



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 22

25th July 2024

Upcoming Dates

Landcare planting with students
Costume Swap – 2.45pm – 3.30pm (Gold coin donation)
Teeth on Wheels

Friday 26th July
Friday 2nd August
Thursday 15th August

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

News from the Principal

SAVE THE DATE

Mount Pleasant Primary School will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary – This will be held on Saturday 19th October 2024 from 10am – 2pm. More information to come.

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

Dear families,

The winter weather is certainly upon us with rain and cold winds this week. We encourage students to wear their winter gear such as coats or blue beanies while travelling to school to keep warm and they may put these on for recess times outside. It is a hard time of year to keep everyone well – so we kindly also ask families to keep students home if they are unwell and encourage good hygiene practices, such as washing hands and know how to stop the spread of germs when coughing, sneezing and blowing their noses. During the wetter and muddier times, it is also extremely handy if students have a spare change of clothes in their bags as a 'just-in-case.' We do have some clothing available to assist students when accidents happen, but our supplies are limited.

School Saving Bonus

The School Saving Bonus will be available to parents and carers of every child enrolled in a Victorian government school in 2025. If you are a parent or carer of more than one child, your school will receive the \$400 credit for each child under your family account. The Bonus will be provided during Term 4 of this year, making sure families have time to plan and budget for the 2025 school year ahead. Families will receive a credit on their school family account to help meet the cost of activities and uniforms. Cash will not be paid directly to individuals or families.

Families just want the best for their kids, but with cost-of-living rising, school uniforms, camps, sports – the other things that make school fun – it all adds up. The new one-off School Saving Bonus gives families of school kids one less thing to worry about and makes life that little bit easier. The Department of Education is seeking feedback through a short survey about the Bonus, if you would like to have your say, please visit:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PYF9SDV>

Breakfast Club

This has been going along so well! Thank you again to all of our volunteers (staff and families) who make this happen. As mentioned in the Sentral broadcast, taking on feedback from teachers about the success of this program has been important. As a result, our Breakfast Club will stop serving toast from 8:55am just to ensure our students are in class and ready to learn from 9am. We are in the process of partnering with someone to assist in supporting us with the costs of some items, as we do go through an enormous amount of food in a week. We encourage students to be resilient on days where we may not have everything they hope for, e.g. jam! Or if we run out of something.

Sentral Communications

Our main form of communication with families is via our Sentral Parent Portal. If you are having trouble accessing this app, please come and speak to us in the office so that we can assist you to get connected. We don't want families to miss any important details coming up!

Communicating with 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 contact your child's teacher via email or calling to leave a message. Emails can be sent to mount.pleasant.ps@education.vic.gov.au and they will be forwarded directly to the teacher.

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 or after school 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.

The NED Show

The NED Show visited us on Tuesday – and what an amazing presentation it was! The students seemed to really enjoy this interactive presentation with Hallie, and have also become quite keen on the Yoyos available. Thanks to our families who have supported the Pay-it-forward system of the NED Show; purchasing a yoyo ensures schools can keep accessing this exciting program for free. We will have the yoyos for sale for one 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.



Annual costume swap in preparation for Book Week!

The costume swap is free to participate in, you do not need to donate a costume to take a costume, but if you are able to make a gold coin donation this will go towards fundraising for the school for the purchase of learning enrichment.

WHEN: August 2nd from 2.45pm – 3.30pm

COSTUME DROP OFF: There will be a collection box in reception from Monday 22nd July and we ask that if you have any outgrown and unwanted costumes that you leave them in the box – clean and undamaged items only please. Items being collected include the following: Onesies, Superhero / book / film costumes, Handmade costumes, Costume accessories (e.g. hats, masks)

Thank you in anticipation of your kind donations and for your support in helping to create a brighter future for our school community and children. Please note all children must be accompanied by their parent/family member/carer during the Costume Swap.



Mount Pleasant Primary School
presents

KIDS COSTUME SWAP

**When: August 2nd
2.45pm – 3.30pm**

Where: School playground

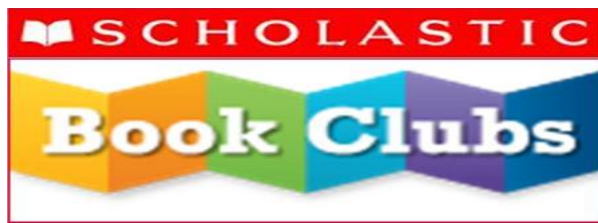
Drop off your unwanted, clean kids costumes to reception in the main office from Monday 22nd July.

Swap don't shop
save money • reduce waste • support families

Voluntary gold coin donation

All funds raised will go to supporting the school.





Issue 5 of Book Club order forms went home today and are due back on Wednesday 31st July. 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.

Breakfast Club at MPPS has started!

Breakfast Club is on every day Monday to 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.

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.



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



DONT MISS OUT

Complete your Teeth on Wheels E-form



Great News! Our school is pleased to announce that the Teeth on Wheels team will be coming out to our School every 6 months to provide Oral Health Education and quality dental treatment to our students.



CLICK OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE YOUR FORM



TeethOnWheelsAustralia



#teethonwheels

Phone: (03) 9338 1191

Email: info@teethonwheels.com.au



TeethOnWheels
a positive dental experience

Mount Pleasant PS Uniform



Student outer wear:

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)



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

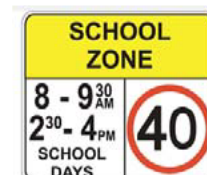
Log online at www.extend.com.au or phone 1300 366 437 to book.



