



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 39

5th December 2024

Upcoming Dates

Swimming (All Grades)	Monday 2 nd to Friday 6 th December
Statewide Transition Day	Tuesday 10 th December
Foundation Transition Day 5 (9-11am)	Tuesday 10 th December
Grade 6 Graduation	Thursday 12 th December
F-2 Mrs Claus Story Telling	Monday 16 th December
Student Led Conferences	Tuesday 17 th December
Curriculum Day – Student Free Day	Thursday 19 th December
Last day of Term 4 – 1.30pm finish	Friday 20 th December

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

News from the Principal

Dear families,

What a busy week! Students have been putting in a great effort with their swimming this week. However, the effects of a long Term 4 and swimming are certainly showing in how tired the students are! With swimming wrapping up for this year, I encourage families to take a bit of extra care supporting our students to maintain good habits to survive to the end of term. Students need to adhere to a regular bedtime and nightly routine to assist them in getting a good night's sleep to reset for the next day.

2025 Student Leadership

It is with great pleasure that I share with our community our 2025 Student Leadership group. Our leadership candidates worked extremely hard on drafting and presenting a letter explaining what role they hoped for. Last Friday, each one then read their letter to the whole school, showing such courage even when they were nervous. All of the students presented very well and showed excellent leadership qualities. Our students all voted for their leaders after the speeches, and although not everyone can be successful in their desired role, I hope that no one is discouraged from still being involved next year, as they all did so well.

Introducing our Student Leaders – Congratulations to:

Archie – School Captain

Lily – Vice Captain

Gabe – Sports Captain

Georgia – Arts Captain

Evie – Environment Captain

Matilda – Wellbeing Captain

Marley – Student Representative Council Leader

2025 Transition Day

Next Tuesday, 10th December, all students will be stepping up into their 2025 classes for the morning. All students will be advised of their teacher in the morning and go to their new classroom with their classmates. At the end of the day, all students will bring home a letter for families to see who their children's 2025 teacher will be. I encourage families to focus on the positives after transition to help ease any nerves about change moving into a new school year. Sometimes, students may not be with one friend – but they will be with another. Lots of consideration goes into ensuring students' needs socially, emotionally and academically, will be supported by their class placement. Students need to hear the positive talk at home to feel positive about the changes.

Grade 6 Graduation

Information should have been shared with our Grade 6 families about the upcoming Graduation evening next week. We are all looking forward to celebrating this fabulous achievement with the students. All of our Grade 6 students have demonstrated wonderful achievements over their time here, and we want to wish them all the very best in their next adventures off to secondary school.

Christmas Boxes

This year, with the amazing generosity from the Kardinia Church, we have a Christmas Hamper box to provide to each family. These boxes are full of staple items as well as treats to bring a little extra joy to all of our families at this busy time of year. Families are welcome to come and collect their box at any time over the next week. Please endeavour to collect your box by 3:30pm Friday 13th December. I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the Kardina Church group for bringing a little Christmas spirit of giving into our community.

Acting Principal 2025

It is with very mixed emotions that I share the news that I will be leaving Mount Pleasant PS at the end of this year. While I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here, and made lovely connections with the staff, students and community, I have accepted a new position at another school starting at the beginning of 2025. I am very excited by the opportunities that come with my new position, but sad to be saying goodbye to MPPS.



A new Acting Principal has been appointed to take over at the beginning of the year, and I am confident that her experience, knowledge and passion for education will support the continued successful direction that Kate Robinson began. I would like to introduce you all to the new Acting Principal for 2025 – Catherine Barnes.

Hello everyone, my name is Catherine Barnes, and I am excited to be joining you at Mount Pleasant Primary School as Acting Principal from 2025. With over 20 years of experience in education and school leadership, I strive to create an inclusive, innovative and supportive environment for all students, staff and families. My goal is to ensure that everyone in our community feels valued and heard. Most importantly, I strive to create an environment where student learning and wellbeing are prioritised in every aspect of school life.

Beyond the school gate, I enjoy hiking and trekking, travelling the world, reading for pleasure (and to learn!), volunteering with several charities, I am a self-confessed bird nerd, and of course, I enjoy spending quality time with family and friends. These activities help me to stay grounded and bring a balanced perspective to my role as Principal.

I am a firm believer in collaboration and community engagement, and I eagerly anticipate meeting you all and discovering the rich history of Mount Pleasant in the coming months. Together, we will continue to build a vibrant, supportive, and successful school community. Let's join in expressing our gratitude to Mrs. Middleton for her dedicated service as Acting Principal over the past three terms, and wish her all the best as she returns to her substantive school.

