



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 33

24th October 2024

Upcoming Dates

Melbourne Cup Day (Public Holiday)	Tuesday 5 th November
Family Night 4.30-6.30pm	Thursday 7 th November
Learning Through Lunch (5/6A)	Monday 11 th November
Foundation Transition Day 3 (9-11am)	Tuesday 12 th November
Year 3 Sleepover (3.15pm Friday – 8am Saturday)	Friday 15 th November/Saturday 16 th November
F-2 Late Stay (3.15pm – 5.15pm)	Friday 15 th November

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

News from the Principal

Dear families,

150th Wrap-up

What a fabulous day on Saturday – celebrating the amazing history of Mount Pleasant Primary School. I would like to sincerely thank Mrs. Janine Schulze, and all the team involved, in making the day come to life. There was a significant amount of planning and organisation that went into the day – so thank you! We had a wonderful turn out of visitors, lots of current staff, family and students – but also so many past teachers, families and students that came to reflect on their time here. It was so lovely to hear people share their wonderful stories and memories of MPPS.

Online safety

I want to emphasise the importance of monitoring our children's social media usage, particularly regarding age restrictions.

It's crucial to remember that no primary-aged child should have a social media account. These platforms are designed for older teens and adults, and allowing younger children to engage can expose them to risks they may not be ready to handle.

Younger students also have not developed a strong understanding of the implications of sharing information online.

Starting early with clear guidelines and open discussions about social media will help our kids develop a healthy relationship with technology. Fostering these conversations now can lead to more responsible behaviour as they grow older. I encourage all families to look at the resources available for parents on the eSafety Commissioner website: <https://esafety.gov.au/parents>

Let's work together to ensure our children navigate the online world safely and positively.

Family Night

This week, pamphlets have come home sharing information about our upcoming Family Night. Keep Thursday 7th November free, as we welcome all our families and students to come along between 4:30pm and 6:30pm to join an afternoon of fun and activities. Wrist bands are for sale through the office for \$12 – this includes a sausage, slushie, popcorn, fairy floss and the photobooth.

Safety and Independence

I want to encourage our families to have a discussion around the expectations and responsibilities involved when students are taking that independent step in walking or riding to and from school without an adult. We have had recent incidents where parents have expected that their children are at school, and they have not arrived at school. I can imagine the panic and worry that must set in to receive a call or message to say your child hasn't arrived at school. As a school, student safety is paramount.

The responsibilities and skills that students require to walk to school include, but are not limited to:

- Road safety awareness
- Community / stranger danger awareness
- Ability to react appropriately to situations around them in the community (do they know how to seek help?)
- Time management skills
- Ability to make responsible decisions even when around peers (not succumb to peer pressure)

If children do not demonstrate these behaviours, they school be accompanied to and from school by a responsible adult.

While we absolutely want to promote independence in students, we prioritise the safety of all students. I encourage our families to really consider the potential safety impact if your child does not demonstrate the above skills and take into consideration whether older children have the extra required ability to care for and make responsible decisions for younger siblings.

I thank our community for their support in keeping everyone safe.

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.



Photos from 125th Anniversary



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.



A **big THANKYOU** to **Mrs Eames** for organising Book Fair this year.

Thank you to everyone that had purchased books. We made \$1700 which allowed us to purchase \$596 of books for our school library.

Ruff Cut Clothing

All Navy clothing - \$10 – School Shorts, Navy/White Dresses, Skorts, Tracksuit pants

Ruff Cut Clothing, 202 Lyons Street South, Ballarat Central

5/6 Classroom

School so Far by Annabelle

School has been awesome! Do you know what I've been learning? In English we've been learning about upgrading nouns. My favourite thing we're learning is about The Renaissance. It's so interesting! We've been doing rounding in Maths. We've been listening to The Last Bear, where April, the main character, is exploring the island. I can't wait to see what happens.

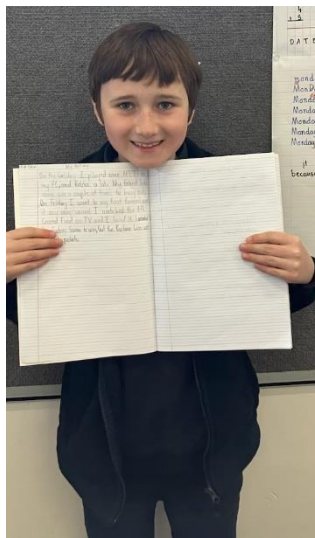
Learning at school by Evelyn

At school, we are learning many exciting things. In Maths we are learning to round up and down. In Core Knowledge we are learning about The Renaissance. In Literacy we are looking at a book called The Last Bear.

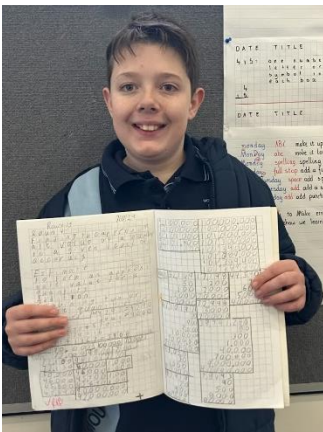
The Renaissance by Miranda

At school, we are learning about a period of time called The Renaissance. It's a time in human history when people start to realize things about the world and get eager to learn.

