



# Mount Pleasant Primary School

# NEWSLETTER



Newsletter Number 41

18<sup>th</sup> December 2024

## Upcoming Dates

Curriculum Day – Student Free Day  
Last day of Term 4 – 1.30pm finish  
Term 1 2025 commences (Yr 1-6)  
Day off for Foundation Students 2025 – no classes  
Term 1 2025 commences (Foundation)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January

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

Reminder to parents to please finalise any outstanding fees by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Please note that all excursions **MUST** be paid for prior to the event. If you have any queries, please see Janine at the General Office

Dear families,

### Reflection

What a year 2024 has been! It has been a year of amazing growth in our students, preparation for secondary school and graduation for Grade 6s, many changes and fabulous achievements. And, when I say amazing growth in students – I reflect on their academic growth, social and emotional growth, but also their physical growth! They have all grown up and they all look so ready for the next year of school. I am proud of the growth in our students and wish them all the best for their next adventures and endeavours.

From our Grade 4-6 camp to Campaspe Downs, incursions of all kinds, excursions to see exciting shows and visit new places, and community activities such as Family Night – the year has brought lots of memories and great moments. Next year will bring many more exciting things, and I'm sure there is plenty to look forward to!

### Graduation

A huge congratulations and thanks goes out to our Grade 6 students and families. The Grade 6 students celebrated their graduation on Thursday night last week, and they were fabulous! Congratulations to the school award winners and to all that shared their Albert Coates presentations. It was a special night celebrating their achievements over the last 7 years, reflecting on the changes over time, and the excitement and nerves they felt about going to secondary school next year.

These nights are strongly supported by the staff with the behind-the-scenes preparation and planning that goes into making these nights memorable for our community. A huge thank you to Kylie and Janine in the office, and Mrs. Brearley who pulled it all together and thank you to our staff for coming and sharing in this special night for the Grade 6 students.

*Wishing all families, a very Merry  
Christmas and a safe and Happy  
New Year. See you all in 2025.*



## Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for the lovely time I've had while at MPPS this year. I have enjoyed my time getting to know our students and families. I thank the School Council and parents who assist in the Sensory Garden working bees and Breakfast Club, and other school activities, for their ongoing support of the school. I thank our amazing team of dedicated staff for sharing their passion of education and wellbeing with our students.

I wish all our families a wonderful Christmas break, enjoy celebrating with the people who bring happiness to you. Keep safe over the New Year and I hope that our students get time to rest, recharge and ready themselves for a fabulous 2025. Thank you all again – I wish you all the best.

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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with State Schools' Relief!



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State Schools' Relief offers high-quality, unbranded school uniforms and school shoes, perfect for using your School Saving Bonus (SSB).

To help parents and carers navigate the process, we've created a digital information pack with all the details you need.

Click or download below for more information:

[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!*

## Library News

Just letting you know I have started stocktaking in the library. Could all parents and children please look at home to see if any books can be found. There are a lot of overdue books missing. No more borrowing for 2024.

Classroom teachers can return all books before Thursday.

Thank you for a wonderful year.

Sue Eames

# 1/2B News

During Term 4, Grade 1/2B's favourite part has been our new Mount Pleasant Primary School playground. What a wonderful addition to our school.

Here are some of our thoughts:

I like it. It is cool and fun- Ayla

It is fun because of the spider web- Elliot

My favourite part is the spider web- Ronan

I think it's fun because I can walk along different parts- Melanie

It is super dooper fun- Bayley

I like the trampoline because I like to bounce high- Ava

I like the spider web!- Quinn

I love the little trampoline part- Matty

My favourite part is the shop- Joey



## Commemorative Glass

As part of the 150<sup>th</sup> 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](https://my.gh.org.au/thunderstormasthma)

# Head Lice Treatment

## Comb and Conditioner Method

What you need for this method:

- Normal comb to detangle hair prior to using metal lice comb
- Fine toothed metal lice comb (available from your local chemist or supermarket)
- Conditioner - buy a cheap brand as you will be needing a lot of it, and preferably one that is white to make spotting the head lice easier
- White paper towel

Comb and Conditioner removal involves applying conditioner to dry hair. Cover all of the hair with conditioner, detangle hair with normal comb and separate into sections. Then, using a fine long toothed metal lice comb, comb through the hair in sections. The conditioner does not kill lice but stuns them for about 20 minutes enabling easier removal. The long toothed metal comb will remove nits and the stunned head lice. Wipe the comb on a white tissue and check for any lice or nits. Keep combing until no more appear on the tissue. This method should be done every second or third day until no nits and lice remain, usually about 7 to 10 days.

