



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



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17th October 2024

Upcoming Dates

Book Fair
Mount Pleasant Primary School 150th Anniversary
Melbourne Cup Day (Public Holiday)
Family Night 4.30-6.30pm

Friday 18th October
Saturday 19th October
Tuesday 5th November
Thursday 7th November

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

News from the Principal

Dear families,

We've had a lovely start back to Term 4. I thank families for their support in maintaining good routines for school, as it has helped students resettle into school quickly.

Hats

A reminder that this term is one that requires all students to wear their hat at play. If students do not have a hat, they will need to play in our quiet space which is under cover. For families that may need to purchase a new hat, please see the office, we have some available for purchase for \$6.

World Teacher's Day

Next Friday, 25th October, is World Teacher's Day. This day is an opportunity for the community to recognise the fabulous work and dedication our staff at Mount Pleasant Primary School put in each and every day for our students. We are very fortunate to have staff that care so passionately about the school and students, and who go above and beyond to ensure that they provide all possible opportunities for our students.

I encourage our families to reach out on Friday 25th, and let the teachers know that they are appreciated. A small 'thank-you' in person, or a handwritten note from the students goes a very long way!

150th Celebrations

IT'S ON SATURDAY! We are very excited to be celebrating our 150th Anniversary on Saturday 19th. Come along between 10am and 2pm to join the celebrations. We will be beginning the day with a Smoking Ceremony and our choir will be performing, there will also be the cutting of the cake before the school welcomes everyone to immerse themselves in the history of Mount Pleasant Primary School. Badge making will be set up in the old building, along with open classrooms, and picture presentations of MPPS throughout the years. In the Art Centre, the history group will have more pictures, memorabilia and artefacts on display, joining the members of the Albert Coates Memorial Trust. In the back of the Arts Centre, you will find our Book Fair set up, and at the canteen area there will be tea, coffee and cake.

Family Night

Planning is also underway for our family fun night on November 7th. We ask families to note this date in the calendars and look out for more information to come!

Uniform and Safety

A gentle reminder to our families that we do expect our students to attend school in full school uniform. Students who are wearing non-uniform items may be asked to remove them – such as hoodies, brightly coloured shirts or other jumpers under their school shirts and jewellery (including fake nails). We take pride in our school community and kindly ask for the support of our families in maintaining a collaborative approach to keeping our uniform standards high.

We have also noticed more students who are not keeping long hair tied back. This is a safety concern as well as a hygiene concern. We ask families to assist us to ensure that all students with shoulder length hair have it neatly tied back. This applied to all students – if the hair touches the shoulders, it must be tied back. Our students are active and have regular PE – untied hair does pose a safety risk.

I thank our families for their support in maintaining student safety and pride in uniforms.

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.



Mount Pleasant Primary School 150th Anniversary Celebrations



Saturday 19th
October, 2024

10am - 2.00pm

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

10.15am Acknowledgment of Country
Smoking Ceremony
School Song by Choir

Running Events

Mount Pleasant History Group - Arts Centre
Birthday cake + tea/coffee
Visitors Book for signing - Arts Centre
Open Classrooms until 1.30pm
Albert Coates display - Arts Centre

WHILE YOU'RE HERE YOU CAN PARTAKE IN THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

- Make a badge to commemorate our 150th Anniversary
- Buy a commemorative glass

Commemorative Glass

As part of the 150th Anniversary of Mount Pleasant Primary School, we have had some commemorative glasses made up. These are available to purchase from the office for \$10 each.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Breakfast Club Parent Helpers Needed Term 4!

