



# Mount Pleasant Primary School

# NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 10

18<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## Upcoming Dates

Anzac Day – Public holiday  
Make A Wish Book Fair  
Book Fair (Parents welcome 3.15pm-3.30pm)

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May

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

Dear Families and Friends,

We are excited to welcome everyone back to Term 2! We trust you have had a break enjoyed time with family and friends. I would like to give a very special thank you to Anna Johnson for partnering with me in the Principal role on Fridays during Term 1. You displayed great leadership, always leading with empathy. I'm grateful to have had this opportunity to partner with you to lead MPPS!

Our students have transitioned well into classrooms this week. In particular the teachers have been focussing on continuing to embed our "Daily Routines" each day. Daily Routines are an important part of school life. Routines help us to belong and feel safe. When we know what is coming next, we are prepared, when we know how to move around our school safely it helps us all to feel safe.

Attached is an overview of our embedded Daily Routines that staff and students follow each day. Daily Routines includes beginning each day with an *Acknowledgement of Country*, every morning in every classroom. Being present for this signals that we are ready for a day of learning. We encourage you to think about routines you have at home that helps your family get ready for school each day. Pick up a copy from the Admin Office for your fridge at home.

## **Behaviour Curriculum:**

This term has started with a strong focus on the Behaviour Curriculum we shared with families last term. School is a place for learning and routines help us to feel safe and belong. This is a refined approach to behaviour management that includes a student friendly process. We will continue to support and teach our learners these 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.

## **Term 2:**

There are lots of exciting things happening in Term 2. Some of these things include; Year 4-6 Camp, school photos, excursions as well as the all-important assessment and reporting term. Please stay up to date with the Newsletter, SeeSaw and emails from classroom teachers.

## **ANZAC Day:**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of April is ANZAC Day. On ANZAC Day we pay tribute to and remember those who have served. There are ANZAC Day services across Ballarat on Thursday 25 April 2024, more details are available here:

<https://www.ballarat.vic.gov.au/anzac-day>

### **After School Question Prompts – a reminder 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 policy has been updated this week as a *draft* (available on our website); Curriculum Framework Policy 2024 - draft

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

Kind regards,

Kate Robinson  
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**

# THIS IS HOW WE DO IT AROUND HERE

## Daily Routines at MPPS



### 8.45AM - 9.00AM

This is when we set the tone for the entire day. Children enter the classroom immediately upon arrival at school;

- children put their bags away and sit at their tables & begin morning independent activity
- children do not run around the classroom
- every school day begins with an Acknowledgement of Country

### 9.00AM - 9.50AM LEARNING TIME

### 9.50AM - 10AM FRUIT BREAK

### 10AM - 10.50AM LEARNING TIME

### 11AM - 11.30AM RECESS - PLAYGROUND

### 11.30AM - 12.30PM - LEARNING TIME

### 12.30 - 12.45PM LUNCH EATING TIME

### 12.45PM - 1.45PM LEARNING TIME

### 1.45PM - 2.15PM RECESS - PLAYGROUND

### 2.15PM - 3.15PM LEARNING TIME

### 3.15PM - SCHOOL PICK UP AT GATES

### LEARNING SPACES

Our learning spaces are left tidy between transitions.

This means; learning items are left neatly at desks bags are neatly arranged and chairs are pushed in before leaving.

### MANNERS

Children are explicitly taught and expected to use their manners when addressing others. At MPPS we say please, thank you and excuse me.

### RATIONALE

School is a place of learning, everyone has a right to learn, the rights of the group come first.

**RESPECT, RESILIENCE, RESPONSIBILITY**

# THE MPPS Behaviour Steps

We are responsible for our choices & take charge of our behaviour.  
We accept the consequences of our choices.

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**REFERRAL TO  
PRINCIPAL &  
MEETING WITH  
FAMILY**

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**YOU ARE ON RED  
YOUR TEACHER WILL NOTIFY YOUR  
PARENT OF YOUR BEHAVIOUR  
THE PRINCIPAL IS NOTIFIED  
(SEVERE BEHAVIOUR CLAUSE)**

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**NO MORE WARNINGS AMBER  
YOU ARE ON STEP 3 AMBER  
CHOICES & CONSEQUENCES**

2

**2ND WARNING  
A REMINDER – YOUR BEHAVIOUR IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.  
IT IS UP TO YOU TO CHANGE YOUR BEHAVIOUR.  
YOU MAY BE STEPPED UP TO AMBER OR RED.**

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**1ST WARNING  
A REMINDER THAT YOUR BEHAVIOUR IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.  
IT IS UP TO YOU TO CHANGE YOUR BEHAVIOUR.**



*Do you need to step down?  
It's your choice.*

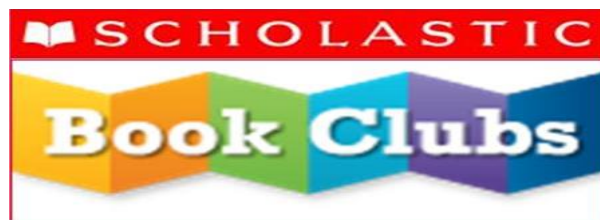
# Book Fair Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May



The Scholastic Book Fair will hit Mount Pleasant Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Students will have the opportunity to view the books on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, where they can select books to put on a wish list. On the day of the Book Fair (Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



**Issue 3 of Book Club** order forms went home today and are due back on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May**. 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.