## Chemical removal

What you need for this method:

- Normal comb to detangle hair prior to using metal lice comb
- Chemical treatment containing synthetic or natural insecticides that kill head lice (talk to your local pharmacist to identify the treatments containing insecticides)
- Fine toothed metal lice comb (available from your local chemist or online)
- White paper towel

If you choose to use a chemical treatment, remember to follow the instructions carefully. You will also need to comb through the hair to remove all the dead head lice and nits. It is very important that you repeat the chemical treatment in seven days to kill any newly hatched eggs as most chemical treatments will not kill the eggs (nits).

Once your child is free of lice and nits, remember to regularly check with a fine toothed head lice comb and conditioner as described above. Early detection and treatment will prevent re-infestation of other family members and classmates.



**Once a week,  
take a peek!**

**By checking your child's hair each week, it will help to reduce the chance of headlice.**

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 1 its "no hat, no play".**

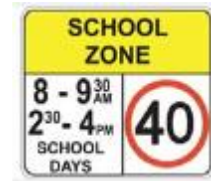
**You can purchase a hat from the front office for \$6.**

**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](mailto: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](http://www.extend.com.au) or phone 1300 366 437 to book.

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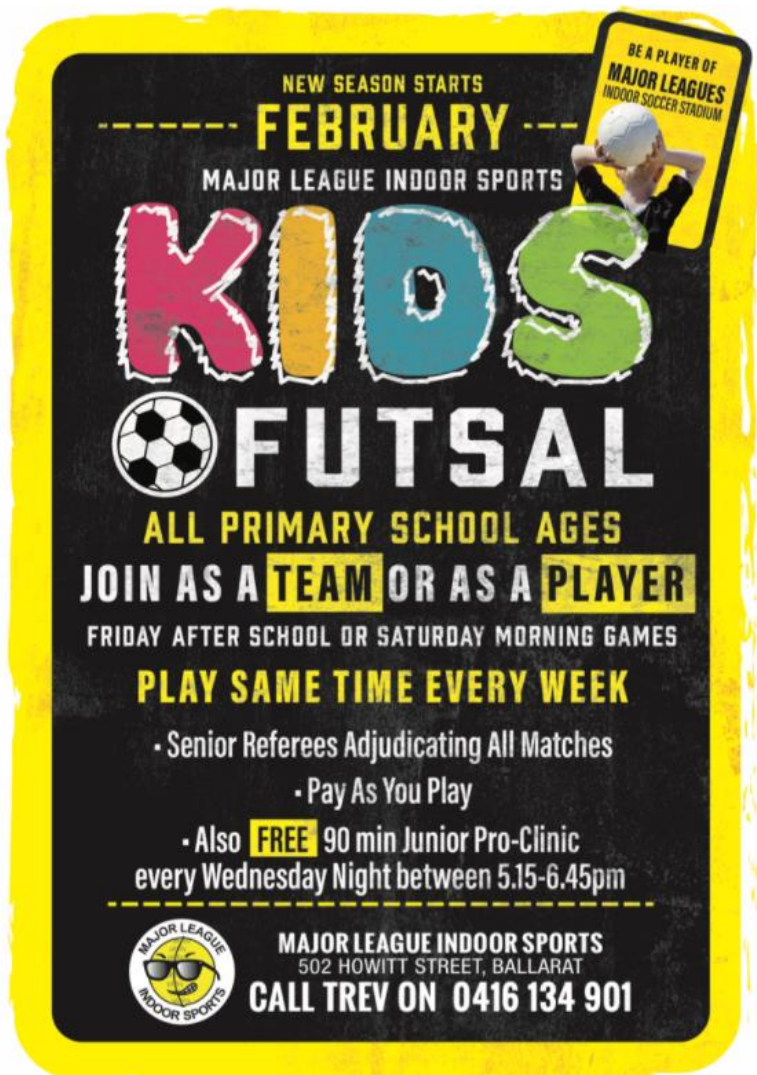
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# Supporting Our Community



