

Mount Pleasant Primary School





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Upcoming Dates

Last day of Term 2 (2.30pm finish tomorrow) First day of Term 3 Friday 28th June Monday 15th July

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

News from the Principal



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. Make sure you join the Sentral for Parents App as school reports will be posted tomorrow via the app. If you require help with this, please see the office.

Dear families and friends,

We have reached the end of Term 2! This year is flying by, and to think we are half-way through the year already is almost mind-boggling! The students have put in an amazing effort this term – it's been a long term and we've certainly reached the colder weather now. They all certainly deserve a restful break over the next two weeks.

Parent Teacher Interviews / Reports

I hope that our families enjoyed the opportunity to meet with their child's teachers and discuss their progress. It's always nice to hear that your child is achieving success. I had positive feedback from families and teachers about these meetings.

Your reports will become available on Sentral on Friday, we will let you know when the access is open.

I always enjoy looking over reports for students, and the part that I look at with the most anticipation is the Learning Behaviours. This information tells a lot about how your child approaches their learning. I encourage families to look at this part of the report together and discuss the amazing efforts happening, the positives to celebrate, and, if needed, the areas that may need a bit more effort. I'm very proud that our students are doing well in their approach to learning! I was proud to see so many students achieving 'Excellent' for their efforts. These Learning Behaviours go hand-in-hand with our School Values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience to build great habits to take throughout all steps in life.

Invitation to Share Feedback

Earlier this week, I tested our Parent Portal notifications, and sent out a Parent Focus Group invitation. Thank you to those who have emailed through to say that they would be happy to participate. A copy of what I sent home is here:

I am trialling our in-app notifications today and inviting you to be a part of our School's Review at the beginning of next term.

This is an open offer to anyone who may wish to join in. On Monday 22nd July, prior to end of day pick up time (time to be confirmed), our School Review team would like to hear from the parents and families of Mount Pleasant PS. It is an informal chat over a coffee / tea to hear about your thoughts. If you are interested and available on that day, please send us an email at <u>mount.pleasant.ps@education.vic.gov.au</u>, or contact the office to leave your name. Those who wish to volunteer will then be contacted at the beginning of term with the exact details.

Policies

The following policies have been recently added or updated on our website: <u>Bullying Prevention</u>, <u>Anaphylaxis</u>, <u>Student Wellbeing and Engagement</u>.

You can find them on our website, or by clicking the links above.

End of Term

I would like to thank our dedicated team of staff at MPPS who have continued to show their amazing support for our students and families this term. Despite the many germs and illnesses travelling around at the moment, everyone has given their all to ensure the best opportunities for our students.

I would also like to thank our fabulous community for their support over the last term. It takes a village to raise a child – and MPPS creates a great 'village' and community that come together for our students.

On behalf of all our team here, I wish you all a wonderful break over the holidays. I hope that you get to spend some time resting, relaxing, and doing things together that create memories and laughter. We all look forward to seeing everyone back on the first day of Term 3 (Monday 15th July) and getting started on another fantastic term of learning!

Stay well and warm!

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.



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.



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.



EXCITING NEWS Teeth on Wheels will be visiting our School!



At Teeth On Wheels, we provide the highest quality dental treatment while making it fun, positive and memorable for children.

With the help of the goverment your child might be eligible for FREE dental care.

- Our dental services include:
- Check-ups
- Oral Health Education
- Scale, Clean & Fluoride Treatments
- Fissure Sealants
- X-rays
- Fillings
- Extractions



CLICK OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE YOUR FORM



Phone: (03) 9338 1191 Email: info@teethonwheels.com.au



Mount Pleasant PS Uniform









School t-shirt with logo School jumper with logo or

Navy blue t-shirt with collar While we are transitioning to navy blue old school light blue t-shirts are still permitted

Student dress:

Checked blue and white school dress Navy blue pinafore during winter

Student bottoms:

Plain navy pants/shorts/skorts Mid thigh length No leggings, coloured pants or jeans



Student footwear:

Plain closed toe black shoes with a flat sole Plain black runners Navy tights during winter White socks during summer Navy or black socks during winter

(students may wear coloured sports shoes on the day they have PE)

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 <u>www.extend.com.au</u> or phone 1300 366 437 to book.





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

Basketball Ballarat Junior Miners Winter Holiday Camp

Power FM's Junior Miners Holiday Camps are held during each school holidays for children aged 5-14 years old of all genders and abilities.

Improve your skills, develop techniques, enhance your game, meet new friends and ultimately have fun! Our camps cater for the beginner who has never picked up a basketball to the most experienced 14-year-old in the land!

All participants can expect:

- Meet your favourite Miners players
- Expert instructions from professional coaches including Miners player and coaches
- Develop new basketball skills and training methods
- Fun and inclusive learning environment
- Structured session content including great games and prizes at every camp
- Learn how to be a great team mate and help others succeed

Registrations for the Winter Holidays are now open, with the camp being held on Monday July 1st, Tuesday July 2nd, Wednesday July 10th and Thursday July 11th from 9:00am till 3:00pm at Selkirk Stadium.



For more information and to register: https://www.ballaratbasketball.com/holiday-camp/

For further details please contact Zack Cummins via email <u>programs@ballaratbasketball.com</u> or for urgent enquiries call reception on (03) 5338 1220



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.



