



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 37

21st November 2024

Upcoming Dates

Foundation Transition Day 4 (9-11am)
Swimming (All Grades)

Tuesday 26th November
Monday 2nd to Friday 6th December

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

News from the Principal

Dear Families

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2025 Classes

As we finalise enrolments for next year, I'd like to share our planned grade structures for 2025. We are increasing to a 7 classroom structure for 2025.

Structures are as follows:

Foundation
Foundation / One
One / Two
Two / Three
Three / Four
Four / Five
Six

We will have approximately 120 students in the new year, with class sizes averaging 17. Students will find out their classrooms and teachers on the whole school transition day in December.

2025 Staff

We are delighted to announce that some of our previous staff who were on leave in 2024 are returning in 2025. We will be welcoming back Ms. Taylor, Mrs. Hume, and Mrs. Dean.

We are bidding farewell to Ms. Murray, Ms. Nat, Mrs. Bray, and Mrs. Turner. We wish them all the best and thank them all for their hard work and contributions to Mount Pleasant Primary.

In 2025, we are excited to welcome two new staff members to the school. Ms. Fulcher and Ms. Harris will be fantastic additions to our team and we know they will build great connections with our community. Students already know Ms. Fulcher, from her work here as an ES!

In summary, our classroom teachers in 2025 are: Ms. Taylor, Mrs. Dean, Ms. Harris, Ms. Fulcher, Mrs. Parkinson, Ms. Burza, and Mrs. Brearley. Our team of specialist teachers includes: Mrs. Tien, Mr. Steinman (Steiny), Mrs. Hume, and Glynis.

Our dedicated team of ES will be back on deck, we are extremely fortunate to have such skilled and caring Education Support Staff at our school. Janine, Kylie, Sarah, Jason, Pierre, Jenna, and Max, thank you!!

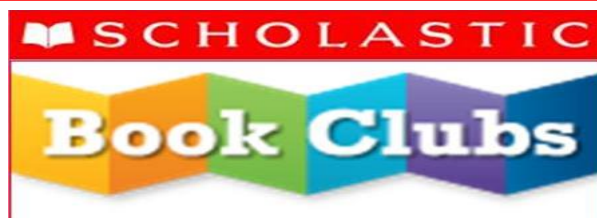
Student Led Conferences

This term, our conferences will be held on Tuesday 17th December. Bookings will be made via Sentral. These conferences will focus on the students leading a celebratory conversation about their learning and successes from 2024. You will receive notification as soon as these are ready to be booked. We look forward to welcoming families in to see the progress students have made.

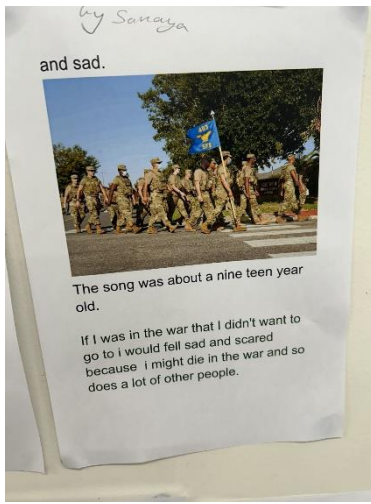
Kind Regards,

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.



Issue 8 of Book Club order forms went home today and are due back on Wednesday 27th November. 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. This is the last one for the year.



Look at what's been happening in Year 4/5....

Term 4 has established good routines and solid learning within the Year 4/ 5 classroom. Our students have all settled into a great learning environment!

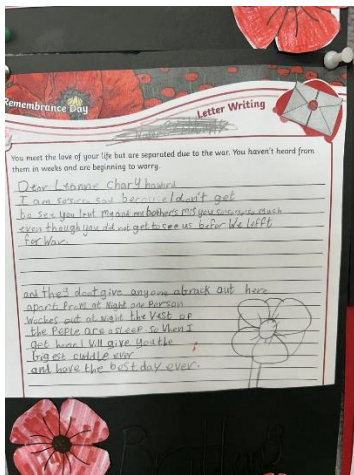
Literacy

We began our literacy learning about Mountains of the world in our Core Knowledge unit. Year's 4/5 students researched heights of various

mountains found within the world and Australia.



Remembrance Day is held on the 11th of November- the 11th Day of the 11th Month of the year. Our 4/5 students have been studying in earnest the meaning behind this significant date. Students were asked to write in the first-person a narrative paragraph using sensory details inspired by the song "I Was Only 19," reflecting on a soldier's experience. This week we continue learning about Remembrance Day by predicting what it would have been like for a soldier in the First Great War by reading King Billy.



Spencer and Noah create a 3D replica of the Great War.



In Week 6, we sharpened our argumentative skills by creating a persuasive writing task outlining our reasons 'Why We Need a 3-Day Weekend'. With the reasonings ranging from "I would get more sleep" to "It would mean I get to play more with my friends" our Year 4/5 students wrote some convincing arguments why they see the importance of having a 3-Day weekend.

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.



SCHOOL SAVING BONUS

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

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

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Breakfast Club Parent Helpers Needed Term 4!