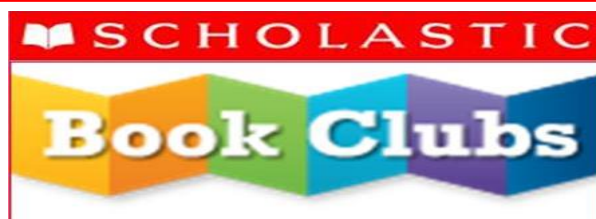
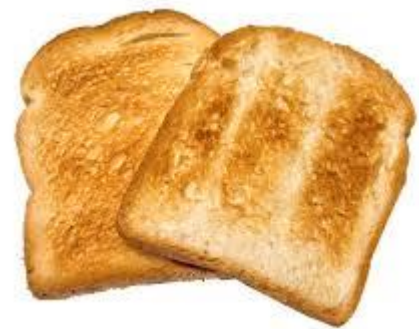
A huge thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers for coming in every day to help with Breakfast Club!

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.

Thank you for the great response, Monday and Wednesdays are now covered. We are currently looking for volunteers on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

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.

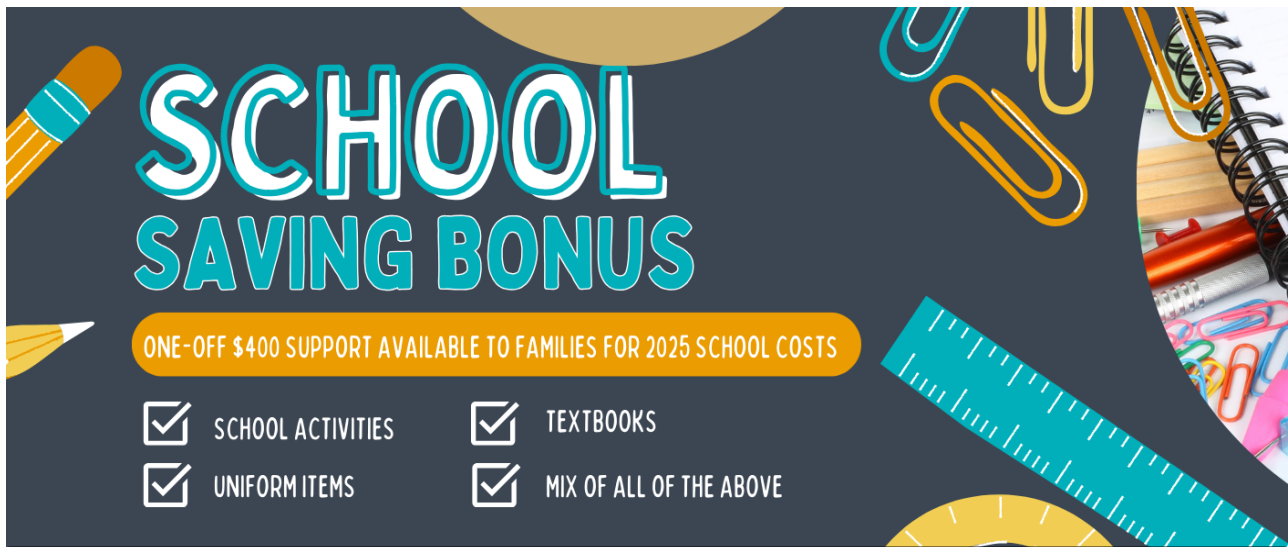


Issue 7 of Book Club order forms went home today and are due back on Wednesday 23rd October. Orders can be placed and paid for online via the LOOP or by completing the form on the catalogue and return to the school with cash.

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 graphic features a dark blue background with various school supplies like pencils, paper clips, and a ruler. The text 'SCHOOL SAVING BONUS' is prominently displayed in large, white, outlined letters. Below it, a yellow banner contains the text 'ONE-OFF \$400 SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO FAMILIES FOR 2025 SCHOOL COSTS'. At the bottom, there are four checkboxes with corresponding labels: 'SCHOOL ACTIVITIES', 'UNIFORM ITEMS', 'TEXTBOOKS', and 'MIX OF ALL OF THE ABOVE'.

SCHOOL SAVING BONUS

ONE-OFF \$400 SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO FAMILIES FOR 2025 SCHOOL COSTS

- SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
- UNIFORM ITEMS
- TEXTBOOKS
- MIX OF ALL OF THE ABOVE

Who receives the School Saving Bonus

The school Saving Bonus is available for parents and carers of all Victorian government school students from Foundation to Year 12 in 2025, except for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Accessing the \$400 School Saving Bonus

You do not need to apply for the School Saving Bonus. The Department of Education will **email you** in November 2024 with your \$400 School Saving Bonus. You will be able to access it via an online system.

