



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 23

1st August 2024

Upcoming Dates

Costume Swap – 2.45pm – 3.30pm (Gold coin donation)
Teeth on Wheels
Book Week Dress Up Day

Friday 2nd August
Thursday 15th August
Friday 23rd 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.

Hello families and friends,

What a busy couple of weeks we have had! I want to start off this week by thanking our community and our School Council President, Sam Kargaran, for their contributions to the Review process that happened over the first two weeks of term. Our Review is a 4-yearly cycle that looks at all the accomplishments of the school and then plans goals for the future. These goals are what drive our school improvement over the 4 years and what directs our yearly focus. The Review panel noted lots of wonderful achievements for MPPS over the last 4 years, and thanks to the contributions from staff, students and families, the panel had a really good understanding of our school. Once again, an enormous thanks goes to all involved in making the Review a positive experience and we are very excited to focus on the next goals ahead!

Parent Opinion Survey

Last week, an email was sent to all families regarding the Parent Opinion Survey. This is a yearly, online survey that we encourage families to be a part of. It is not compulsory, and only one member from each household is able to complete it. The information gathered contributes to planning and monitoring our improvement strategies. I do encourage families to participate, as your opinion is important to us. If you have any questions about the survey, please pop into the office.

Keeping Children Safe

Last week, I had a call with the City of Ballarat where the safety of students was discussed at length. The most important thing that can be done to ensure our students' safety at pick up and drop off times is ensuring our families are following road rules and driving safely. Highway Patrol, who assist in monitoring school zones in this area, are also expected to be patrolling the school zones especially during the peak times.

I implore our families to please be careful and put the safety of our most precious students first. Please see the pamphlet in the newsletter this week for more information.

Value Focus - Respect

Building respect in our children is a crucial part of their development and future success, and your role in this process is invaluable. Respect is not just about good manners—it's about fostering empathy, understanding, and a positive attitude toward others. By demonstrating respect in our daily interactions, whether through kind words, active listening, or valuing each other's perspectives, we provide our children with a powerful example to follow.

There are several simple yet effective steps you can take to nurture respect at home. Encourage open communication by discussing different viewpoints and emphasizing the importance of listening to others. Model respectful behaviour in your interactions with family members, friends, and community members. Praise your children when they show respect, and gently guide them when they falter. Together, we can create an environment where respect is the norm and our children are inspired to uphold these values in all areas of their lives.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to fostering a respectful and positive learning environment for all our students.

Kind Regards,

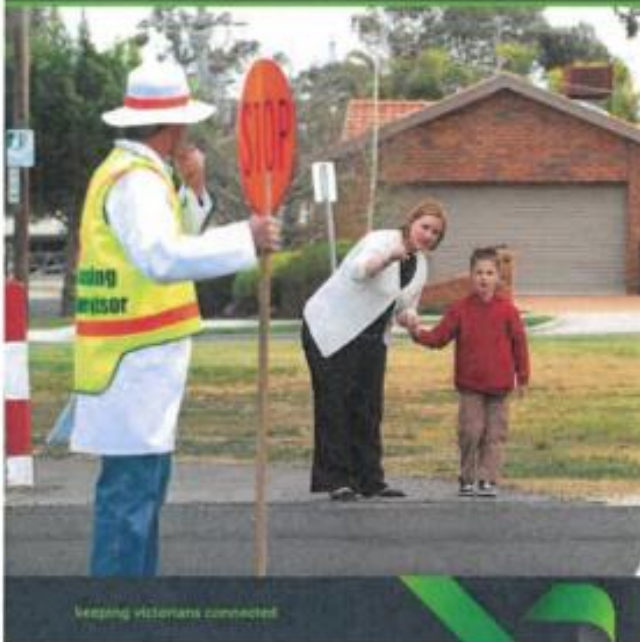
Mrs. Carly Middleton
Acting Principal

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



Safe to school

How to drop off and pick up children safely



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What you can do

Supervise children in or near traffic.

