



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 17

6th June 2024

Upcoming Dates

Kings Birthday Public Holiday
Book Orders due – Jodi Toering
Parent/Teacher Interviews (2.15pm - 5.30pm)
Last day of Term 2 (2.30pm finish)
First day of Term 3

Monday 10th June
Friday 21st June
Tuesday 25th June
Friday 28th June
Monday 15th July

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

News from the Principal

On Tuesday 25th June, if possible, could parents please pick up students at 1.45pm before Parent/Teacher Interviews. Where parents are unable to collect students, we will arrange for combined classes to allow teachers to conduct interviews. Students can be signed out from the office from 1.45pm.

Dear families and friends,

I am so excited to share some amazing news about four of our senior students.

We had a number of 5/6 students enter an environmental writing competition

earlier in the year. We were contacted this week with some fabulous news... Our very own Annabelle won the competition! A huge congratulations to her on her fantastic writing efforts. We also had Evie, Archie and Miranda receive special mention awards. Well done to all! Keep your eyes open for our students to appear in the Ballarat Times celebrating their efforts.



Reports

This semester, we are going to trial releasing student reports to families via Sentral. This is obviously a little different to the previous reports that have been sent home in hard copies for all students. We are looking at ways we can support the environment while also streamlining our processes with Sentral. Sentral is a great platform for us to do many things online. We are aware that we have a handful of families who are not yet accessing the Sentral app or haven't linked a student to the account. We encourage you to ensure you access the app and add your children so that you will have easy access to the semester reports when they are released at the end of term. You will find instructions on how to get the app working for you in this newsletter. If you are having trouble with your access, please come into the office so we can assist you.

We are very excited about being able to share reports with you online via Sentral. There are great advantages of this, such as: you will be able to access the report at any time, save it to your device for future reference (especially handy for students applying for secondary schools!), any parent or carer with a Sentral account can access the report, and best of all – we are cutting down on our impact on the environment.

Please note we have sent home a letter today with students for families who may need some support to connect with their Sentral app. Once again if you need assistance to connect to the app, please see us in the office.

Playground Update

I am pleased to inform our community that we will be beginning the installation of a brand-new play space in our school. We are lucky to have received a grant to support this new, inclusive play space. The old 'blue playground' is going to be removed and updated to a very modern and exciting play area. These works were due to begin over the holidays, however, we have been lucky that everything is available now to begin! This means that there will be some small disruptions to our school grounds while the playground is demolished and a new one installed.

The lower gate on Cobden Street will not be open to public access starting from this Friday afternoon. There will be temporary fencing put up to keep our students safe while the works are happening. We ask that students who usually enter from Cobden Street please enter via the top gate. There may be disruptions to the parking areas on Cobden Street while the works are taking place, please be mindful of safe driving and parking around the school at drop off and pick up times. We can't wait to see our new play space come to life!



Paw Pals

Mount Pleasant PS has also been extremely fortunate to partner with Paw Pals this term. Today, we had our first session with Honey the Golden Retriever and her handler / owner Jacqui. Paw Pals is a great program that is supporting selected students to develop their confidence, social skills and engagement in school.



Long Weekend

A reminder that this weekend is a long weekend for the King's Birthday. We hope everyone enjoys the extra day off, and we will see all the students back on Tuesday! Enjoy a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards,