Actions for parents and carers

Parents and carers of children who meet the School Saving Bonus eligibility above are required to do the following **by Friday 18th October 2024.**

Complete Enrolment

If your child, or children are changing government schools for Term 1 2025, or starting Foundation in 2025, please complete the necessary enrolment process.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus

Grade 3

This term we have hit the ground running with learning about fractions, prisms, shapes and angles. I am sure that if you wrote $\frac{1}{5}$ or $\frac{4}{5}$ down, your Year 3 superstar will be able to show you a group of circles, squares or triangles that will correctly correspond with this.

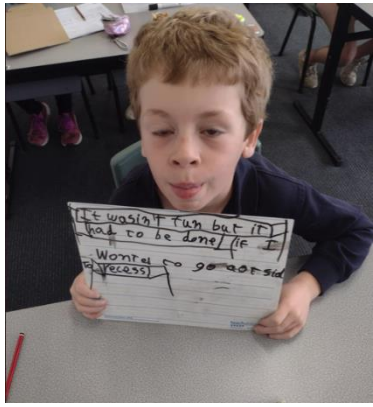
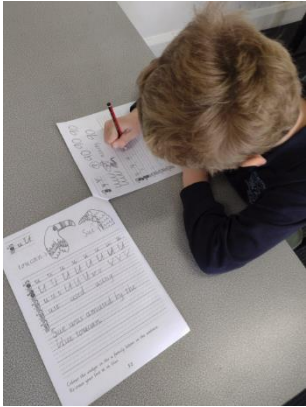
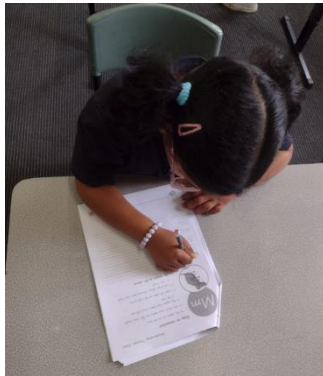
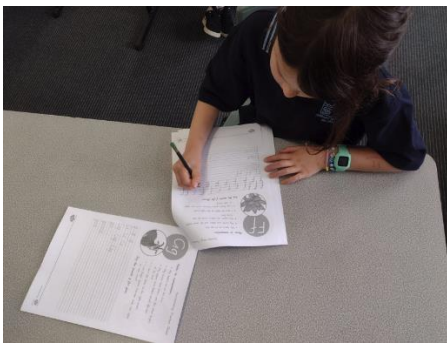
We also worked with 'pizza' and identified decimals, percentages and fractions.

We also learned about angles and if you mention obtuse, reflex, straight and acute, you will get some great arm movements!!

We also made up our rules for the term that showcase the great ways that we can support each other in the classroom and make it a safe place to be.

In Literacy, we learned more about past, present and future tense.

We are looking forward to having an amazing last term together for Term 4 2024.





2024 MPPS Family Night

Join us on Thursday 7th of
November for a whole school
community event!

TIME: 4.30pm - 6.30pm

Pre-purchase (through the office) a \$12 wrist
band for:

- sausage or veggie burger
- slushie, fairy floss, popcorn and photobooth

Roving Musicians

Workshops: Clay; Badge
Making

Fun outdoor activities and more!

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.

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.