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 the 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.

## 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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us

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[www.facebook.com/Mtpleasps](http://www.facebook.com/Mtpleasps)

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.

# Supporting Our Community



## EXTEND UPDATE

### Mount Pleasant Primary School

#### Upcoming Activities:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Obstacle course and outdoor challenges	Science day	Games and group activities	Animal day	All about me

#### The Extend Superstar is Charlie

For an excellent start to the year in both before and after school care and always having a go at tasks even if they seem tricky.

#### What's Been Happening?

This term we have been exploring many themes such as animal day, when we learn facts about a new animal each week and science day when we experiment with things like rockets and what makes a frisbee fly the furthest. The children have enjoyed whole group games of Gaga. Our Valentine's gifts for our loved ones were also a hit.



Enrol and book now: [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)



## 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!

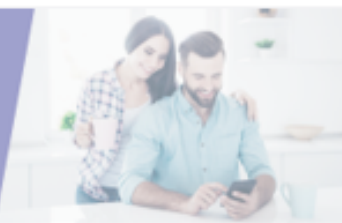
Visit [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au) today and create your bookings for the new term and achieve the best rate!

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# Sentral e-resource

## Registering on the Sentral for Parents App for the first time



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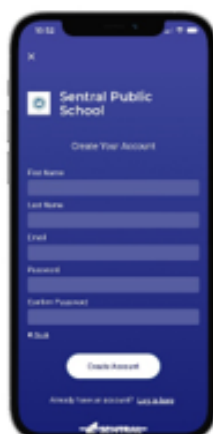
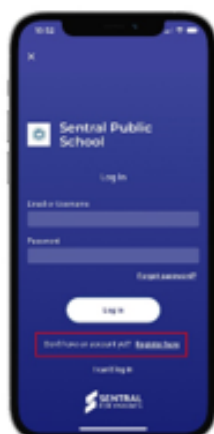
Step One: Download the Sentral for Parents app.



Step Two: Type in the school's name.

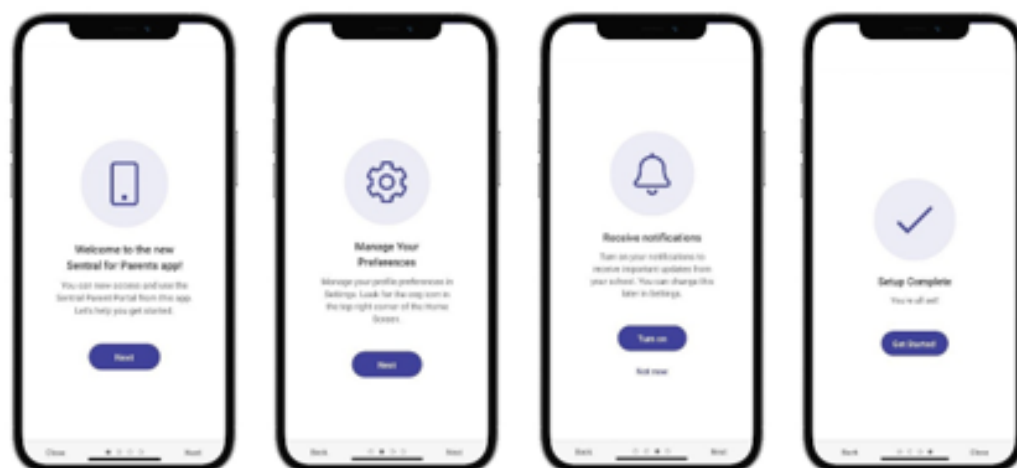


Step Three: Choose 'Register Here' from the bottom of the screen. Complete the details and choose 'Create Account'. You will receive a verification email which **MUST** be verified to continue. When the verification link is clicked it opens the log in screen in browser – close the browser and go back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

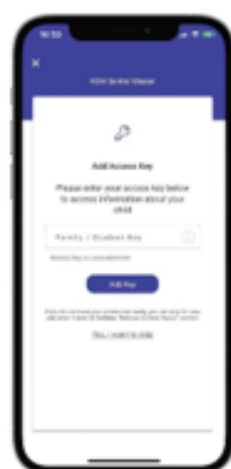




#### Step Four: Choose your preferences



**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

<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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