



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 30

19th September 2024

Upcoming Dates

Sensory Garden Working Bee (3.30pm – 4.30pm)
Footy Colours Day
Last day of Term 3 – 2.30 pm finish
First day of Term 4

Thursday 19th September
Friday 20th September
Friday 20th September
Monday 7th October

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

News from the Principal

**SAVE THE DATE – Term 4, Week 5
FAMILY NIGHT – 7th November 2024**

Dear families,

We are already at the end of Term 3! We have seen lots of change this term and plenty of things have been keeping everyone busy.

Footy Colours Day

We will be celebrating the end of Term tomorrow with a Footy Colours Day. Students are welcome to wear their footy or sports team colours, but can wear casual dress if the sports theme isn't their thing. Our office team are all hoping for a Cats Grand Final appearance!



Illness

We know there are lots of germs doing the rounds at the moment, and we want to thank families for their support in keeping the community well by keeping students home when they are unwell. It is important to remind children on good hygiene at this point of the year to help keep everyone feeling healthy and well. If students are away unwell, please do notify the school for attendance records – this can be done via the Sentral app (preferred), text to our school mobile or phone call.

Walking to School

It is a really great thing to see our students being active and independent on the way to school; walking, riding and scooting. I would like to remind our families of the importance of discussing the responsibilities of traveling to school alone. As a general age, it is recommended that students are accompanied by an adult until 10 years of age when walking to school. Of course, the maturity and responsibility varies greatly among children of different ages and as the carers of the children – you are the best judge of when it is safe for your child to travel to school alone. Some things to consider are; their ability to focus on the journey – being mindful of the roads, other people, animals, staying on the path, and time taken; their ability to react to situations safely – do they know what to do if someone approaches them, if a footpath they use is closed, if they are running late? There are many considerations, however, the opportunity to build trust, responsibility and independence is an important part of maturing.

Recently, the office has received a number of phone calls about the behaviours of some MPPS students when walking to and from school. I would like to encourage families to revisit these conversations at home over the holidays.

Uniform

Next term, we are looking at a uniform challenge. Details will be shared at the beginning of Term 4, but we are looking for the class that is most consistently modelling great MPPS uniform standards. There will be recognition for the class that has the best results. We are still seeing a number of non-uniform items, including grey pants, hoodies, jumpers and coloured shirts under school shirts, bike shorts worn as outer wear (these are only suitable to be worn under dresses or skirts)... We want all our students to make a big effort to wear correct uniform next term! I look forward to sharing the challenge with classes next term.

Staffing Update

This week, Mr. G. took his final PE lessons at MPPS. He is relocating and moving on to new adventures. It was nice to see the students creating farewell messages for him! Our new PE teacher begins next term. Mr. Steinman, or 'Steiny' as he is well known by his students, comes to us with excellent PE experience and is going to be with us for the remainder of the year. We look forward to him joining the MPPS team.

We also welcomed Mrs. Brearley into the 5/6 room last week. She has taken over from Mrs. Hulse, who has resigned from her position to move north with her family. The 5/6s are settling well into routines with Mrs. Brearley.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club has been a huge success this term – running every morning for our students to access fresh toast, fruit, cereal, and milk. The students have been enjoying sitting together to eat as the weather improves. I want to thank our handful of parent helpers who have dedicated time of a morning to assist in running the Breakfast Club with us. Without their help, it wouldn't be possible to keep this going every day for our students. We are desperately calling out for assistance to keep the Breakfast Club running in Term 4 – if you can spare 30-40 minutes one morning per week, we would be greatly appreciative! Please contact the office to advise of any availability. Without the helpful assistance from our community, it becomes harder to keep it running!

Attendance

A friendly reminder that if your child is going to be away from the school on any day, it is a requirement to let the school know the reason for our attendance record keeping. Students who arrive late, or are picked up early also need an explanation provided. This is a requirement for all schools. Students who are collected early from school by their parents without a valid reason are marked absent. This is then recorded as an unexplained absence on your child's attendance records.

