



# Mount Pleasant Primary School

# NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 14

16<sup>th</sup> May 2024

## Upcoming Dates

Grade 4/5/6 Camp – Campaspe Downs  
Excursion – Grade 3-6 – Mount Clear Production  
Working Bee – Sensory Garden – 3.30pm  
Curriculum Day (No students at school)  
School Photos  
Kings Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June

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

## News from the Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

### Education Week

This week is Education Week, and schools around the state are celebrating the theme *Spotlight on STEM*. At MPPS, we recognise the important role Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths learning plays in preparing our students for a successful future. The workforce is constantly changing and evolving, and we know that the skills developed through these subjects are the kinds of areas that will enable students to pursue their ambitions beyond school. Some ways you can encourage STEM skills at home can be found through the websites here:

- [Scienceworks](#)
- [Melbourne Water activities for all ages](#)
- [Junior Landcare Just for Kids activities](#)
- [NASA Kids' Club](#)

There are also some maths video resources for young children that can be accessed through the [Mathscots animation series](#) and [Everyday Maths animations](#).

### ES Appreciation Day

Today is also ES Appreciation Day, a day where we can celebrate and thank the wonderful Education Support Staff that we have in our school. At MPPS, we have a very dedicated team of ES who work tirelessly to support our students and ensure they have wonderful and successful days, every single day. On Tuesday, our students made cards for all of our ES staff to say thank you. I encourage everyone in our community to recognise the amazing work and support these staff members do.

## Camp

Our 4-6 students are very happily enjoying the camp activities at Campaspe Downs this week. We have shared a few photos on Facebook for you to have a peek at! I am sure they will all be excited to share the adventures with you on Friday when they return. I would like to thank Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Hulse, Jason and Max for their efforts to support camp and make this exciting adventure a reality for our students. Our staff volunteer their time, often missing their own families, to make special events like this happen.

## Uniform

I wanted to remind families of our uniform expectations. It is so great to see our students wearing our uniform with pride and coming together as a community. I have noticed that there are more non-uniform items slipping into school over the last couple of weeks. Please remember that hoodies are not acceptable. We understand the weather is getting cooler, but students must be wearing our navy blue jumpers and pants with our school polo shirt. If any families are experiencing hardship with obtaining uniforms, please contact the office.

## Staffing

Next week we are welcoming Ms Petnehazy into the 4/5 classroom. Mrs. Johnson will be beginning her role in Wellbeing and Inclusion and will now be working Wednesday to Friday. Ms Petnehazy is a regular and known face for our students and will be an amazing addition to our staff. She will be teaching in 4/5 on Mondays and Tuesdays, while Mrs Turner will teach 4/5 Wednesday to Friday. I know you will all join me in welcoming Ms Petnehazy to MPPS.

## Policies

The following policies have been updated on our website this week and can be viewed by clicking the link: [Duty of Care](#), [Statement of Values and School Philosophy](#)

I hope all of our students, families and friends have a good weekend and week ahead.

Kind Regards,

Mrs. Carly Middleton  
Acting Principal

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



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



## Sensory Garden Working Bee

Thank you to Grace, Mirinda and the kids that helped with the Sensory Garden working bee.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel last weeks working due to the weather. **The next working bee will be on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May @ 3.30pm**



If you can spare a little time to help tidy up and plant some new plants, we would love to see you. Everybody is welcome, all equipment including gloves will be supplied. Hope to see you in the garden.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

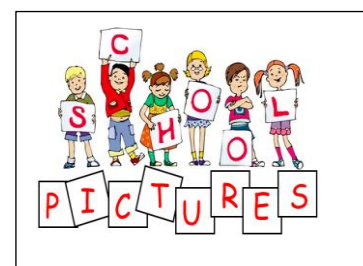
School photographs will be taken on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May**. Personalised student envelopes have been sent home and must be returned with payment on the day of photographs.

If anyone would like a **family photograph**, please collect a separate family envelope from the general office.

Please remember ...

On photo day, please send your child to school with:

1. A completed envelope (even if not placing an order or ordering online)
2. Best school clothes including school jumper.
3. Their very best smile





## We need your help!

Breakfast Club is starting soon!! Breakfast Club will be on **every Monday and Friday** morning and will be an integral part of supporting students and their wellbeing. Each day students will enjoy yummy food, great conversation, and a full belly to start the school day. Students come to Breakfast Club for a variety of reasons - they may have been running late, they may not have been hungry at home, or they are still hungry. Breakfast Club is provided for all students without question or judgement.

To make Breakfast Club even more awesome, we need some helpers from 8:30am-9:15am every Monday and Friday morning. Duties include making toast/cereal, serving students and cleaning up. Anyone can do it! You may be available once a term or more than once. Any support is appreciated, and you won't be on your own. Could you please complete the section below to indicate when you are available to help and return to the school office by Friday 17 May? We will be in touch to confirm the roster. Thank you so much.