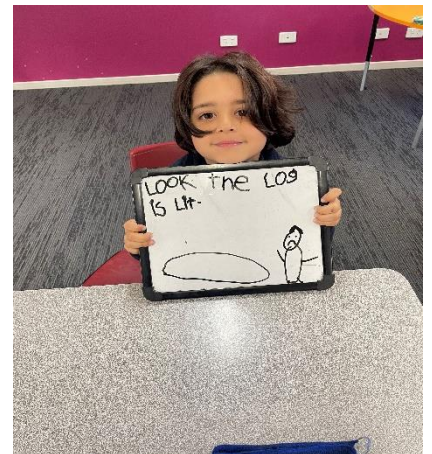
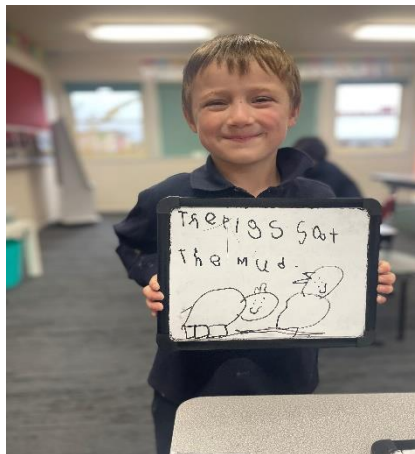
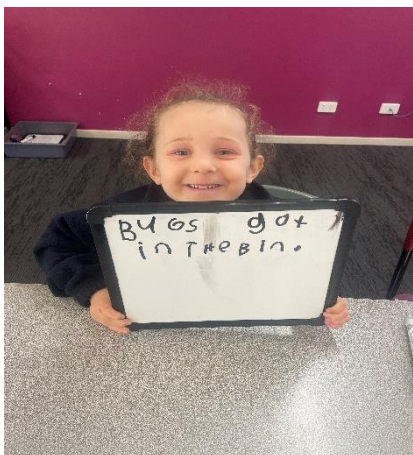
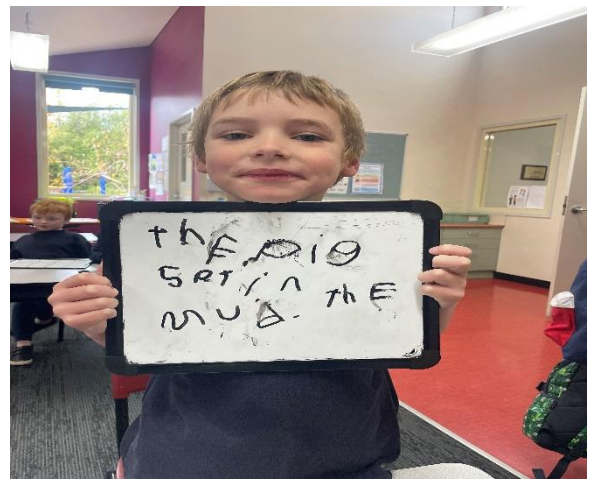
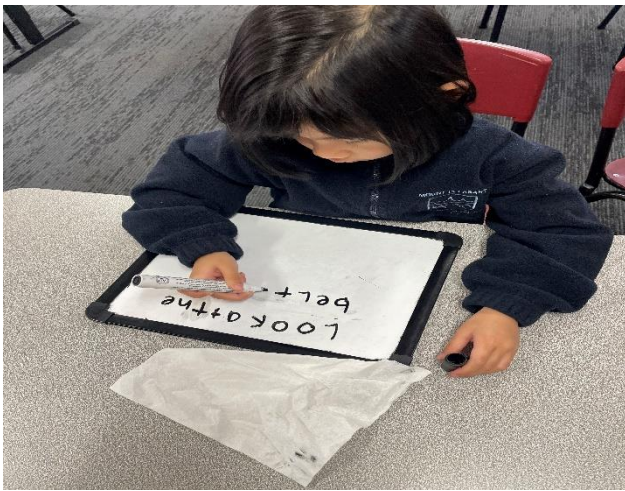
Mrs. Carly Middleton
Acting Principal

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



Foundation News

Foundation students have been working hard on building their sentence-writing skills. This term, they've learned that a complete sentence needs a who or a what (a noun) and a what doing (a verb). It should also make sense, begin with a capital letter, and finish with a full stop. Additionally, they've been practicing by using the sounds they know to write words they can sound out. Halfway through the year and we're super proud of their sentence writing efforts.



Breakfast Club at MPPS has started!

Breakfast Club is on every Monday and Friday from 8.45am – 9.00am in the Arts Centre. Students can enter through the last door near the junior playground. Students come to Breakfast Club for a variety of reasons – running late, not hungry at home, or still hungry when they get to school. Breakfast Club is provided for all students without question or judgement.