I'd like to also remind our families of the importance of regular attendance and arriving on time for the most important learning. Attendance has a big impact on the success of students as they progress through school. At MPPS, our learning begins at 9am – and the first 2-3 hours are the most important part of our learning programs. I've included the graphic below to show the increasing, long-term effect that missing school has on a student. I encourage all of our families to aim high and prioritise their child's success with good attendance habits.



Holiday Break

I would like to finish this week's newsletter with a reflection on the term. It has been a busy term with lots of great things happening in class. I love the visits to the office to share great work, I have enjoyed spending time in classes with students, I have loved seeing happy faces enjoying Breakfast Club, I love the determination some students have shown in mastering new challenges or achieving goals in class. It has been a term with many highlights for me. I do hope that over the holiday break, families can reflect on the positives and find things to look forward to in Term 4. I wish our families some time to recharge and rest, and enjoy some activities in the nicer weather that seems to be coming our way.

To all of our students and families – enjoy the holidays! I look forward to seeing everyone next term.

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.



Sensory Garden Working Bee

Thursday 19th September @ 3.30pm-4.30PM



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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

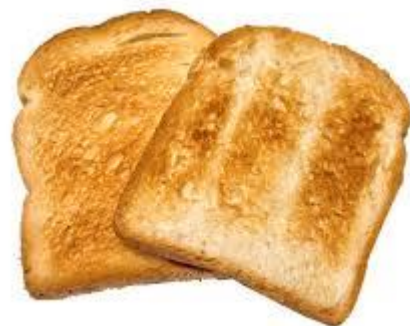
Breakfast Club Parent Helpers Needed Term 4!

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.



Book Fair Friday 18th October



The Scholastic Book Fair will hit Mount Pleasant Friday 18th October. Students will have the opportunity to view the books on Wednesday 16th October, where they can select books to put on a wish list. On the day of the Book Fair (Friday 18th October) we encourage parents to send money to school with their children as students will have the opportunity to purchase books and staff will be there to assist them. The Book Fair will be open to parents from 3.15pm – 3.30pm. **PLEASE NOTE: school gates will close at 3.30pm.** If you have any queries, please contact the office.



The Aboriginal Literacy Foundation are offering our MPPS Indigenous students literacy tuition in Term 4. The organisation provides literacy support for our Aboriginal community throughout Victoria. If you would like more information about the Aboriginal Literacy Foundation, please visit <https://aboriginalliteracyfoundation.org/>

Program details;

When: Thursday from 3.45pm to 5.00pm

Where: 7 Eyre Street, Ballarat Central

If you are interested in your child participating, please contact me at the school on 5332 3646.

Anna Johnson

Learning Specialist, Wellbeing and Inclusion

Division Athletics Day

Congratulations to our students, Lylah, Daniel, Zenna and Ruby who represented our school at the Division Athletics Day held at Llanberis last Thursday. Thank you to the parents who were able to take the students and also to Mr G for being there.



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18/9/24

Dear parents and carers,

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

https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/SSB_information_government_school_parents_carers.docx.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kind regards

Mrs. Carty Middleton
Acting Principal

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/>

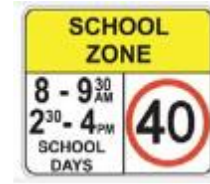
- Structured Literacy/Numeracy programs
- Onsite Out of Hours Care
- Arts Intensives for small group collaboration
- Specialist programs; Visual Arts, Performing Arts, PE, Chinese, Music



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.



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!



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PLEASE CONTACT US FOR UPCOMING WORKSHOPS,
HOLIDAY PROGRAMS AND TERM 4 ENROLMENT

ArtMasters

pp positive partnerships
Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

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

MPTA
MT. PROSPECT TENNIS ASSOC.