The best way for children to learn to be safe on the roads is under your guidance, in real traffic, in everyday situations. Until children are about 10 or 11 years of age they do not have the necessary skills and physical abilities to be safe on their own so providing supervised practice is important.

Walk or cycle to school with your child.

Take the healthy option. If you can't walk the whole way, consider parking a few streets away and walking the rest of the way. Children under the age of 12 are allowed to ride on footpaths and so can adults riding with them.

Respect the road rules and parking signs.

It is important that parents park legally to provide a safer environment for children.

- Double parking restricts the view of drivers, forces children onto the road and obstructs the flow of traffic.
- Parking within 20 metres before a designated school crossing or 10 metres after is illegal.

Wait on the same side of the road as your child.

- Meet your child at the school gate to avoid your child dashing across the road.
- If picking up your child from the bus stop, wait on the same side as the bus.

If you need to drive to school, get your child into the habit of using the car's kerbside doors and ensure your child is using a booster seat or correctly adjusted seatbelt.

The safest doors are kerbside doors, away from traffic. For information about Victoria's child restraint road rules, visit vicroads.vic.gov.au/ChildRestraints

Participate in the development of a safe drop off and pick up strategy for your school.

Raise this issue with your school council and participate in the development of a safe to school strategy. Visit vicroads.vic.gov.au/safetoschool for more information.



Obey these signs



40km/h sign

All school speed limits across the State are clearly signposted. Look out for the speed signs near schools and slow down to improve safety for children.



Children crossing

When the flags are displayed at a children's crossing, you must stop for pedestrians who are waiting to cross or who have started crossing. You must remain stopped until the crossing is clear. These rules apply even if there is no crossing supervisor.



No parking

It is important that you don't park in any area where this sign is displayed.



No stopping

No stopping means you must not stop at the kerb for any reason.



Bus zone

Take extra care and be on the lookout near school bus stops as children may be trying to cross the road nearby.

For further information visit vicroads.vic.gov.au/safetoschool

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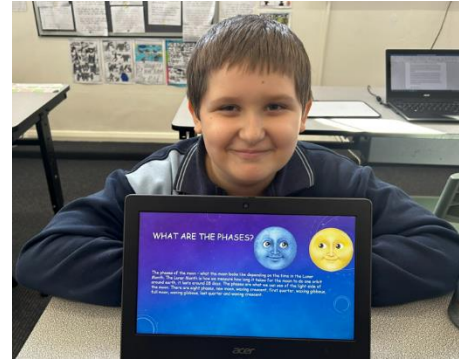
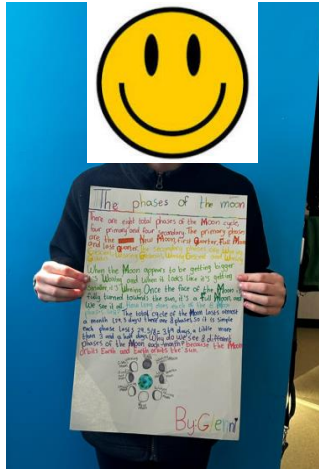
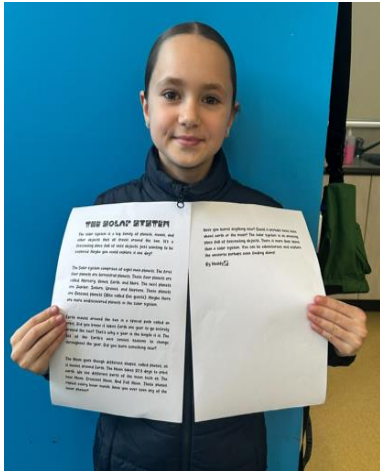
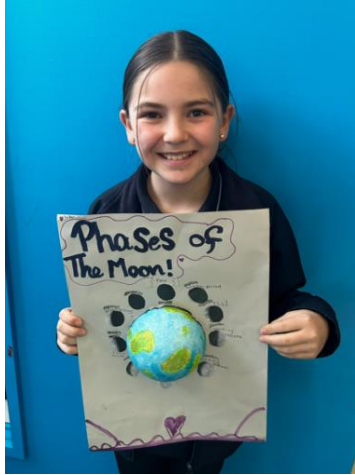
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Grade 5/6