To make Breakfast Club even more awesome, and to put it on every day, we are looking for volunteers from 8.30am – 9.15am. 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. Please contact Anna Johnson if you would like to go on the roster.

Just a reminder that if you are sending yoghurt or other food items that require spoons, to please send a spoon with your child, as unfortunately we do not have an endless supply of them.



Unfortunately, there is a lot of illness through our school community, including COVID, cold and flu and RSV. If your child is showing any symptoms of these, please keep them home to keep our school community safe.

We are now accepting enrolments for 2025. If you have a child starting Foundation in 2025, enrolment forms are available from the office. Once completed, please hand into the office as soon as possible.

NOW ACCEPTING 2025 ENROLMENTS

Meet the Teachers

<https://mtpleasps.vic.edu.au/meet-the-teachers/>

- Structured Literacy/Numeracy programs
- Onsite Out of Hours Care
- Arts Intensives for small group collaboration
- Specialist programs; Visual Arts, Performing Arts, PE, Chinese, Music





At Auxilia Health, we're dedicated to providing psychological services for individuals over 6 years old. From adults navigating life's complexities to children and adolescents exploring their formative years, our expertise is your support system. Our array of assessments, including IQ, educational, dyslexia, child ADHD, and Autism diagnosis, are designed to uncover the unique strengths and challenges of each individual.

OUR PROCESS

For GP referrals or inquiries as a private patient, please contact us directly. Upon receiving your information, our team will reach out to facilitate the completion of an intake form and to discuss the details of your referral to understand the specific reasons for your visit to the clinic. Once this initial step is concluded, we will proceed to schedule your appointment. It is our aim to ensure a seamless and straightforward process for all of our clients.

ASSESSMENT SERVICES

- IQ and Educational Assessments - to identify dyslexia, dysgraphia or dyscalculia and to identify skills in reading, writing and mathematics.
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) - to identify difficulties with attention and excessive activity in children.
- Child and teen ADOS-2 Autism Assessments and Adult Assessments.

PSYCHOLOGY

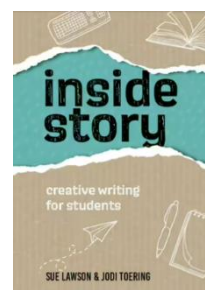
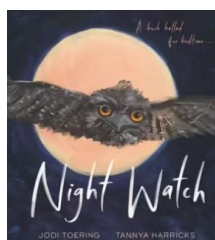
- Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT)
- Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT)
- Clinical Hypnotherapy
- Eye Movement Desensitisation and Reprocessing (EMDR)
- Mindfulness
- Positive Behaviour Support

NDIS SUPPORT

Auxilia Health provides Behaviour Intervention Services, Psychology Services and Support Coordination. Our coordinators work alongside you to ensure that you connect with the right providers for your individual needs.

Contact us
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Call 1300 735 665
Fax 03 9454 9365
Email admin@AuxiliaHealth.com.au
www.Auxiliahealth.com.au

Just a reminder to get your orders in to purchase the amazing books that Jodi Toering, our visiting author for Book Week 2024. Order forms have already been sent home with the students, if you have misplaced or require another one, they are available from the office. Forms and payment need to be back to the office no later than Friday 21st June.





EXTEND UPDATE

Mount Pleasant Primary School

Upcoming Activities:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Writing our name in binary code	Nature bracelets	Paint your own fridge magnet	Colour changing flowers	Making nut-free bliss balls

The Extend Superstar is Zebidy

For showing 100% effort in all activities, even if they seem challenging and being a kind and supportive member of our OSHC family.

What's Been Happening?

This term we have been engaging in many nature based activities, dinosaur exploration and code cracking. We have spent lots of time outside in the autumn sunshine. The children have enjoyed whole group games of Gaga, and many board games such as chess and pop-n-nop. We had great fun creating a group art work for the kids club art competition and we are very proud of our final products.



Enrol and book now: extend.com.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.





