



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



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23rd May 2024

Upcoming Dates

Working Bee – Sensory Garden – 3.30pm

Thursday 23rd May

Curriculum Day (No students at school tomorrow)

Friday 24th May

School Photos

Wednesday 29th May

Kings Birthday Public Holiday

Monday 10th June

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

News from the Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

Curriculum Day

Tomorrow is our Curriculum Day, which of course means we have happy students who get a long weekend! Tomorrow is a day for our staff to continue building on the work already started within the school, working with our coach, Bron, on Responsive Teaching Strategies. This is a wonderful, collegiate day for our staff as we team with two other schools to continue ensuring we deliver the best teaching to our students.

Keeping Well

This term is flying by very quickly! We are well and truly finding ourselves in the more wintry weather and the germ season is upon us. We have had multiple cases of COVID reported in the school and we encourage all families to support us in keeping everyone healthy by keeping students' home if they are unwell. Students with a fever, vomiting or diarrhoea should be kept away from school for 48 hours after the effects have ceased. We appreciate the community's support while we begin the battle against the cold and flu season over the next few months. It is also a timely reminder that students should be wearing their school jumpers to keep warm in the colder weather. Students can bring warm coats and beanies to wear in the yard (we encourage dark blue if possible) but these are not to be worn in class.

Keeping Safe

I think this has been mentioned previously, and I am thrilled that our students are being active in their travels to school, however – Our students' safety is of utmost importance. Walking and riding to school fosters independence in students, and I encourage families to have a discussion with your children at home about the safe use and travel if they are riding bikes or scooters to school. All students must wear helmets if they are riding or scooting. If a student arrives at school without a helmet for their bike or scooter, a parent or carer will be called to collect the bike or scooter or deliver a helmet so we can ensure our students are safe. We also have an expectation that bikes and scooters are walked through the school. This is for the safety of all in the yard. If it continues that students are riding within the school grounds, parents and carers will be contacted and the student asked not to ride to school.

Camp

A very big thank you to Mrs. Hulse, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Johnson, Max, and Jason for their efforts with our senior camp last week. We are very lucky to have a dedicated team of staff ensuring our students have amazing opportunities. It appears that our students had an amazing time, with the *Leap of Faith* being one of the big highlights! There were plenty of tired faces when they arrived back at school on Friday, but they all seemed very happy with their experience at camp.

Australian Early Development Census (Foundation Students)

During May and June 2024, our school, along with thousands of others across the country, will participate in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC). The AEDC is a teacher-completed census (similar to a questionnaire) which provides a comprehensive picture of how children have developed by the time they start their first year of full-time school. The AEDC is an Australian Government Initiative and is completed nationally every three years. Children don't miss any class time while the AEDC is completed, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information. The data collected through the AEDC is used by schools, communities, and governments to better understand children and families' needs, and identify the services, resources and support they need. To find out more about the AEDC and how it is being used to help children and families visit: www.aedc.gov.au.

Uniform

A small reminder that we take great pride in our school and our uniform. As part of our uniform, we require hair to be tied back if it touches the shoulders – this is for safety and hygiene. For safety, we also ask that students do not wear jewellery other than simple small studs / sleepers, and a watch. Thank you for your support in keeping our students safe and well at school.

We hope all our families have a lovely weekend! Keep warm, and we will see you all next week!

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.



Leigh Catchment Group – Landcare Grant

Thank you to Grace Darke who applied for and received a \$5,000 grant for Mount Pleasant Primary School. We are in the process of preparing an area on the school, on the Cobden Street side, to plant with local native plants. Part of the grant is going towards educational activities delivered by the Leigh Catchment Group.

Waterway Health The first activity will be held at school on Tuesday 4th June. Students will actively collect, group and identify aquatic invertebrates, commonly known as water bugs. A fun and hands on activity.



Year 456 Camp – Campaspe Downs

After much excitement in the lead up to our 3 day camp, the time had come to venture Campaspe Downs on the bus. The journey there was loud as excitement and anticipation of what was to come was on everyone's minds. The sun shone all 3 days around the lake and made for the perfect outdoor setting amongst the bush with regular kangaroo sightings and the odd possum visible for the night owls.



It was such a joy for students to test their limits, try new activities and support those around them. Students became experts at putting on harnesses as they participated in activities such as 'The Leap of Faith,' 'Possum Glider,' 'Flying Fox' and climbing. Skills of co-ordination, team work and strategy were also practised through archery, orienteering, Aeroball and laser tag.



The nights were also filled with excitement, clearly a little too much as chatting instead of sleeping seemed pretty common throughout the dorms. Prior to bedtime there were team sports and disco night along with practising the 'Llama Chant.' For many students camp food was highlight and I don't think I've ever seen pineapple consumed in such large quantities.

Educational visits provide our students with unique opportunities to develop their independence away from home and participation in activities they may not otherwise have the opportunity to try. Although all students were tired by the time they came back they should feel proud of their efforts to test their limits and support peers.





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 23rd 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.



Issue 4 of Book Club order forms went home today and are due back on **Wednesday 5th June**. Orders can be placed and paid for online via the LOOP or by completing the form on the catalogue and return to the school with cash.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

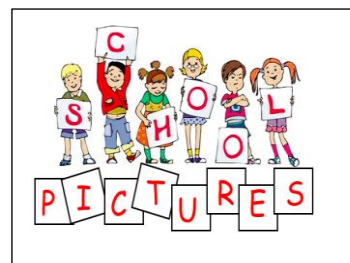
School photographs will be taken on **Wednesday 29th May**. Personalised student envelopes have been sent home and must be returned with payment on the day of photographs.

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



The 2024 Australian Early Development Census

Every school counts

The Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) is a national census that builds a picture of how children have developed by the time they start their first year of full-time school.

Every school has a vital role to play in helping our nation collect the information it needs to better understand and respond to the needs of children and their families.

Since 2009, communities, schools and governments across Australia have used AEDC results to help provide services, resources and supports that give our kids the best start in life.

From May 2024, teachers will complete the census for children in their first year of full-time school.

AEDC results for individual children are not reported and individual children cannot be identified.

With the support of parents/carers and schools, we can build a more complete picture of early childhood development in Australia. If parents/carers consent to the collection of their child's information they do not need to do anything. Parents/carers only need to contact the school if they do not consent to the collection of their child's information.

To find out more about the AEDC and how schools, communities and governments are using the data to help children and families, visit www.aedc.gov.au.





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

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 or phone 1300 366 437 to book.



Supporting Our Community



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

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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!](https://extend.com.au)



MOUNT CLEAR COLLEGE

Disney
Alice in Wonderland JR.

Gay E. Gough Theatre
24 May 2024 - 7pm | 25 May 2024 - 1pm & 7pm
mountclearcollege.vic.edu.au/tickets

Licensed by Music Theatre International (Australasia)

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

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