This week, the Grade 5/6 students have continued their learning about the solar system and the vocabulary that this includes. They have been using more complex writing techniques, including appositive phrases and paragraph outlines, to write detailed texts. Additionally, they explored the phases of the moon, learning that the shapes represent the illuminated part unblocked by the Earth. In Numeracy, the students have been calculating percentages and discounts on items, and they can now calculate 50%, 25%, and 10% off.



Leigh Catchment Group – Landcare Planting Day

Last Friday Bianca from the Landcare Group came and helped some of our senior students plant our new garden. The plants were all local native plants to the area and will help to attract butterflies and birds. A big thank you to everyone for braving the cold!





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)

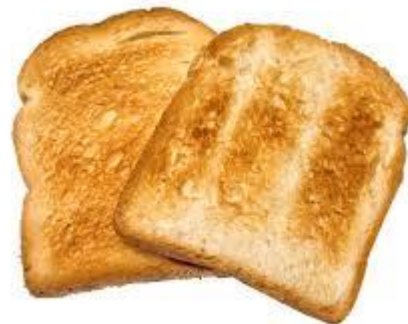
Thank you in anticipation of your kind donations and for your support in helping to create a brighter future for our school community and children. Please note all children must be accompanied by their parent/family member/carer during the Costume Swap.

A vertical poster for a 'KIDS COSTUME SWAP' event. The background is green at the top and white at the bottom. The text 'Mount Pleasant Primary School presents' is at the top. The main title 'KIDS COSTUME SWAP' is in large white letters. Below it, the date and time 'When: August 2nd 2.45pm - 3.30pm' and location 'Where: School playground' are listed. A central white box contains the text 'Drop off your unwanted, clean kids costumes to reception in the main office from Monday 22nd July.' Below this, it says 'Swap don't shop' and 'save money • reduce waste • support families'. A rounded rectangle contains 'Voluntary gold coin donation'. At the bottom, it states 'All funds raised will go to supporting the school.' and features the school crest. The poster is decorated with illustrations of children in various costumes: a superhero, a cat, a pirate, a knight, and a wizard.

Breakfast Club at MPPS Update!

A huge thank you to our parent volunteers for coming in every day to help with Breakfast Club!

We now provide a nutritious breakfast for our students five days a week to give them the best start for the day. This is a trial-and-error process and we have realised some changes to Breakfast Club are needed, to ensure that all students can access breakfast and that our learning commences at 9am.



- **School gates will be open by 8.40am.**
- **Students are to remain in the Brekkie Club area to complete their brekkie, not on the playground, wandering the school or in the classroom.**
- **Brekkie Club will close at 8.55am – so please ensure your child/ren arrive in plenty of time to have some brekkie as we will not be accommodating late comers.**

We would love to see more parent volunteers come on board; more hands light work! If you are interested, please contact Anna Johnson on 5332 3646. Set up starts at 8.20am and you should be out the door by 9.15am.

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



Dear Families,

Final Reminder

We have Teeth on Wheels visiting our school for dental check-ups and oral health education starting with the August 15th 2024.

Click the link below to sign your child up – IT MIGHT BE FREE!

<https://teethonwheels.com.au/consent-forms/consent-eform/>

Please complete your form today and the Teeth on Wheels team will be in contact to schedule your child's appointment and notify you if your child's eligible for FREE dental care through the child Dental Benefit Schedule.

CUT OFF DATE FOR COMPLETING YOUR CHILDS FORM IS ON THE August 8th 2024.

Any further questions, please contact the Teeth On Wheels team on (03) 9338 1191.