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

Basketball Ballarat Term 4 Community Programs

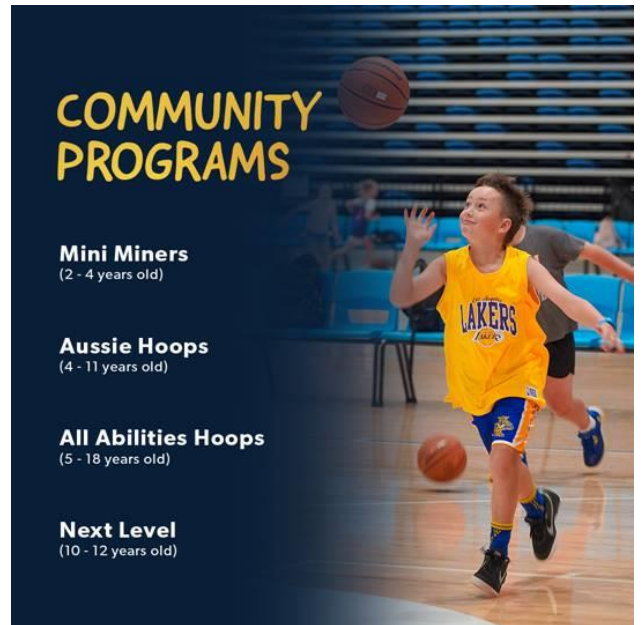
Basketball Ballarat offers children a fun and safe way to experience basketball, setting them up for a lifelong love of the game. We run a variety of introductory programs, catering to children as young as 2 years old.

Our introduction programs include:

- **Aussie Hoops** – Ideal for kids aged 4 to 11, including All Girls Programs
- **All Abilities Rookie Hoops** – For kids aged 5 to 18 with disabilities
- **Mini Miners** – Perfect for kindergarten-aged children, 2 to 4 years old
- **Next Level** – For domestic players born 2011-2013

Registrations are now open, with programs starting the week of **October 21st**. For more information and to sign up, visit [Basketball Ballarat Community Programs](#).

For further details, please feel free to contact me, Zack Cummins, via email at programs@ballaratbasketball.com or call reception on (03) 5338 1220.



PLAY THERAPY APPOINTMENTS OPENING IN TERM 4

We use neuroaffirming and
trauma informed approaches

Are you looking for a play therapist?
We're expanding our team and would
love to hear from you!

We are opening more appointments in
late 2024. Lock in your spot on our
waitlist before it's too late!

Our therapists specialise in:

- Social emotional development
- Behaviour
- Neurodiversity and trauma
- Parent coaching and family work
- Parent/child attunement
- Advocacy at kinder/school

MORE INFO

admin@starotforkids.com.au

WWW.STAROTFORKIDS.COM.AU





FINISH THE YEAR  **STRONG WITH EXTEND!** 
BOOK ONLINE TODAY FOR TERM 4!

It's the final lap of the school year as we welcome in Term 4 with Extend's premium Outside School Hours Care!

Hit the ground running this term and end the year in style with exhilarating and creative activities, a menu of yummy nutritional snacks and a fun space for children of all ages!

Make your enrolments and bookings at extend.com.au and finish the school year strong with reliable service!



BOOK 14 DAYS IN ADVANCE TO SECURE THE EARLY BIRD RATE!



Sentral e-resource

Registering on the Sentral for Parents App for the first time

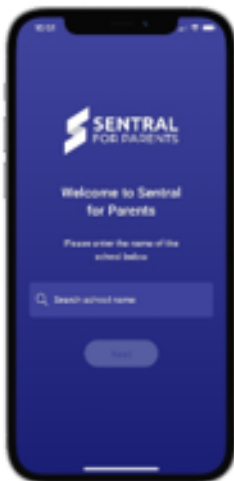


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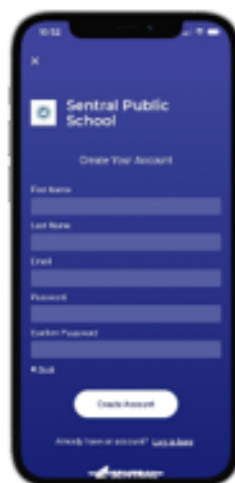
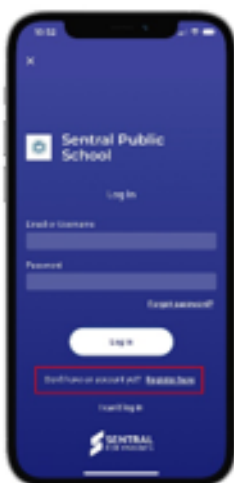
Step One: Download the Sentral for Parents app.



