



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 9

28th March 2024

Upcoming Dates

Last day of Term 1 (2.15pm finish)
Term 2 commences

Thursday 28th March
Monday 15th April

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

Reminder: Please ensure all permission forms and payments for excursions are completed prior to the event as this may result in your child/ren missing special activities.

Dear Families and Friends,

As Anna and I reflect on this term we are grateful for the support of our community. There have been many celebrations this term; Athletics Day – 15 children attending District, Open Classrooms, NAPLAN, evidence informed professional learning for staff, student assessments and our new Foundies, just to name a few!

Thank you to our students, teachers, ES and families that all work together to get our learners settled for the 2024 school year. We wish you a restful time over the Easter break and look forward to seeing everyone after the holidays.

Behaviour Curriculum:

This term we have worked on our Behaviour Curriculum. MPPS has again received a Bronze Award for School Wide Positive Behaviour, thank you to Mrs. Bond for leading us through this important work last year. During term 2 we will again focus on our routines and setting up students for learning. School is a place for learning and routines help us to feel safe and belong. Families will be sent out a *separate email* communicating the practices that will continue to be embedded next term. In particular this is a refined approach to behaviour management that will include a student friendly process. Next term all of our children will be re-taught the routines for learning and our logical consequences to our choices.

We believe clarity is important in defining the steps of behaviour for all students and the wider community. Thank you for working with us to keep our school a safe place for everyone to learn.

Athletics Day/District:

Congratulations to our 15 students that represented MPPS at District Athletics. It was wonderful to see such a high number of students from our school at this wider event. We are the little school that can do it!

After School Question Prompts for Families:

Sometimes it can be hard to elicit a response from our children after school. The old classic “what did you do today?” doesn’t quite cut it when children are tired. Some other ideas are:

- What happened today that excited you?
- What happened today that surprised you?
- What made you laugh?

Focussing on the positives is very important when asking children about their day. Our children are very in tune with adult questions and will often seek to give the response they feel is wanted from the adult.

We wish to emphasise the importance of considering the information your child shares about their school experience while recognising that children's messages may not always provide the complete version or be entirely accurate. Trusted communication between children and parents/families about school is crucial for shared understanding, and support. However, it's essential to acknowledge that children may sometimes present a partial or subjective view of their school experiences, influenced by their perspective, emotions, or limited understanding of complex situations.

Just as we can't believe everything children talk about from home, it's important as parents/families we are open minded in our responses about children's version of events of things that happen at school. We welcome open communication, validating your child's emotions, promoting critical thinking, and fostering trust, we can create a supportive environment where children feel empowered to share their school experiences openly while understanding the importance of seeking a complete and accurate understanding of the situation.

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. It is challenging for teachers to have meetings in the morning without notice, please ensure you make an appointment if you have something specific you would like to discuss. This ensures teachers are able to give dedicated time to working together.

Policies Update:

The following policies have been updated this week (available on our website); Child Safety Code of Conduct

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

Kind regards,

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.



Book Fair Wednesday 1st May



The Scholastic Book Fair will hit Mount Pleasant Wednesday 1st May. Students will have the opportunity to view the books on Tuesday 30th April, where they can select books to put on a wish list. On the day of the Book Fair (Wednesday 1st May) we encourage parents to send money to school with their children as students will have the opportunity to purchase books and staff will be there to assist them. The Book Fair will be open to parents from 3.15pm – 3.30pm. **PLEASE NOTE: school gates will close at 3.30pm.** If you have any queries, please contact the office.

Green / Recycling News: New 'Lids 4 Kids' drop off point at the School Office

Thank you to the families that have been dropping off lids from plastic bottles and bread tags, unfortunately we no longer will be accepting these as the official collection point in Ballarat has closed. What has been collected has been passed onto the collection point.

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

District Athletics Day

Congratulations to our 15 students that represented MPPS at District Athletics. They all did an amazing job and represented the school to a high expectation. We wish the students that made it through to Regionals all the best. More information to come.



Celebration Day – Term 1

Students had a wonderful time today with Kelly Sports doing a variety of activities to celebrate the end of Term 1.





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.



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.

Supporting Our Community

ARE YOU READY FOR TERM 2?

Be prepared for the extraordinary with an Outside School Hours Care service that's ready to launch into a fresh new school term!

We're looking forward to providing all children with a safe and welcoming environment, countless opportunities for creativity and supportive care from our professional team!

Visit extend.com.au today and create your bookings for the new term and achieve the best rate!