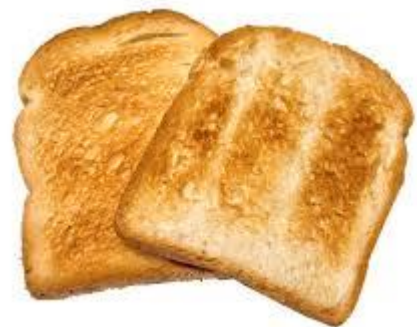
A huge thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers for coming in every day to help with Breakfast Club!

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.



Do you suffer from

asthma or hay fever?

Grass pollen season is here



Thunderstorm Asthma can be life-threatening.

Know the risks. Get prepared. Stay safe.



See your GP about
an asthma action
plan or hay fever
treatment plan



Avoid
thunderstorms -
go indoors
before and during
thunderstorms.



For forecasts &
alerts, get the
VicEmergency
app



Always carry
your medication
in grass pollen
season



Learn
asthma
first aid

Learn more



my.gh.org.au/thunderstormasthma

 Grampians
Health
Grampians Public
Health Unit

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

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



END THE YEAR, START THE SUMMER!

BOOK ONLINE TODAY FOR THE REST OF TERM 4!



Ready to end the final term with a warm sun and lots of fun?

Extend is seeing out the year with a collection of exceptional creative arts, sporting activities, outdoor play, and healthy yummy snacks. Everything is hosted in a fun space, complete with SunSmart policies to keep kids safe!

Enrol and book online today at extend.com.au and make your final weeks of school feel like an absolute blast!



EXTEND-A-HAND CLOSING MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER!

Remember, only a few weeks left to get involved in our annual community initiative, Extend-A-Hand!

Join us in service and write beautiful thank-you cards to nursing staff at select hospitals around Australia!



Sentral e-resource

Registering on the Sentral for Parents App for the first time



Sentral for Parents App

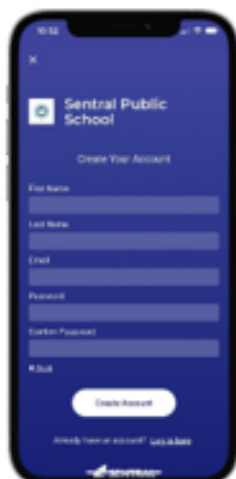
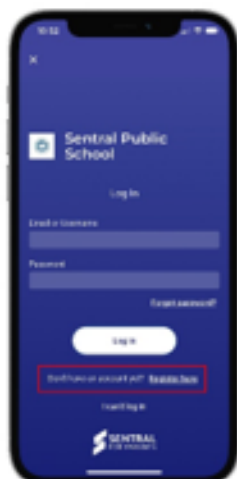
Step One: Download the Sentral for Parents app.



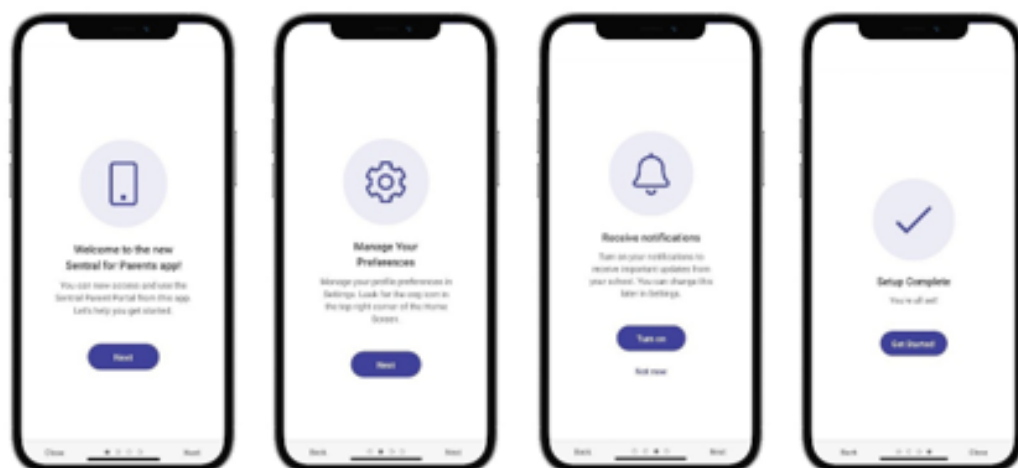
Step Two: Type in the school's name.



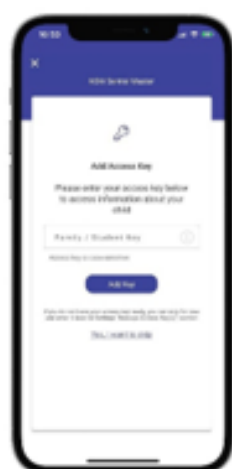
Step Three: Choose 'Register Here' from the bottom of the screen. Complete the details and choose 'Create Account'. You will receive a verification email which **MUST** be verified to continue. When the verification link is clicked it opens the log in screen in browser – close the browser and go back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