



Mount Pleasant Primary School
NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 25

15th August 2024

Upcoming Dates

Sensory Garden Working Bee (3.30pm – 4.30pm)	Thursday 15 th August
Bullying No Way Week – Wear a splash of purple	Friday 16 th August
Costume Swap – 2.45pm – 3.30pm (Gold coin donation)	Friday 16 th August
Sensory Garden Working Bee (3.30pm – 4.30pm)	Thursday 22 nd August
Book Week Dress Up Day	Friday 23 rd August
Assembly – Book Week Dress Up Day – Families Welcome – 9am	Friday 23 rd 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,

Bullying No Way Week 12-16 August 2024

This week, is Bullying No Way – National Week of Action, and our classrooms have been busy completing activities around this. This work links closely with the Respectful Relationships curriculum taught in all classrooms and I know that our community values the safety and inclusion for all. The theme this year is 'Everyone Belongs' and I encourage our families to talk with the students about what activities they have been doing to build more awareness and compassion for others.

As part of the week, we are encouraging students to wear a **splash of purple** tomorrow (Friday 16th) to support Bullying No Way and promote the theme of 'Everyone Belongs'.

Important Conversations to have with your child:

By working collaboratively within our community, we can collectively help reduce bullying.

Parents and carers play an important role in helping your child understand bullying and know how to respond to it.

If your child tells you about things at school, or you observe something in public that involves conflict or bullying, take the opportunity to talk about what bullying is. You can learn more about what defines bullying at bullyingnoway.gov.au.

Questions you could ask:

- What do you think bullying is?
- Have you seen it? How did you feel?
- Have you ever felt scared at school because of bullying?
- As well as me, who are the other adults you would talk to when it comes to things like bullying?
- Have you or your friends left other kids out on purpose? Do you think that was bullying? Why or why not?
- Have you ever tried to help someone who is being bullied? What happened? What would you do if it happens again?

Remind your child that bullying is never okay and discuss how they can respond safely if they experience or witness it.

Encourage them to seek help from a trusted adult and keep seeking support if needed.

By promoting open communication, we empower children to stand up against bullying and create a safer environment where everyone can feel that they belong.

For more information, visit bullyingnoway.gov.au

Book Week

It's here! Next week is Book Week! We are all very excited to be celebrating all things about books and literacy next week. This year's theme for Book Week is 'Reading is Magic.' And – it really is! Reading is not a natural process – and it is amazing work that our brains go through to learn to read and use literacy throughout our lives. I love that reading takes us to all kinds of magical places without having to leave our seat! During Book Week this year, our classrooms will be sharing some of the books that have been nominated for the Children's Book Council Awards, we have an author coming to visit and do a read aloud and talk with the students, and – of course – we have our Dress Up day!

For the Dress Up day, we will be having assembly at 9am in the Art Centre and we will be sharing all the wonderful costumes in a small parade. Families are welcome to join us from 9am for this assembly.

Student Free Day – Term 3

School Council met last night, and one item discussed was the scheduling of the remaining Curriculum Days for MPPS. Please note following Curriculum Days and end of term finish times:

Friday September 13 – Curriculum Day; student free day

Friday September 20 – Last day of Term 3; early finish at 2:30pm

Thursday December 19th – Curriculum Day; student free day

Friday December 20th – Last day of Term 4; early finish at 1:30pm

Parent and Caregiver Opinion Survey

I thank the families who have taken the opportunity to participate in the survey this year. The closing date for this survey is 30th August. You still have time to have your say! If you have misplaced your email (or didn't receive the Sentral email due to spam filters) – please contact the office and we will resend it to you!

Sentral Communications

Just a quick reminder that all our important communications are coming via Sentral. The app has access to our Portal communications and broadcasts, as well as newsletters, student reports and absence notifications. A huge thank you to our families for their support as we transition to a more central location for our communications! (Pun not intended!) If you are still to connect through the portal and need assistance – please speak to us in the office and we will get you connected.

Please also be on the lookout for the odd email that comes from Sentral – these emails may be going to your spam folder. Please add No-reply AT Gptech.com.au bounce@messaging.sentral.com.au to your 'safe' or trusted emails list to ensure you don't miss out on any communications.

I hope you all have a fabulous weekend ahead.

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.



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



Exciting Nomination

Today we have been surprised with a visit from Aaron at PowerFM to share some amazing news. Mount Pleasant Primary School has been nominated in the 'Best of Ballarat' competition. We are so thrilled to be nominated! If you are as excited as we are about being nominated as one the Best of Ballarat – you can support our entry by following the details included in the newsletter. Or, head to <https://www.3ba.com.au/win/best-of-ballarat-2024/> for more information.

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Annual costume swap in preparation for Book Week!

Thank you to everyone who came to our costume swap on Friday 2nd August, it was a great success. For those of you who couldn't make it on this day, we will be having another one, tomorrow Friday 16th August.

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 16th from 2.45pm – 3.30pm

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.

Thank you so much to the parents who have volunteered their time to run the costume swap.



