comments or questions, please contact the school via email mount.pleasant.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Sincerely,

Kate Robinson
Co-Principal

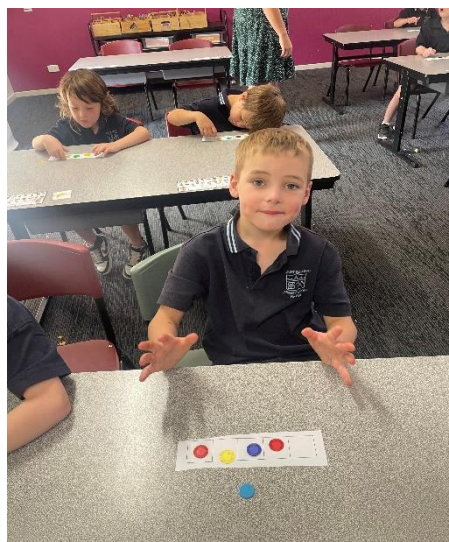
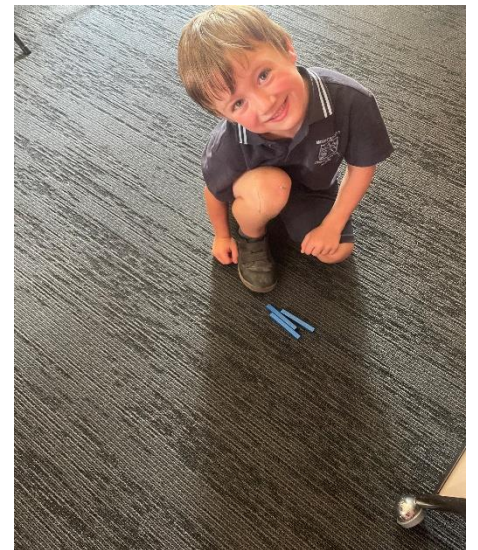
Anna Johnson
Acting Co-Principal

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



Foundation News

During Term 1, our little learners in Foundation have been busy working on understanding numbers from 0 to 5. They've been practicing counting both forwards and backwards, recognising each number's written form, and putting them in the right order. Students have also been learning to represent collections of 5 using their fingers, 5s frames and hands on manipulatives.



School staff have a right to be safe at work



Any abuse will not be tolerated

Parents, carers, advocates and adult members of the school community must engage respectfully with school staff.

Unacceptable behaviour will be addressed promptly. This may include calling the police if required or issuing you a School Community Safety Order.

These behaviours are not permitted in-person, over the phone, by email, text message or on social media:

- ✗ Rudeness
- ✗ Intimidation
- ✗ Insults or offensive communication
- ✗ Discriminatory or derogatory comments
- ✗ Malicious or defamatory communications
- ✗ Threatening gestures
- ✗ Aggression, including raising your voice at a staff member
- ✗ Threats
- ✗ Harassment
- ✗ Violence

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Scan the QR Code to learn more about how you can build positive relationships with school staff in the department's *Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy*.



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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FOLLOW US ON
INSTAGRAM



@mountpleasantprimaryschool

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.

Just a reminder to return your Personal Information Forms, Code of Conduct and Permission Forms for 2024 as soon as possible. If you require another copy to be sent home, please call the office to organise another copy.

Supporting Our Community



2025 YEAR 7 SHOWCASE EVENING

TUESDAY 12TH MARCH

4:30PM-6:30PM

SEBASTOPOL CAMPUS




Parents and prospective students are warmly invited to attend the Showcase Evening at Phoenix P-12 Community College, Sebastopol Campus.

The College will be open between 4:30pm – 6:30pm for visitors to undertake a self-guided tour, exploring interactive displays of students' work and activities across a variety of learning areas.

Discover first-hand how your child can share in the lifetime benefits of an excellent secondary education, including a broad range of scholarship opportunities. Further information will be available on the night.


Please enter the school via the Hertford Street gate to collect your showbag and tour booklet.

Phoenix
P-12 COMMUNITY COLLEGE
**IN KNOWLEDGE
THERE IS
OPPORTUNITY**




HAVE A BLAST WITH EXTEND THESE AUTUMN HOLIDAYS!

Get ready for the Extend Autumn Holiday Program! These holidays are packed with exciting activities, incursions and excursions!




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Excursions
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Embark on unforgettable excursions! Take to the lanes and land a strike, explore the legendary MCG and more!



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Incursions
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From magic shows to mad science experiments, incursions will transform your day with a range of exciting events at your service!



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Activity Days
💡

Unleash your inner artist, compete with your friends and heaps more every day with amazing activity days!

