



Mount Pleasant PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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*We would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the lands on which we all live and learn, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community. We acknowledge the Wadawurrung people of the Kulin Nation, where we share a place of belonging. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and thank them for taking care of this country over countless generations.
Koling wada-ngal (Let us walk together)*

**Term 1, Week 8
20th March, 2025**

From the Principal

Hello everyone

As we progress through another wonderful term at Mount Pleasant Primary School, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt pride in our incredible students, staff, and families.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the resilience and determination shown by our Year 3 and Year 5 students as they undertake their NAPLAN assessments. This important milestone provides valuable insights into their growth and learning, and the effort they have put into their preparation reflects their commitment to doing their best. To our students: your hard work makes us all proud, and we celebrate your achievements, big and small.

This week, we also came together to celebrate *Harmony Day*, a special day that reminds us of the rich tapestry of cultures within our school community. The theme “Everybody Belongs” truly resonates with who we are as a school. Thank you to all families for supporting this celebration, supporting students to wear a splash of orange to symbolise inclusivity and togetherness. By embracing and respecting each other’s differences, we continue to foster an environment where everyone feels valued.

I want to emphasise the importance of walking and talking respect in our school. Respect is at the core of who we are, and it is vital that we model this value in our interactions—whether in classrooms, playgrounds, or our broader community. Let’s continue to speak kindly, listen attentively, and act thoughtfully toward one another.

Respect is at the heart of everything we do at Mount Pleasant Primary School, and it is a value we strive to live by in all our interactions—be it in the classroom, the playground, or the wider community. However, building a culture of respect is a partnership, and we believe that families play a crucial role in reinforcing these principles at home.

We encourage families to engage in open and ongoing conversations with their children about what it means to walk and

talk respect. This might include discussing how kind words can uplift others, the importance of listening and considering different perspectives, and why showing empathy and understanding makes our school—and our world—a better place. By modelling respectful behaviour at home and offering gentle guidance, families can help their children make thoughtful and responsible choices, both at school and beyond.

At school, we focus on fostering an environment where students feel safe and supported to be their best selves. But to truly help these lessons take root, it’s vital that the same values are echoed at home. We ask for your support in encouraging respectful communication, positive decision-making, and responsible actions. A simple family conversation about the small choices we make every day—such as including others in play or apologising when we’ve made a mistake—can have a profound impact on shaping respectful attitudes.

Together, as a community, we can instil in our students the understanding that respect is not just about words but about actions. Let’s walk alongside our children, helping them grow into compassionate, thoughtful individuals who contribute positively to our school and society as a whole.

Thank you for your ongoing support in making Mount Pleasant Primary School a place where our children can thrive. Together, we create a vibrant, respectful, and inclusive school environment where *everybody truly belongs*.

Looking ahead, I’d like to remind parents and carers that bookings are now open on Sentral for our upcoming Parent-Teacher Interviews, scheduled for Monday, 31st March. These conversations are a wonderful opportunity to discuss your child’s progress and learning journey. We encourage all families to take advantage of this chance to connect with our dedicated teachers.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for snippets and updates in between newsletters, and school families, remember to always view Sentral notifications as they pop up. As always, keep safe and look after yourself, your family, friends and neighbours. Stay grateful, kind and mindful, as we say and *do* in school.

Miss Catherine Barnes, **Acting Principal**

Respect | Responsibility | Resilience

Term 1 Calendar

Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 27th-31st January	January 27th Australia Day holiday— SCHOOL CLOSED	28th Staff commence— STUDENT FREE DAY	29th Year 1-6 students commence Term 1	30th Foundation students commence Term 1 Say It Sister Program (selected students)	31st
Week 2 3rd-7th February	February 3rd	4th	5th Foundation Free Day	6th Newsletter Say It Sister Program (selected students)	7th Assembly 9:00am
Week 3 10th-14th February	10th	11th	12th Foundation Free Day Bulldogs Read “Family Information Evening” 6:00-7:00pm (selected students)	13th Say It Sister Program (selected students)	14th Assembly 9:00am
Week 4 17th-21st February	17th Bulldogs Read “Welcome Event” 12:30 -3:00pm (selected students)	18th School Welcome Picnic, 5:00-6:30pm	19th Foundation Free Day	20th Newsletter Say It Sister Program (selected students)	21st Assembly 9:00am
Week 5 24th-28th February	24th	25th	26th Foundation Free Day School Council meeting 4:30pm	27th Say It Sister Program (selected students)	28th Assembly 9:00am
Week 6 3rd-7th March	March 3rd Foundation Students full time	4th	5th	6th Newsletter Say It Sister Program (selected students)	7th Assembly 9:00am
Week 7 10th-14th March	10th Labour Day holiday— SCHOOL CLOSED	11th	12th NAPLAN window starts for Years 3 & 5	13th Say It Sister Program (selected students)	14th Assembly 9:00am
Week 8 17th-21st March	17th Teeth on Wheels	18th Teeth on Wheels	19th Teeth on Wheels	20th Newsletter Say It Sister Program (selected students)	21st Assembly 9:00am Harmony Week celebration
Week 9 24th-28th March	24th NAPLAN window ends for Years 3 & 5	25th	26th School Council meeting 4:30pm	27th Say It Sister Program (selected students) Hot Cross Bun orders/ money due	28th Assembly 9:00am
Week 10 31st March-4th April	31st Bulldogs Read player videocall Parent-Teacher Interviews from 2:30pm—5.30pm	April 1st	2nd	3rd Student Support Group meetings TBC Delivery of Hot Cross Bun orders	4th Assembly 9:00am Student Support Group meetings TBC Last day of Term 1, 2:15pm dismissal (Term 2 resumes on Tuesday 22nd April)