PARKING, TRAFFIC AND SCHOOL CROSSING INSPECTIONS

Please note that the City of Ballarat will be undertaking regular patrols to ensure parking compliance. Any breaches observed, will be enforced. This is to help ensure the safety of students and staff and the broader school community. We implore all road users to ensure that they adhere to the law to maintain the ongoing safety of everyone involved.

Student and community safety should be our priority.



Supporting Our Community



RACE INTO TERM 3 WITH PREMIUM OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Extend is racing back into Term 3 with extraordinary care for children!

Welcome in the new spring with Extend as we get outdoors and enjoy sports, active play, and nature-themed activities and experiments!

Every day we offer a series of creative activities and energising games for all age groups! Join us as we lead the way to learning new skills and creating new friendships!

Enrol and book online for Term 3 at extend.com.au today!



Enrol and book your sessions for Term 3 at extend.com.au

Psychology Assessments Now Available in Bacchus Marsh + Ballarat!

The Shine Centre is offering:

- Autism Assessments
- ADHD Assessments
- Cognitive Assessments
- Educational Assessments
- Behavioural Assessments

Book Today!

☎ 1300395747

www.theshinecentre.com.au





Sentral e-resource

Registering on the Sentral for Parents App for the first time



Sentral for Parents App

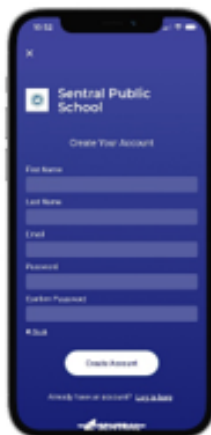
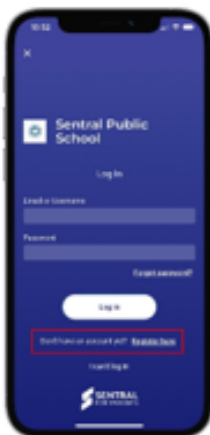
Step One: Download the Sentral for Parents app.



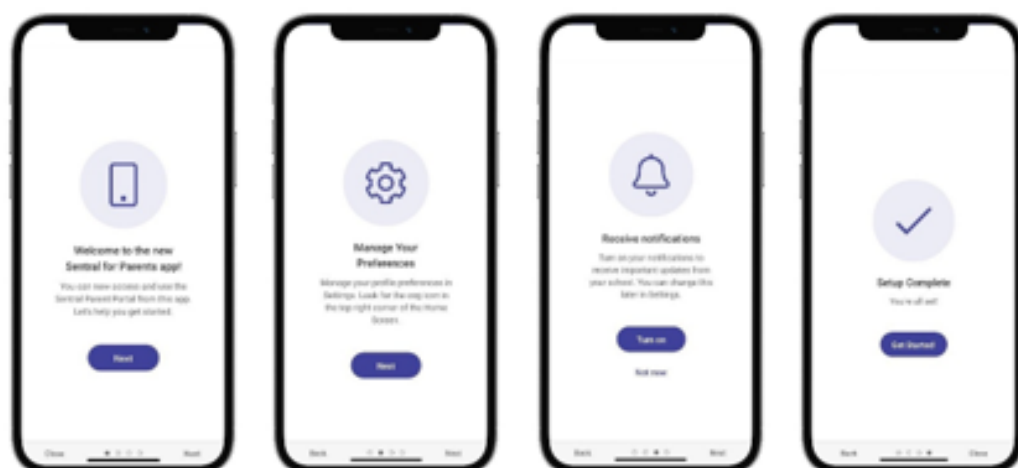
Step Two: Type in the school's name.



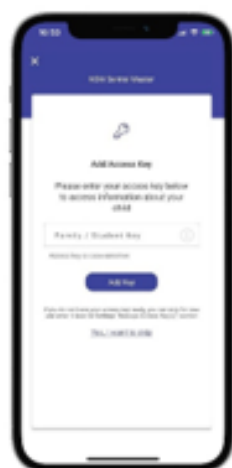
Step Three: Choose 'Register Here' from the bottom of the screen. Complete the details and choose 'Create Account'. You will receive a verification email which **MUST** be verified to continue. When the verification link is clicked it opens the log in screen in browser – close the browser and go back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



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



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Term 3 2024 Parent Planner



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	July 15	July 16	July 17	July 18	July 19
Week 2	July 22	July 23 The NED Show	July 24	July 25	July 26 Landcare planting with students
Week 3	July 29	July 30	July 31	Aug 1	Aug 2 Costume Swap 2.45pm – 3.30pm (Gold coin donation)
Week 4	Aug 5	Aug 6	Aug 7	Aug 8	Aug 9
Week 5	Aug 12	Aug 13	Aug 14	Aug 15 Teeth on Wheels	Aug 16
Week 6	Aug 19 Book Week	Aug 20	Aug 21 Author – Jodi Toering visiting	Aug 22	Aug 23 Book Week Dress up day
Week 7	Aug 26	Aug 27	Aug 28	Aug 29	Aug 30
Week 8	Sept 2	Sept 3	Sept 4	Sept 5	Sept 6
Week 9	Sept 9	Sept 10	Sept 11	Sept 12 Division Athletics Day	Sept 13
Week 10	Sept 16	Sept 17	Sept 18	Sept 19	Sept 20 Last day of Term 3

Public Holiday	Student Free Day
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