



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 40

11th December 2024

Upcoming Dates

Grade 6 Graduation
F-2 Mrs Claus Story Telling
Student Led Conferences
Curriculum Day – Student Free Day
Last day of Term 4 – 1.30pm finish

Thursday 12th December
Monday 16th December
Tuesday 17th December
Thursday 19th December
Friday 20th December

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

News from the Principal

Dear families,

We are nearing the end of term – the end of the year! Many students are looking forward to a school holiday break, and are excited for Christmas. Students were excited to meet their 2025 classroom teachers this week, I hope they enjoyed their morning of transition.

Swimming

We completed our whole school swimming program last week. 5 days of intensive swimming lessons and, although the students were tired, they did a remarkable effort in the pool. It was great to see our students being responsible – getting themselves organised, looking after belongings and adapting to the changes of the week. They did so well – we hope they all enjoyed their swimming.

Western Bulldogs Clinic

We were lucky enough to have the Western Bulldogs Community Camp program come to MPPS Wednesday. We had some football players come and do some skills and drills with the Grade 3-6 students. The students thoroughly enjoyed participating in this, and even had the opportunity to have a bit of a Q&A at the end of the session.

Emergency Drill

This week, our staff and students completed an emergency fire drill evacuation. These drills help us ensure that all staff and students are able to safely follow emergency procedures in the event of a real emergency. These drills happen regularly over the year, and we practise for a variety of different emergencies. I am pleased to report that our emergency response procedures went well.

Student Led Conferences

A reminder that our Student Led Conferences are open for booking via the Sentral app. These will close Monday evening in readiness for Tuesday 17th. These conferences begin from 2:15pm, if you are able to collect your child at 1:45pm, it would greatly support our conferences to begin giving more families the opportunity to share in the learning of their children. At 2:15pm, any students who are still at school will be divided into two groups with Steiny and Erin – they will do some group activities for the remainder of the day in the PE zone or Art Centre.

Curriculum Day

Another small reminder – MPPS will be having its final curriculum day on Thursday 19th December. This is a student free day.

The purpose of this day is to have all of our 2025 staff involved in some professional learning and planning in preparation for a tremendous start to the 2025 school year.

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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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".

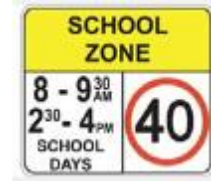
You can purchase a hat from the front office for \$6.

**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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Sentral e-resource

Registering on the Sentral for Parents App for the first time



Sentral for Parents App

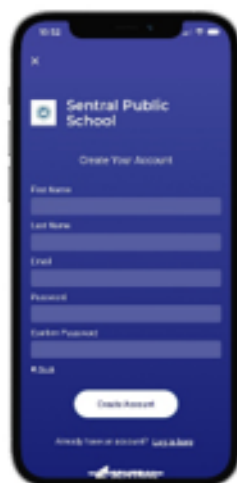
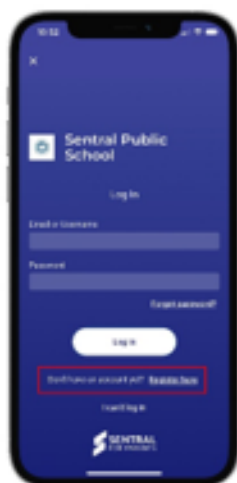
Step One: Download the Sentral for Parents app.



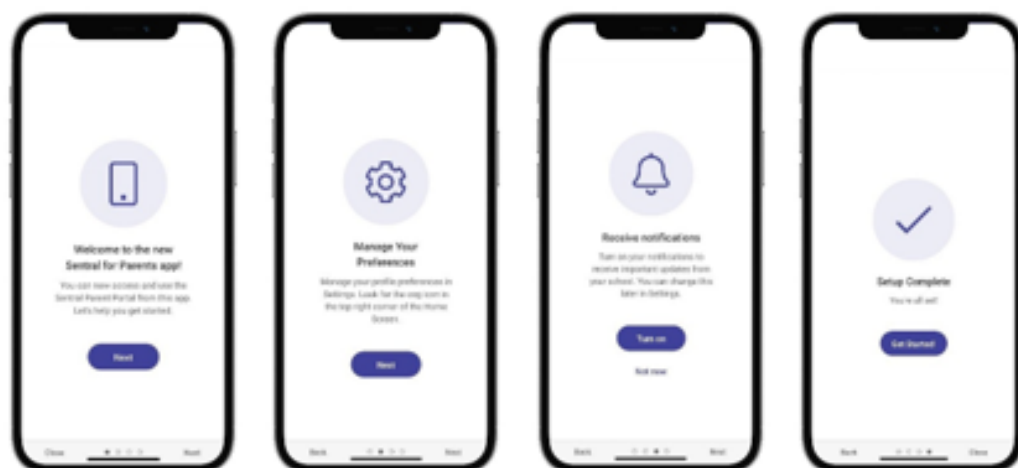
Step Two: Type in the school's name.



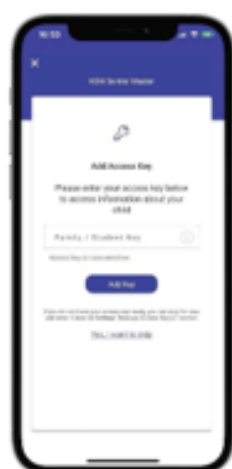
Step Three: Choose 'Register Here' from the bottom of the screen. Complete the details and choose 'Create Account'. You will receive a verification email which **MUST** be verified to continue. When the verification link is clicked it opens the log in screen in browser – close the browser and go back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

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|----------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|
| 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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