ENJOY A NEW TERM WITH US BY BOOKING AT
extend.com.au

PH: 53362605

School Holiday Program

When : Tuesday April 2nd - Friday April 5th

WHERE : **BALLARAT GYMSPORTS**

9AM TILL 3PM
 \$65 PER DAY
 AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

2 BASIL WAY, ALFREDTON

REGISTER ONLINE AT BALLARATGYMSPORTS.COM

Foster Care

Information Sessions On Now

Foster Care is about creating a safe space for children in our community. Take the next step in becoming a foster carer with Cafs. Register to attend one of our upcoming carer information sessions today.



REGISTER YOUR INTEREST
 Visit cafs.org.au or call 1800 692 237



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



School Holiday Fun - FREE Come and Try Day

Date: Saturday 6 April

Time: 1.00pm to 5.00pm

Location: 499 Dowling St Wendouree

Don't be bored on school holidays, bring your mates and have some fun!

- No experience needed
- All equipment provided (just wear some runners)
- Expert help available on the day for tips and rules
- Simply turn up and have a hit

New Juniors competition starts Friday 19 April (6.00pm to 7.30pm) so come and have a try and sign up if you are keen!

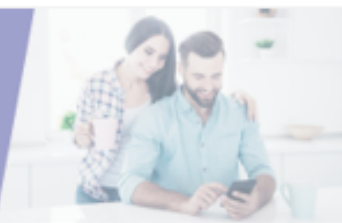
For more info on the FREE Come and Try Day or our Juniors Competition:
 Contact: Baden Cutts
 Ph: 0415 489 383
 Email: ballarattabletennis@gmail.com
 Web: revolutionise.com.au/ballaratta/





Sentral e-resource

Registering on the Sentral for Parents App for the first time



Sentral for Parents App

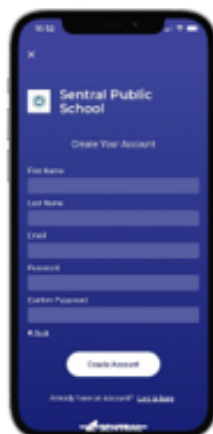
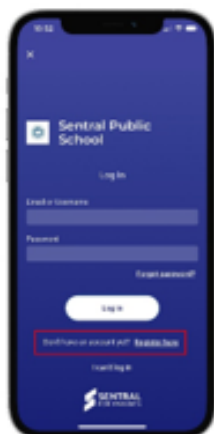
Step One: Download the Sentral for Parents app.



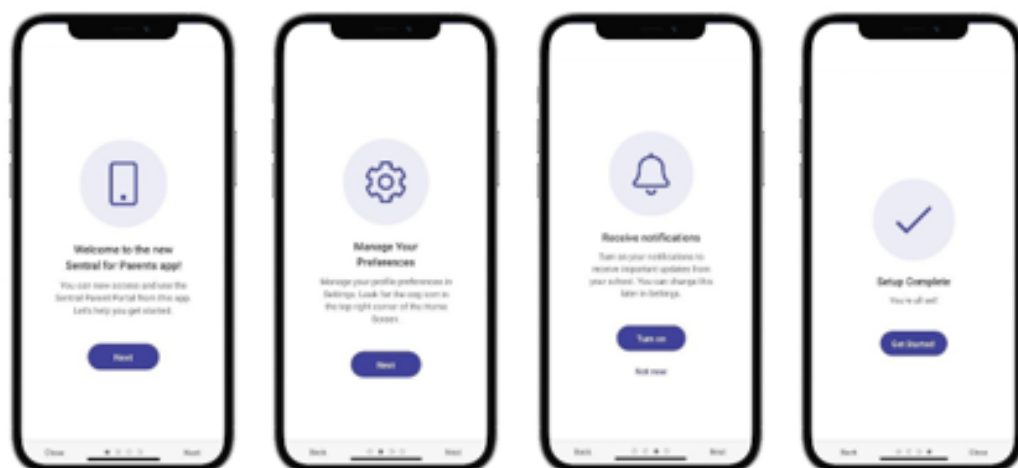
Step Two: Type in the school's name.



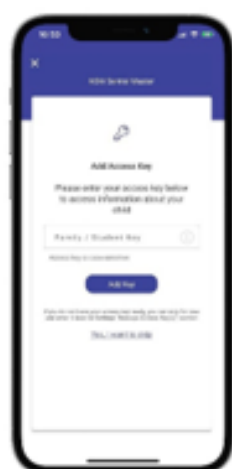
Step Three: Choose 'Register Here' from the bottom of the screen. Complete the details and choose 'Create Account'. You will receive a verification email which **MUST** be verified to continue. When the verification link is clicked it opens the log in screen in browser – close the browser and go back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

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