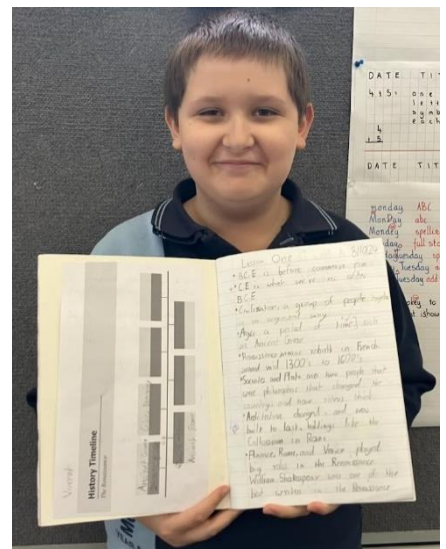
Archie displaying his English work



Zac with some of his Maths work



Vincent with his notes from The Renaissance





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://mtplesps.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](https://www.ballaratbasketball.com.au/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!

Ballarat Royals Baseball

Our junior program saw tremendous growth during the 2024 season. To continue this growth into the 2025 season we will be running junior skill development sessions. These sessions are free of cost designed for all kids and aims to develop skill in a fun and engaging environment.



JUNIOR ROYALS SKILL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

KEY INFORMATION :

- **When will these sessions run?**
 - Thursdays from October 31st through December 5th
- **What time?**
 - T-ball 5:00-6:00
 - U12-U14: 6:00-7:00
- **Where will they be?**
 - Prince of Wales Park
- **What are the ages?**
 - T-ball: 4-7yrs
 - U12 - U14: 8+ yrs



BALLARAT ROYALS BASEBALL CLUB



Sentral e-resource

Registering on the Sentral for Parents App for the first time

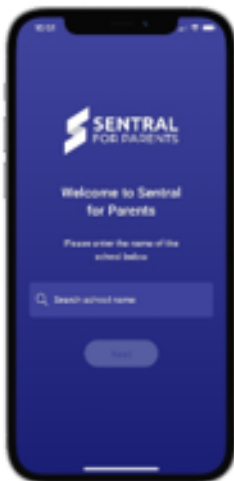


Sentral for Parents App

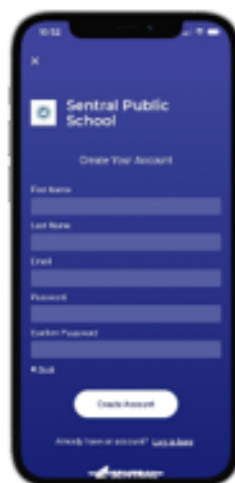
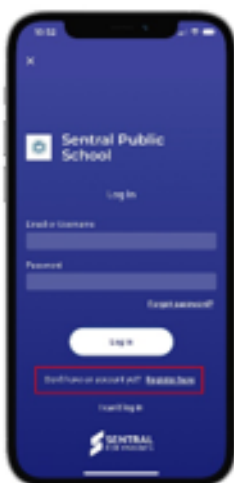
Step One: Download the Sentral for Parents app.



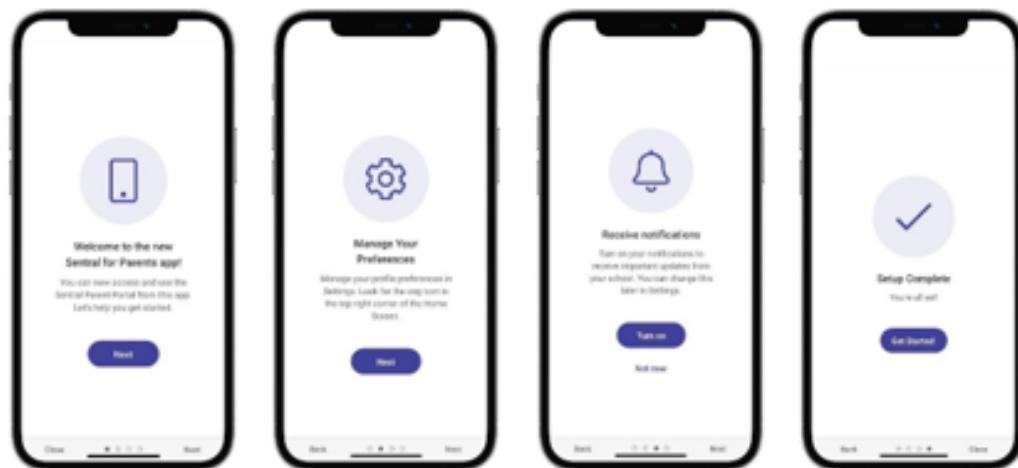
Step Two: Type in the school's name.



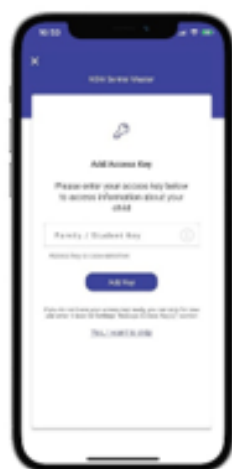
Step Three: Choose 'Register Here' from the bottom of the screen. Complete the details and choose 'Create Account'. You will receive a verification email which **MUST** be verified to continue. When the verification link is clicked it opens the log in screen in browser – close the browser and go back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

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