NEW SEASON STARTS  
**FEBRUARY**  
MAJOR LEAGUE INDOOR SPORTS

BE A PLAYER OF  
MAJOR LEAGUES  
INDOOR SOCCER STADIUM


# KIDS



# FUTSAL

ALL PRIMARY SCHOOL AGES  
JOIN AS A **TEAM** OR AS A **PLAYER**  
FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL OR SATURDAY MORNING GAMES  
**PLAY SAME TIME EVERY WEEK**

- Senior Referees Adjudicating All Matches
- Pay As You Play
- Also **FREE** 90 min Junior Pro-Clinic every Wednesday Night between 5.15-6.45pm

 MAJOR LEAGUE INDOOR SPORTS  
502 HOWITT STREET, BALLARAT  
CALL TREV ON 0416 134 901



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**EXTRAORDINARY**  
2025 WITH EXTEND!



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SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM | TERM 1 OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Save up to 90% with the Child Care Subsidy!  
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**BOOK YOUR 2025 SESSIONS  
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# Sentral e-resource

## Registering on the Sentral for Parents App for the first time



### Sentral for Parents App

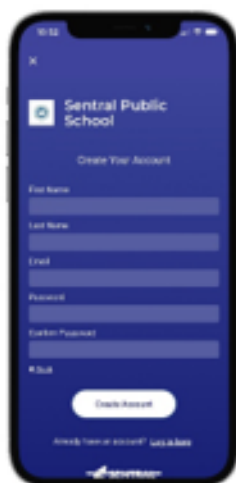
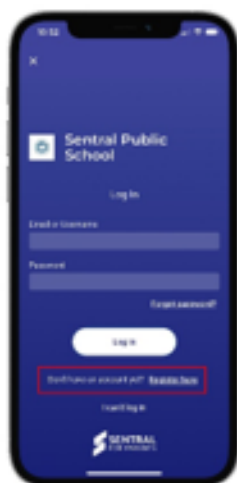
**Step One:** Download the Sentral for Parents app.



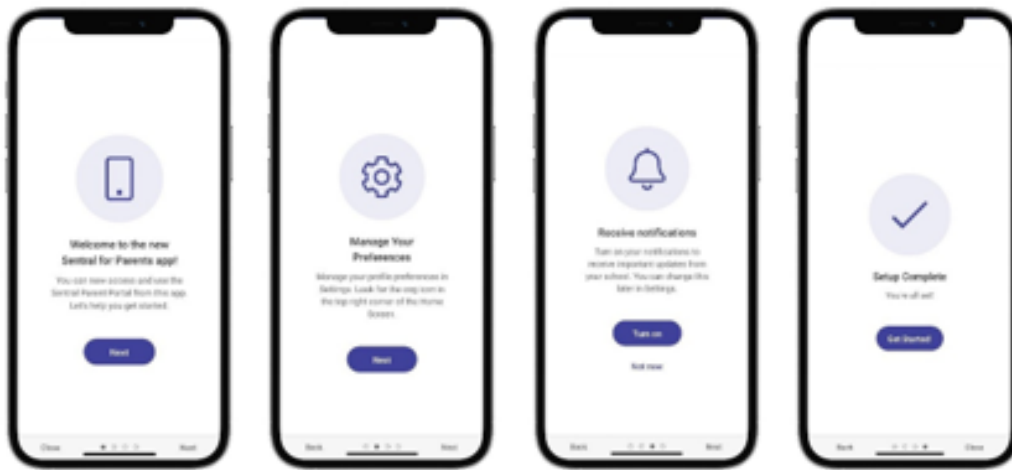
**Step Two:** Type in the school's name.



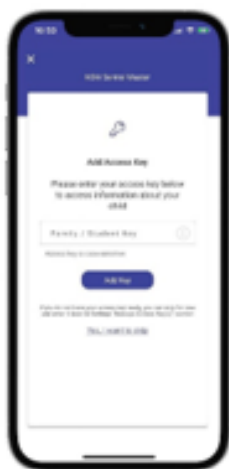
**Step Three:** Choose 'Register Here' from the bottom of the screen. Complete the details and choose 'Create Account'. You will receive a verification email which **MUST** be verified to continue. When the verification link is clicked it opens the log in screen in browser – close the browser and go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





## 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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