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

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.



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.

Extend After School Care onsite at Mount Pleasant Primary School

Log online at www.extend.com.au or phone 1300 366 437 to book.

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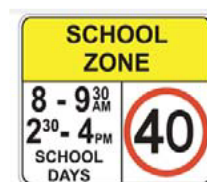


PARKING, TRAFFIC AND SCHOOL CROSSING INSPECTIONS

The City of Ballarat traffic unit staff will be actively enforcing all parking and traffic regulations around schools and inspections will be undertaken randomly throughout the year.

All parents and visitors are reminded to please observe all parking, traffic and school crossing rules.

Student and community safety should be our priority.



Supporting Our Community

Mid-Season Entry is now here! From June 11th you can now register for the remainder of the NAB AFL Auskick Season for a discounted price of \$55.

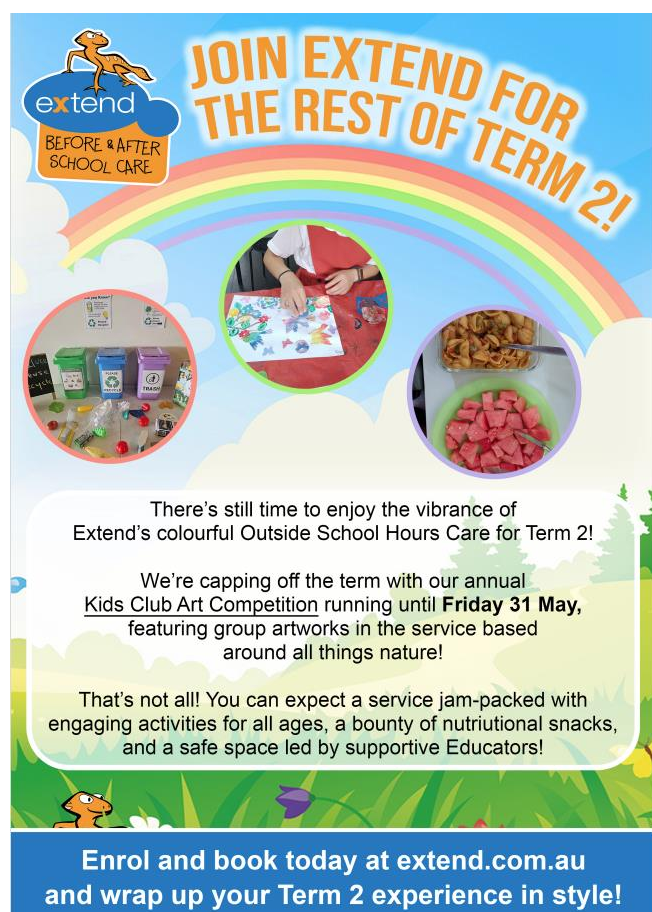
It's not too late to join in the fun. Please find your nearest centre today: [NAB AFL Auskick - Play AFL](#)



A group of diverse children are posing on a grassy field, holding various colored balls (orange, red, blue, yellow, green). The text 'midseason entry' is prominently displayed in a stylized font. Below it, the text reads: 'It's not too late to join NAB AFL Auskick. Try it out - 5 weeks and exclusive goodies for \$55! Sign Up through your local Auskick Centre!'. The NAB AFL Auskick logo is at the bottom, along with the website 'play.afl/auskick'.



The poster features a blue background with white snowflakes. On the right, a row of coats is hanging. The text 'Styled for Success presents.....' is at the top, followed by 'COATS FOR THE COMMUNITY' in large, bold letters. Below this, there are three circular images: a person holding a coat, the 'Styled for Success' logo, and two people interacting. The text 'KEEPING THE COMMUNITY WARM FOR FREE' is on the left, followed by 'Do you need a coat this winter? Styled for Success is offering FREE adult coats to anyone in need of one.' Below that, it says 'We are also seeking donations of clean, good quality coats.' On the right, it says 'Coats available from Styled for Success. Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 10am - 1pm'. At the bottom right, it says 'Donation drop-off Location: Barkly Square Reception during opening hours'. The BGT logo is at the bottom left, and the website 'www.bgt.org.au/styled-for-success' is at the bottom right.