Sensory Garden Working Bee

Thursday 15th August @ 3.30 pm -4.30 pm

Thursday 22nd August @ 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm

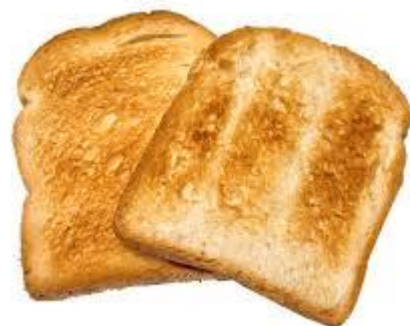


If you can spare a little time to help tidy up and plant some new plants, we would love to see you. Everybody is welcome, all equipment including gloves will be supplied. Hope to see you in the garden.

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.

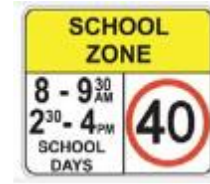
If by chance you have any navy tracksuit pants, in excellent condition, that you no longer require and would like to donate to the wet weather cupboard, it would be very much appreciated.



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.



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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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

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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**



Big Brothers Big Sisters, Ballarat

- Will host a special lunch on Sunday, September 15th, at the Art Gallery of Ballarat, catered by Mr. Jones Dining. The goal of this unique lunch event is to raise funds to create more matches for the 160 young people on our waiting list in need of mentors.
- This unique event will feature delicious Asian cuisine at the Oddie Room of the Art Gallery, prepared by acclaimed chef Damien Jones and his team from Mr. Jones Dining, a prestigious one-hat restaurant in Ballarat with a decade of experience.
 - Local musicians will provide entertainment.
 - Shannen Mennen, a Wadawarrung Traditional Owner, will give a welcome to country and discuss mentoring in her culture.
 - Discover the significance of mentoring for young people and mentors in our program.
 - Chef Damien will also share how mentoring has impacted his career.
- **Tickets are priced at \$95 per person or \$180 per couple – see links below – we look forward to seeing you there!**



JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL LUNCH

- Amazing Asian Cuisine
- Live Music
- Guest Speakers
- Mentor & Mentee stories
- Art Gallery dining experience

📍 Oddie Room, Art gallery
Ballarat

📅 15th September @12:30hrs

🎫 To buy tickets, scan QR code

[\\$95 per person](#)

[\\$180 per couple](#)





About Big Brothers Big Sisters:

Big Brothers Big Sisters Australia (BBBS) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to offering extended mentorship to at-risk youth in need of assistance. By fostering one-on-one mentoring relationships, we aim to alleviate feelings of loneliness and isolation among young individuals.

Our mentoring program emphasizes long-term engagement. Both the volunteer and the young person agree to meet for an hour every week, for at least 12 months. Numerous matches extend well beyond this initial commitment, some lasting for years or even a lifetime.

"I feel it is more important than ever for young people to have someone on their side."

"The gift of giving something back to the youth in our community has taught me many valuable lessons I couldn't have learned otherwise".



Sentral e-resource

Registering on the Sentral for Parents App for the first time



Sentral for Parents App

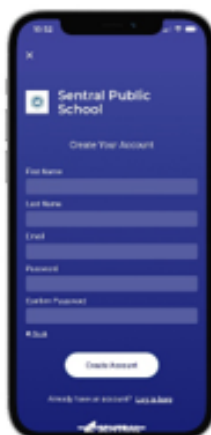
Step One: Download the Sentral for Parents app.



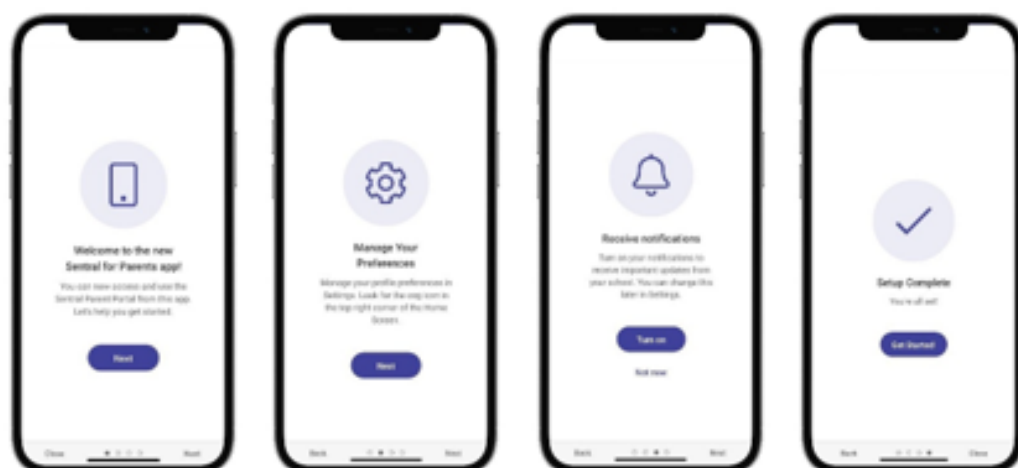
Step Two: Type in the school's name.



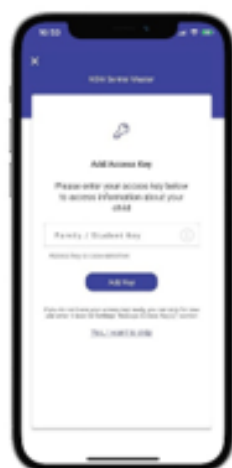
Step Three: Choose 'Register Here' from the bottom of the screen. Complete the details and choose 'Create Account'. You will receive a verification email which **MUST** be verified to continue. When the verification link is clicked it opens the log in screen in browser – close the browser and go back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

We're half way there at Mt Pleasant Primary School

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