



# Mount Pleasant Primary School

# NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 13

9<sup>th</sup> May 2024

## Upcoming Dates

Sensory Garden Working Bee (3.30pm – 4.30pm)  
Grade 4/5/6 Camp – Campaspe Downs  
Excursion – Grade 3-6 – Mount Clear Production  
Curriculum Day (No students at school)  
School Photos  
Kings Birthday Public Holiday

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</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**

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

Dear Families and Friends,

I am very excited to announce that we have welcomed Mr. G to our teaching team this week. Mr. G (Brayden Guareschi) has joined us to teach PE for the remainder of the year. He will be with us on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The students have loved seeing Mr. G back and are enjoying getting outside while this nicer weather is still here.

### **Camp:**

Camp is almost upon us! Our Grade 4-6 students are heading off to Campaspe Downs on Wednesday next week for their 2-night camp. There will be lots of fun activities and our staff have been working hard to ensure that the camp is going to be absolutely amazing. We encourage our families at home to have some discussions about being prepared for different things at camp, giving new things a go (including activities and food!), and also about how we represent our MPPS community when we are at camp. As a school, we always receive feedback from places we visit for camps and excursions, and it is so pleasing when we hear positive comments about how the camp staff love having our students come for a visit.

Please make sure you review the 'what to pack' list with your child/ren attending and that all things are named. Camps are busy places and things inevitably get lost, it is great to return things quickly and easily when they are named. While students are attending camp, we remind you that it is a tech-free zone, and that all communication will be via the school. If you do have any further questions about the camp, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

### **Behaviour Curriculum:**

As we have now settled into Term 2, classrooms have spent more time focusing on our School Wide Positive Behaviours and our routines for learning. Unfortunately, we have seen a little bit of unsettled behaviour in some students. I know that our new Behaviour Curriculum was shared with families last term in preparation for this term, and I would like to encourage families to have discussions at home, about what helps us all to be good learners, and demonstrate our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. Our utmost priority is ensuring students feel safe and able to learn when at school.

A reminder of our value statements:

- We respect ourselves, our school and each other, and understand that our attitudes and behaviours have an impact on the people around us.
- We model and demonstrate responsibility and take every opportunity to be responsible for actions.
- We are resilient in our disposition by trying our hardest and doing our best, even when things become challenging.

While we continue to embed our practices within the school, and maintain high expectations for student behaviour, we appreciate your support working with us to keep our school a safe place for everyone to learn.

### Calendar:

With lots of things happening around the school this term and to assist in preparation for next term's organisation, I remind families that we do have our upcoming events to keep an eye on in the newsletter and on Sentral.

### 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.

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.*



A **big THANKYOU** to **Mrs Eames** for organising Book Fair this year.

Thank you to everyone that had purchased books. We made \$1330 which allowed us to purchase \$400 of books for our school library.

# Chinese

In Chinese, the students have had a wonderful start to the term. They enjoyed exploring different aspects of Chinese culture, including traditional Chinese clothing (Hanfu), handwriting 龙 (Loong), and the Chinese folk dance (Koi fish). Foundation students learned two characters, '大' and '小'. They really enjoyed reading the story 'Big and Small' and worked extremely hard on developing recognition of Chinese sounds and handwriting. Grade 1/2 students have learned to count numbers from 11 to 20 and beyond. They were able to write numbers in Chinese and check for their partners. Senior students were very interested in studying their zodiac signs, and they are beginning to understand the personality traits of different zodiac signs. The students worked hard to learn the different types of landforms in Chinese. They explored the structure of characters and enjoyed classifying them according to their structures.







### **Grade 4/5/6 Camp – Campaspe Downs**

In Week 5 of this term, our Grade 4/5/6 students are extremely excited to be attending a two-night camp at PGL Campaspe Downs, which is an hour's drive from Ballarat. PGL Campaspe Downs is set amid 160 acres of stunning natural bushland in the Macedon Ranges, an adventure camp close to Kyneton and Hanging Rock.

Situated around a central lake, Campaspe Downs focuses on developing students' love for the outdoors and nature and developing resilience and teamwork by offering a wide range of exciting and safe adventure activities. Team challenges, sensory trails, bushcraft, ropes courses, are just a few of the activities that our students will be enjoying. The Camp organisers follow the R.E.A.C.H Framework when implementing the activities. This focusses on Relationships, Experiences, Ability, Character, Health & wellbeing.

**Reminder that Camp is to be paid for prior to students attending. If you have any queries with making payments please contact Janine in the office.**

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



## **Sensory Garden Working Bee**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May @ 3.30pm-4.30PM**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May @ 3.30pm-4.30PM**



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



## 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](mailto:ballarattabletennis@gmail.com)

Web: [revolutionise.com.au/ballarattta/](http://revolutionise.com.au/ballarattta/)

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Unleash your creative powers at our Superhero crafternoon hosted in partnership by Satellite Foundation and Grampians Mental Health and Wellbeing Connect.

Join us for a superhero crafternoon and sausage sizzle!

**Saturday, 4th May 2024**  
**11:00am to 2:00pm**

**Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre at Delacombe**  
18 Nandirrig Drive, Delacombe VIC 3356

Scan the QR or contact us to sign up:

@ [hello@satellitefoundation.org.au](mailto:hello@satellitefoundation.org.au) ☎ 1800 973 444

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## JOIN EXTEND FOR FASCINATING ADVENTURES IN TERM 2!

We're delighted to offer another term of fun, safe and quality Outside School Hours Care for children of all ages!

**Our Term 2 theme is: Discovering a world of fascinating adventures!**

Journey through Term 2 and learn new skills through creative arts, sports, experiments, role play, group activities and other adventures in our service!

Our professional Educators look forward to welcoming your children into our service with delicious snacks and a supportive environment!



Enrol and book your sessions for Term 2 at [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)

# 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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