



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 28

5th September 2024

Upcoming Dates

Teeth on Wheels	Friday 6 th September
Parent/Carer Information Session – Foundation 2025 (5.30 pm-6.30pm)	Tuesday 10 th September
Division Athletics	Thursday 12 th September
Curriculum Day - No Students	Friday 13 th September
Last day of Term 3 – 2.30 pm finish	Friday 20 th September
First day of Term 4	Monday 7 th October

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

News from the Principal

Hello families and friends,

Spring is upon us! We have been treated to glimpses of the sun and the beautiful blossoms are everywhere. We are looking forward to the warmer weather. Over the last week, we have had some significant high winds and rain, and just remind everyone to be safe in all weather conditions.

Observatory Visit

This week, our 5/6s went to the Ballarat Observatory. They were able to use a telescope to project an image of the sun and examine the sun spots, learning that some of those sun spots are as large as Earth. They had plenty of opportunity to learn about stars, galaxies and movement in space. Our 5/6 class represented MPPS so well and I was proud to accompany them for their visit. We would like to extend our thanks to the Ardoch Children's Education charity for generously assisting with both the Observatory visit and for funding the tickets and bus transportation for the Peter Combe concert. This support has made a meaningful impact on our school community!

Foundation 2025

Next week, we will be beginning our transition program for Foundation students in 2025 with our information evening on Tuesday afternoon at 5:30pm. In Term 4, transition mornings will begin, and we will welcome our new Foundation students into the classroom.

150th Celebration

Our 150th Celebration is quickly creeping up! You may have noticed that the word is spreading... We are trying to make sure everyone interested has the opportunity to come and celebrate the remarkable history of MPPS. More information will continue to come out to the community as we have it available but do feel free to share and invite others along.

Information regarding the School Saving Bonus

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

- **Complete enrolment:** If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](#).
- **Check your contact information:** Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us. You can check this information by contacting us directly.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

- in October, to verify your email address
- in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus and access to an online system.

Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, download the [School Saving Bonus Information sheet for government school parents and carers](#) or visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus.

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.



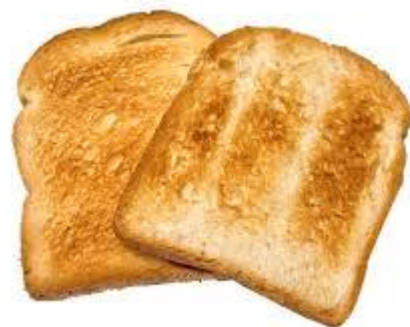
Breakfast Club Parent Helpers Needed Term 4!

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

Because of our community spirit, we now provide a nutritious breakfast for our students five days a week to give them the best start for the day.

We need more parent volunteers; more hands light work! We have some parents who volunteer once a week, some that can only committ to a couple of times throughout the term – we will warmly welcome any type of assistance.

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.



Foundation News!

This term in Core Knowledge, Foundation students have been diving into the world of plants, learning about their parts and growth processes. They've explored basic ecology concepts and the interconnectedness of living things. To wrap up the unit, students planted seeds with their buddies as part of our Buddies and Mates program. Over the past two weeks, they've applied their plant knowledge by watering and providing sunlight to their seeds, which have now sprouted into tiny seedlings!



Wellbeing Update!

Last week was our final session with Jackie and Honey from Paw Pals and we were very sad to see them go.

Over the ten weeks of the program, the students who participated were given opportunities to share their feelings, experiences and strategies for various feelings and situations. Through games and hands on activities our students-built capabilities such as team building, sharing and problem solving. They also had many cuddles with Honey. We are grateful to Ballarat Health Services who chose our school to participate, and we hope to offer this wonderful program again in the future.



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.

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.

Please check your child's hair, as there has been an increased number of cases at school.

Don't forget to bring your school hat, Term 4 its "no hat, no play".

You can purchase a hat from the front office for \$6.



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

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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or at [3ba.com.au](https://www.3ba.com.au)**

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business you support the
local community.**

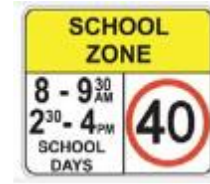
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PARKING, TRAFFIC AND SCHOOL CROSSING INSPECTIONS

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

TERM 4 IS AROUND THE CORNER!

BOOK NOW WITH EXTEND!

The new school term is approaching, and Extend is ready to help you prepare with premium Outside School Hours Care!

We're starting Term 4 with tons of amazing activities and games for all ages, a delicious selection of health-based snacks, and an environment designed for learning, fun and safety!

Plan ahead and save with our Early Bird Rate! Book 14 days in advance on all sessions to receive the best price!

Whatever's around the corner for you, you can rely on Extend to provide you with a quality service in the new Term 4!



Make your bookings online at extend.com.au and plan ahead for Term 4 today!

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



Free workshop

2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers

Ballarat, VIC



Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to register



This workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents.



Tuesday & Wednesday
29 & 30 October, 2024
9:30am - 2:30pm



Sovereign Park Motor Inn
217-229 Main Road
BALLARAT VIC 2250

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided



Interpreters available upon request

During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together with your child's school.

Learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

For more information or to register visit:
<https://www.positivepartnerships.com.au/PC>
ccorrigan@positivepartnerships.com.au

☎ 0447 219 627

Season commencing October



Looking for a great summer outdoor sport for your child to get involved with, then tennis at Mt Prospect is for you!

Played on Saturday mornings across both Term 4 and Term 1 at the same location in Creswick on natural grass courts, tennis provides your child a great chance to be physically active in a safe, multi-gendered sport.

Competitions for all standards ages 8-17 / Hot Shots Program available for ages 5+

To find out more, please contact
Junior Director - Casey Preston
0417 379 525 or kckenzi@hotmail.com, or
visit www.mtprospecttennis.com.au



Basketball Ballarat Junior Miners Spring 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 Spring Holidays are now open, with the camp being held on Monday the 23rd of September, Tuesday the 24th of September, Wednesday the 2nd of October and Thursday the 3rd of October from 9:00 am till 3:00 pm at Selkirk Stadium and the MinerDome.

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

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

A promotional graphic for the Basketball Holiday Camps. The left side is a dark blue vertical panel with white and yellow text. At the top are logos for 'Power FM' and 'MINERS'. The main title 'BASKETBALL HOLIDAY CAMPS' is in large yellow letters. Below that, it lists 'WEEK ONE SESSIONS' at Selkirk Stadium (Mon 23 & Tues 24 Sept, 9AM - 3PM) and 'WEEK TWO SESSIONS' at MinerDome (Wed 2 & Thur 3 Oct, 9AM - 3PM). A yellow button at the bottom contains the website 'BALLARATBASKETBALL.COM'. The right side of the graphic is a photograph of four young boys and one adult male on a basketball court. The boys are wearing 'MINERS' jerseys, and the adult is wearing a dark blue shirt. They are all smiling and posing for the camera. A basketball is on the floor in front of them.



Sentral e-resource

Registering on the Sentral for Parents App for the first time



Sentral for Parents App

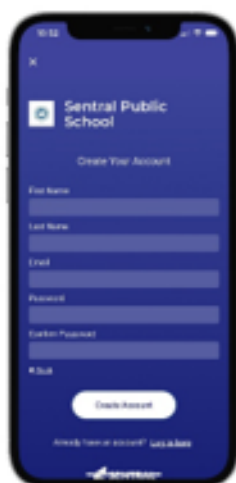
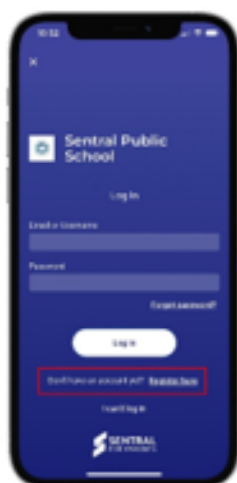
Step One: Download the Sentral for Parents app.



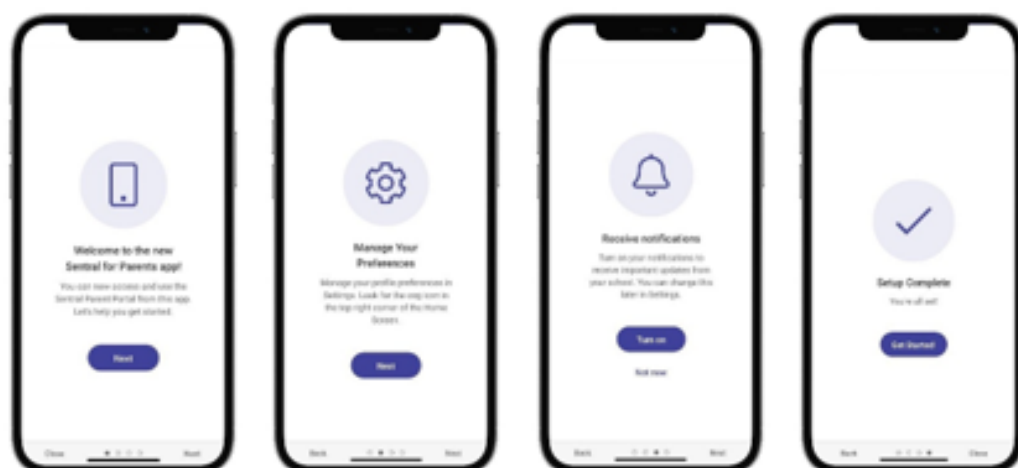
Step Two: Type in the school's name.



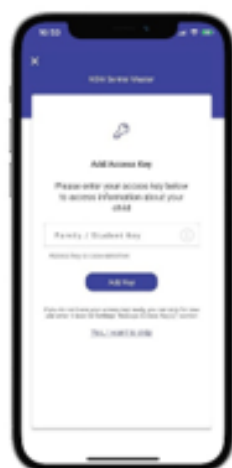
Step Three: Choose 'Register Here' from the bottom of the screen. Complete the details and choose 'Create Account'. You will receive a verification email which **MUST** be verified to continue. When the verification link is clicked it opens the log in screen in browser – close the browser and go back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