The poster features a rainbow arching over a green field. The text 'JOIN EXTEND FOR THE REST OF TERM 2!' is at the top. Below it, there are three circular images: a person holding a box, a person holding a box, and a person holding a box. The text 'There's still time to enjoy the vibrance of Extend's colourful Outside School Hours Care for Term 2!' is on the left. Below that, it says 'We're capping off the term with our annual Kids Club Art Competition running until Friday 31 May, featuring group artworks in the service based around all things nature!'. At the bottom, it says 'That's not all! You can expect a service jam-packed with engaging activities for all ages, a bounty of nutritional snacks, and a safe space led by supportive Educators!'. The BGT logo is at the bottom left, and the website 'www.bgt.org.au/styled-for-success' is at the bottom right.



Sentral e-resource

Registering on the Sentral for Parents App for the first time



Sentral for Parents App

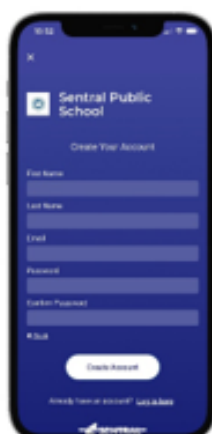
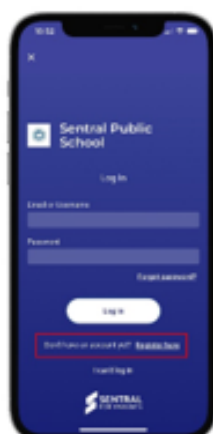
Step One: Download the Sentral for Parents app.



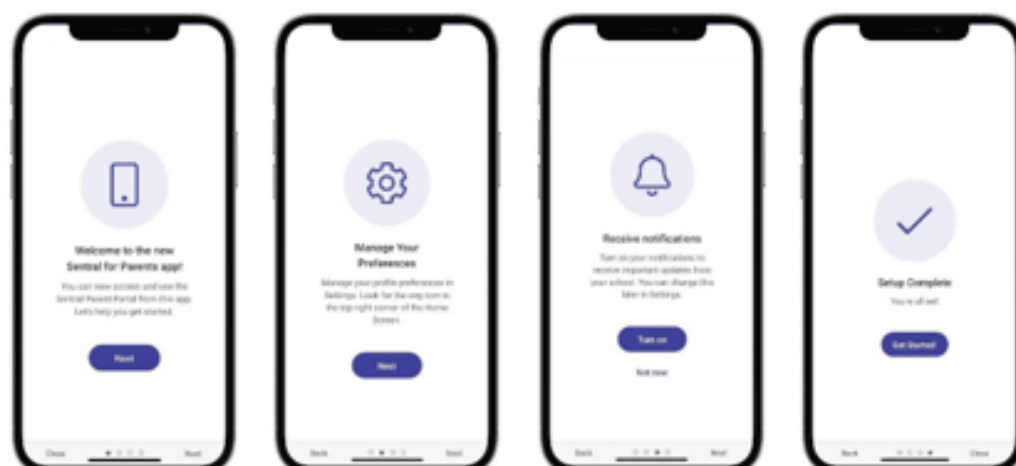
Step Two: Type in the school's name.



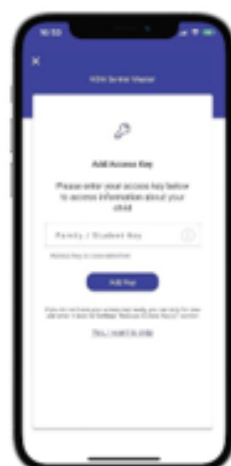
Step Three: Choose 'Register Here' from the bottom of the screen. Complete the details and choose 'Create Account'. You will receive a verification email which **MUST** be verified to continue. When the verification link is clicked it opens the log in screen in browser – close the browser and go back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