Miss Barnes

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.



If your child has come home in clothing from school due to an accident or wet weather, could you kindly return this washed, so that we can reuse them. Currently our cupboard is bare, so if your child requires clothing, you may be called to drop some off.

If by chance you have any navy tracksuit pants, dresses, shorts, etc, in excellent condition, that you no longer require and would like to donate to the wet weather cupboard, it would be very much appreciated.



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dresses and jackets



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[SSB PORTAL USER GUIDE](#)
[HOW TO MAXIMISE YOUR BONUS](#)
[EXCHANGES POLICY](#)

The best news is that when you shop with State Schools' Relief, you're helping more than just your own family. Every dollar spent supports critical welfare programs for students in need across Victoria. So, you can feel extra good about those new school shoes!

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.



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



Grampians
Health
Grampians Public
Health Unit

 my.gh.org.au/thunderstormasthma

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



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

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.

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.

**NO Hat
NO Play**

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



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



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Save up to 90% with the Child Care Subsidy!

**COME & PLAY
SUPER
CLINIC**

Tuesday 10th December 2024
City Oval, Ballarat
4pm to 5pm | Ages 5 - 12 years old

MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND.

To register your FREE attendance - Scan QR code
and fill in your details.

WESTERN BULLDOGS PLAYERS IN ATTENDANCE



Sentral e-resource

Registering on the Sentral for Parents App for the first time



Sentral for Parents App

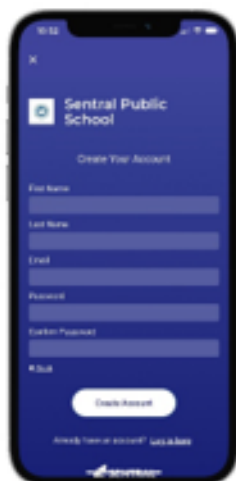
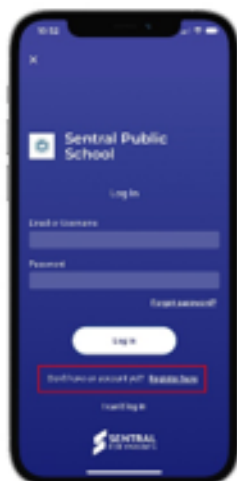
Step One: Download the Sentral for Parents app.



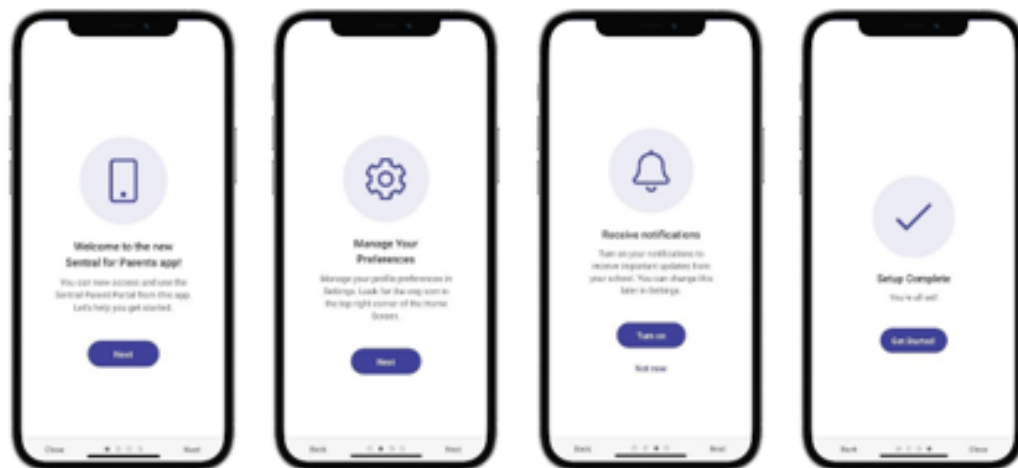
Step Two: Type in the school's name.



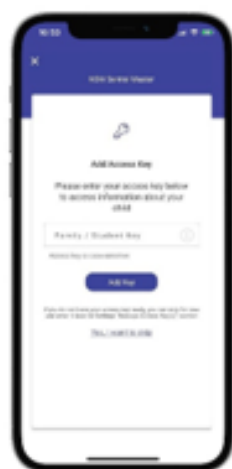
Step Three: Choose 'Register Here' from the bottom of the screen. Complete the details and choose 'Create Account'. You will receive a verification email which **MUST** be verified to continue. When the verification link is clicked it opens the log in screen in browser – close the browser and go back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