I am available on the following days to help with Breakfast Club:

WEEK	MONDAY	FRIDAY
6	<input type="checkbox"/> 20 May	<input type="checkbox"/> 24 May
7	<input type="checkbox"/> 27 May	<input type="checkbox"/> 31 May
8	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 June	<input type="checkbox"/> 7 June
9	<input type="checkbox"/> No Breakfast Club	<input type="checkbox"/> 14 June
10	<input type="checkbox"/> 17 June	<input type="checkbox"/> 21 June
11	<input type="checkbox"/> 24 June	<input type="checkbox"/> 28 June

Parent/Carer name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer phone number: \_\_\_\_\_



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](mailto:mount.pleasant.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

If your child has come home in clothing from school due to an accident or wet weather, could you kindly return this washed, so that we can reuse them. Currently our cupboard is bare, so if your child requires clothing, you may be called to drop some off.

If by chance you have any navy tracksuit pants, in excellent condition, that you no longer require and would like to donate to the wet weather cupboard, it would be very much appreciated.



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.

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## Parent Portal – Sentral

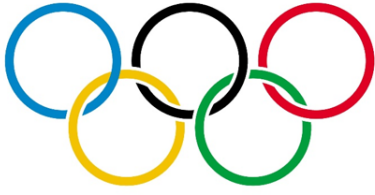
We are currently trying to get all families registered to be on the Sentral Parent Portal, as we will be utilizing this app this year for many things. For those of you who are already registered, we thank you. If you need to register, you can find the instructions in the newsletter. This can be used for sending through student absences, etc.

Extend After School Care onsite at Mount Pleasant Primary School

Log online at [www.extend.com.au](http://www.extend.com.au) or phone 1300 366 437 to book.



# Supporting Our Community



## OLYMPIC QUALIFYING EVENT IN BALLARAT AND YOU'RE INVITED!

Come long to this **FREE** event and see the best table tennis players in Australia battle it out for spots on the 2024 Paris Olympic Australian Table Tennis Team.



**Dates:** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May  
**Times:** 10.30am to 6.30pm both days  
**Location:** Ballarat Table Tennis Association  
499 Dowling St Wendouree

This FREE event is a massive win for Ballarat to host!

Watch, cheer on and meet our 2024 Australian Olympians and see the best table tennis Australia has to offer.

Registrations not required, just turn up and watch!

Hot and cold food and drinks available both days.

Visit the best table tennis stadium in Australia – it's heated as well!

### For more information contact:

Stadium Manager: Adam Pegg

Phone: Ph: 0481 950 664

Email: ballarattabletennis@gmail.com

Web: revolutionise.com.au/ballaratta/



## KIDS CLUB ART COMPETITION 2024 ALL THINGS NATURE!

Book your children in during Term 2, so they can participate in our exciting annual art competition!

As a group, children at your Extend service will create a nature-themed artwork!

The three most stunning creations nationally will win a free incursion in their service chosen by the children for Term 3!

ENTRIES OPEN  
THURSDAY 16 MAY

COMPETITION CLOSES  
FRIDAY 31 MAY

**BOOK NOW AT [EXTEND.COM.AU](http://EXTEND.COM.AU)!**



Watch the latest kids film with your friends, jump, climb and bounce your way through the holidays.

Hone your detective skills and explore your musical talents with some thrilling and interactive incursions.

Compete with your friends and discover your artistic side with our fantastic activity days!

That's not all! Our holiday program is also host to a variety of extra activities, such as board games, sports, dress-ups, a reading library and countless opportunities for fabulous fun these school holidays!

CCS is applied to the session fee, incursion and excursion fees, making it more affordable for families!

Book your super-fun winter school holidays with Extend at [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)

**You don't want to miss out!**



**Do you have a child or young person in primary school and are worried about how to start Relationship and Sexuality (including Puberty) conversations at home?**

**Free and open to parents/carers**  
at all primary schools across the Ballarat region

**Sexual Health Victoria  
Parent/Carer Information Session**

**Thursday 6th June, 2024 5:30pm-6:15pm**

at **Ballarat Community Health**

12 Lilburne Street Lucas (Multipurpose Room)

REGISTER HERE



# Lunch Orders – Thursdays only

## New Price List 2024

<b>Off the Grill</b>		<b>Cold Food</b>	
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
<b>Hot Food</b>		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
<b>Drinks</b>		Ham & Salad Wrap	\$6.00
Orange Juice	\$2.50	Salad Wrap	\$6.00
Apple & Blackcurrant Juice	\$2.50		
Strawberry Milk	\$3.00	<b>Snacks</b>	
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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