Kindly [Press Here](#) for a step-by-step instruction on how to sign-up



LAST CHANCE
To complete your form

Complete your E-form today and a Teeth on Wheels team member will contact you if your child is eligible for **FREE DENTAL CARE!**

CLICK OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE YOUR FORM

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



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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

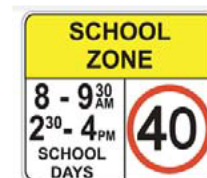
Log online at www.extend.com.au or phone 1300 366 437 to book.



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!



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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!

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**FIRST SESSION IS FREE!
ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED!
CALL OR EMAIL FOR DETAILS!**

Club: Hockey Ballarat
Venue: Ballarat High School (1726 Sturt St, Lake Gardens, VIC, 3355)
First Session: Friday 9 August
Last Session: Friday 13 September
Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm
No. of Weeks: 6
Price: \$80 OR \$135 (with equipment pack)

Coordinator Name: Zac Smith
Coordinator Email: admin@hockeyballarat.com.au
Coordinator Phone: 0491 029 002



**SCAN HERE
TO REGISTER**





Sentral e-resource

Registering on the Sentral for Parents App for the first time



Sentral for Parents App

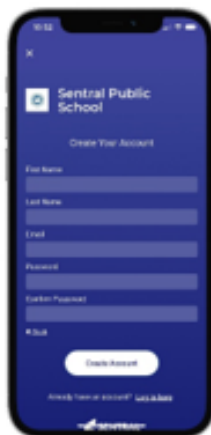
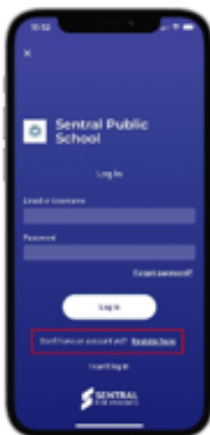
Step One: Download the Sentral for Parents app.



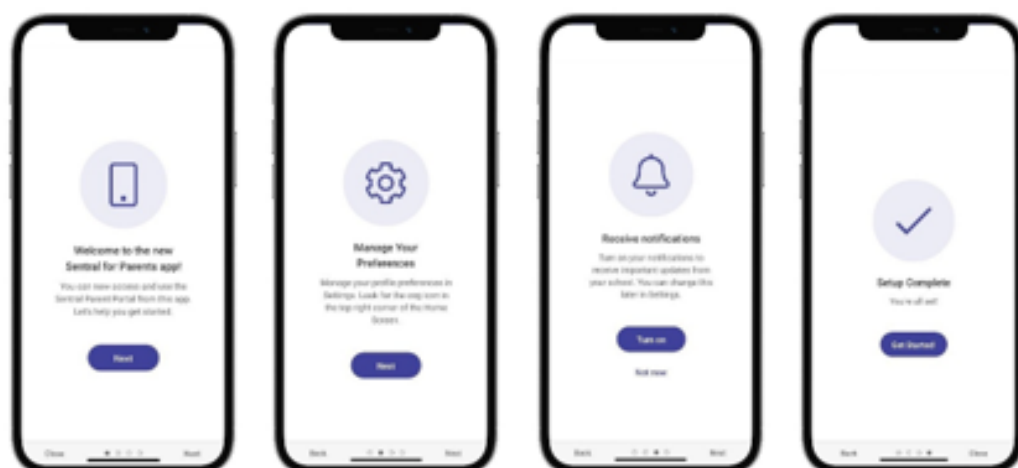
Step Two: Type in the school's name.



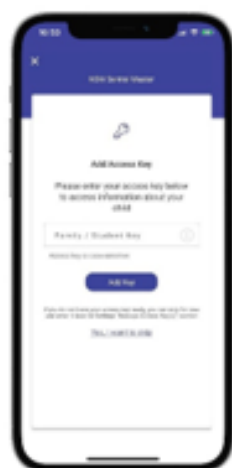
Step Three: Choose 'Register Here' from the bottom of the screen. Complete the details and choose 'Create Account'. You will receive a verification email which **MUST** be verified to continue. When the verification link is clicked it opens the log in screen in browser – close the browser and go back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



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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