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



BASKETBALL HOLIDAY CAMPS

WEEK ONE SESSIONS
SELKIRK STADIUM
MON 23 & TUES 24 SEPT • 9AM - 3PM

WEEK TWO SESSIONS
MINERDOME
WED 2 & THUR 3 OCT • 9AM - 3PM

[BALLARATBASKETBALL.COM](https://www.ballaratbasketball.com)



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- 12th October 2024 - 22nd March 2025
- Saturday - 8.30am - Approx 11.30am
- U6 - U17 age groups
- @Llanberris Athletics Reserve
- Multi-Class Athletes Welcome
- U6 & U7- 'ON TRACK' Activities & Events
- U8-U17 - 4 or 5 events on a 3 week rotating program
- Sprints, walks, jumps, throws & distance events
- Region and State Competition opportunities




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Achieve your personal best!

Love to run, jump, and throw? Enjoy having fun, spending time with family and friends, and achieving your personal best?

Why not give athletics a try?
Sign up for your 2 FREE sessions today and dive into the excitement!
We can't wait to meet you.

REGISTER TODAY

<https://lavic.com.au/centres/buninyong/>





Sentral e-resource

Registering on the Sentral for Parents App for the first time



Sentral for Parents App

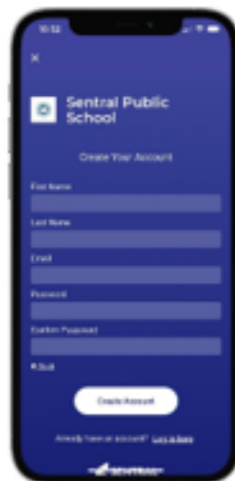
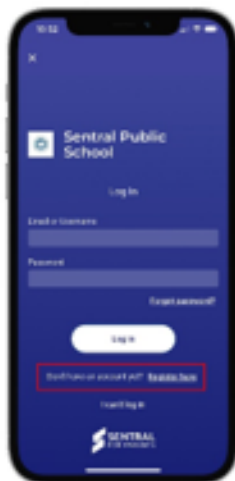
Step One: Download the Sentral for Parents app.



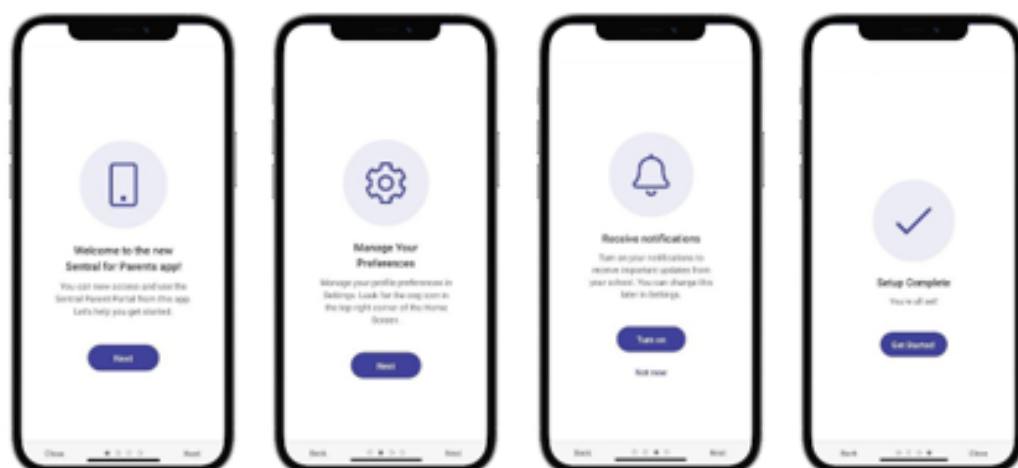
Step Two: Type in the school's name.



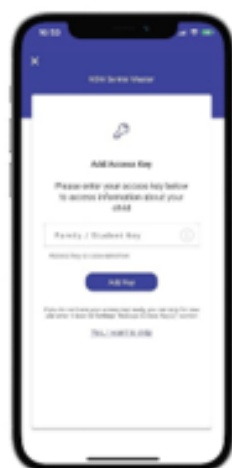
Step Three: Choose 'Register Here' from the bottom of the screen. Complete the details and choose 'Create Account'. You will receive a verification email which **MUST** be verified to continue. When the verification link is clicked it opens the log in screen in browser – close the browser and go back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