For FANTABULOUS FUN book your School Holidays at extend.com.au

23RD ANNUAL BALLARAT

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

INDOOR SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS

MAJOR LEAGUE INDOOR SPORTS
502 HOWITT STREET, BALLARAT

CHOOSE YOUR DAY & WEEK TO PLAY

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| <div style="background-color: #FFD700; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">GRADES 3 & 4</div> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">BOYS & GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP TUES 13TH AUG 2024 OR TUES 20TH AUG 2024</p> | <div style="background-color: #FFD700; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">GRADES 5 & 6</div> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">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

Primary School Championships Co-Ordinators

RAY JANES
0431 485 665

TREV
0416 134 901

NOMINATIONS CLOSE 5TH AUG 2024



Ballarat City Youth Brass Band

Want to learn a musical instrument?
Do you have an hour on Tuesday evening?
Can you spare \$1 a week?

Ballarat City Youth Brass Band is looking for new members, come down and give it a try, 6:00-7:00 Tuesday evenings in term time.



Phone: 0402 914 673
ballaratbrassband@gmail.com
212 Ripon st South, Ballarat Central
Facebook:
City of Ballarat Municipal Brass Band

Be the envy of your friends
No previous experience necessary
Also with free tuition
Instruments provided



Parents of students in Grades 4, 5 and 6
are warmly encouraged to attend our



WOODMANS HILL
SECONDARY COLLEGE

Information Evening Wednesday 20th March 2024

Information Sessions

will be held at 5.00pm and 6.00pm
in the Theatre, followed by school tours.

Bookings essential.



www.woodmanshill.net.au

Woodmans Hill - Fussell Street Ballarat, Ph: 5336 7264



See learning as it occurs!

BULLDOGS IN BALLARAT



ROUND 2

SUN 24 MAR 2024
MARS STADIUM



ROUND 24

TBC
MARS STADIUM



WIN A FAMILY MATCH DAY EXPERIENCE + A MERCHANDISE PACK

Simply scan the QR code, enter your details
and you're in the draw!





Sentral e-resource

Registering on the Sentral for Parents App for the first time



Sentral for Parents App

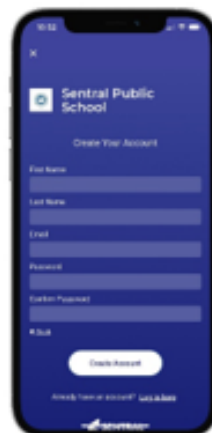
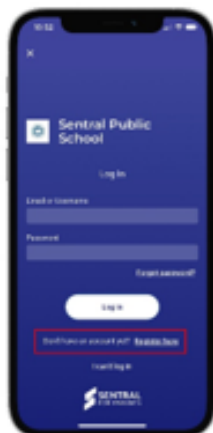
Step One: Download the Sentral for Parents app.



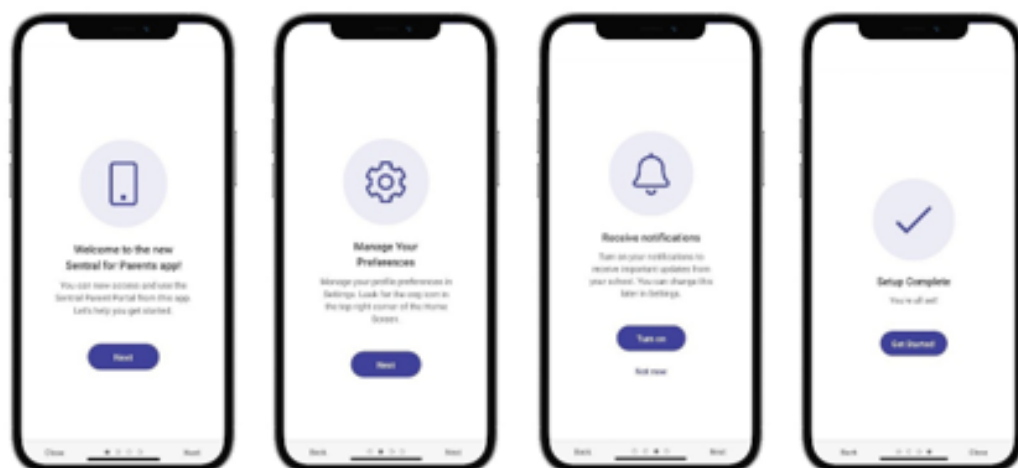
Step Two: Type in the school's name.



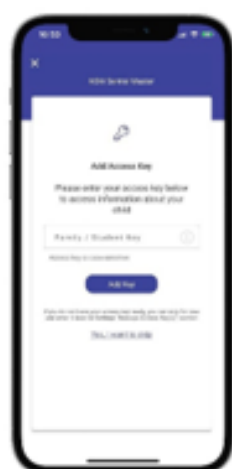
Step Three: Choose 'Register Here' from the bottom of the screen. Complete the details and choose 'Create Account'. You will receive a verification email which **MUST** be verified to continue. When the verification link is clicked it opens the log in screen in browser – close the browser and go back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

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| 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

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