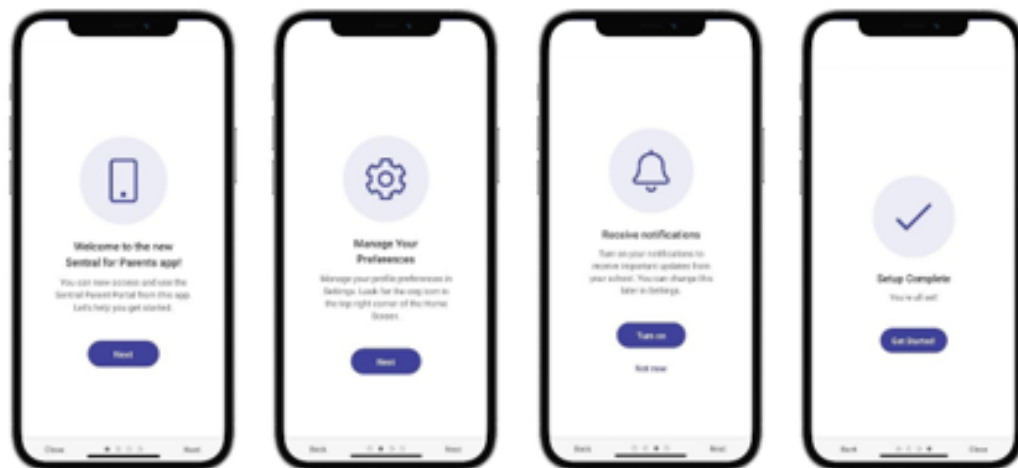
Step Two: Type in the school's name.



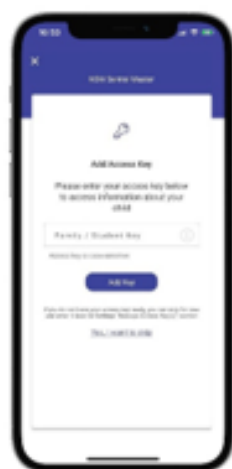
Step Three: Choose 'Register Here' from the bottom of the screen. Complete the details and choose 'Create Account'. You will receive a verification email which **MUST** be verified to continue. When the verification link is clicked it opens the log in screen in browser – close the browser and go back 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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Term 4 2024 Parent Planner



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Oct 7	Oct 8 Foundation Transition Day 1	Oct 9	Oct 10	Oct 11
Week 2	Oct 14	Oct 15	Oct 16 Foundation Transition Day 2 Book Fair - Make A Wish	Oct 17	Oct 18 Book Fair
Week 3	Oct 21	Oct 22	Oct 23	Oct 24	Oct 25
Week 4	Oct 28	Oct 29	Oct 30	Oct 31	Nov 1
Week 5	Nov 4	Nov 5 Melbourne Cup Day	Nov 6	Nov 7 Family Night	Nov 8
Week 6	Nov 11	Nov 12 Foundation Transition Day 3	Nov 13	Nov 14	Nov 15
Week 7	Nov 18	Nov 19	Nov 20	Nov 21	Nov 22
Week 8	Nov 25	Nov 26 Foundation Transition Day 4	Nov 27	Nov 28	Nov 29
Week 9	Dec 2 Swimming	Dec 3 Swimming	Dec 4 Swimming	Dec 5 Swimming	Dec 6 Swimming
Week 10	Dec 9	Dec 10 State Wide Transition Day Foundation Transition 5	Dec 11	Dec 12 Grade 6 Graduation	Dec 13
Week 11	Dec 16	Dec 17 Student Led Conferences	Dec 18	Dec 19 Curriculum Day – Student Free Day	Dec 20 Last day of Term 4 – 1.30pm finish

Public Holiday	Student Free Day
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