Students of the Week



Congratulations to the following students for being recognised for their achievements in our school with our Student of the Week:

Week 6 (above)

Whitley (F), Flossy (F/1), Damascus (1/2), Melanie (2/3), Vivant (3/4 and Performing Arts), Evie (6), Faith (Art), Ivy (Music)

Week 7 (below)

Addalyn (F), Noah S (F/1), Ivy (1/2), Dylan (2/3), Oliver (3/4), Ivy Sin (4/5), Austyn (6).

Continue being your best!



Sun Smart in Term 1

We have reminded students that during Term 1 all schools follow the principles of being Sun Smart. Everyone, students and staff alike, are required to wear a broad rim hat during outside play or learning activities. Children who do not have a hat will be required to play in the shady Quiet Area. If you need to purchase a new hat, please contact the office for details.



Values Tokens

Showing our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience is so important in every classroom, every play space, every day. Well done to our students who were 'caught out being great' and demonstrating our values across the school.

	Week 6	Week 7
Foundation (Room 3)	Nicholas, Archer	Goanar, Bella, Aisha
Foundation/Year 1 (Room 1)	Harvey, Noah S, Rico	Wolf, Eve, Thomas
Year 1/2 (Room 2)		Cage, Quinn, Ryleigh
Year 2/3 (Room 9)	Axle, Ava, Ayla	Dustin, Mathew, Charlie
Year 3/4 (Room 7)	Archie, Saul, Wyatt D	Vivant, Aarav, Mia
Year 4/5 (Room 5)		Niamh, Noah, Parker
Year 6 (Room 4)	Matilda, Austyn, Chase	Archie, Austyn, Gabe

School Council News

Thank you to the parents and carers who were able to lodge their ballot in the School Council Election this year. We had three superb candidates raise their hand, and as a School Council, we are so fortunate that parent voice is heard and we can contribute to the governance of this school. Many thanks to Courtney, Claudia and Melani for their nominations.

I am pleased to announce that Claudia and Melani have been successful in the ballot and will be appointed to School Council for the next two years.

Sam, School Council President

Prospective Family School Tours

I encourage our local families—new to the area or new to primary education, to come along and see our beautiful school. Personal tours for prospective families are available by appointment, and can be made by calling the school on 5332 3646.

Miss Barnes

School Fees overdue

2025 School fees were due for payment on 28th February 2025. Thank you to families who have either paid their fees or made payment arrangements. Mount Pleasant Primary School accepts the following payment methods:

cash or EFTPOS via the General Office

Direct Deposit into the school account (you must include child's name or family ID

Account Name: Mount Pleasant Primary School

BSB 063 502

Account Number 1013 7822

Alternatively a payment plan can be organised, please see myself in the office.

Thank you to all our families who have paid the Parent Contributions in 2025. Your support is greatly appreciated and the high percentage of these payments enables our school to continue to keep the costs low.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Janine Schulze

Business Manager



Things are picking up fast in Term 1; let's make it a smooth ride.

Extend is speeding towards the end of the term with tons of fun activities, daily fresh snacks, and a team of Educators ready to engage your kids!



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FOR THE REST OF TERM 1!

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No School Holiday Plans?

Join us for a trip through time with our Ancient Adventures School Holiday Program this April!



Scan here to find your nearest holiday program!

Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser

Just a reminder that all Hot Cross Bun orders/forms and money are due in no later than Thursday 27th March. Delivery of Hot Cross Buns will be delivered to the school on Thursday 3rd April. If you require another form, please see the office. We will inform families when they are available for collection.

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Mount Pleasant PS is online



Learning times

The times for learning in class remain the same for 2025.

9:00am	School starts; formal class learning
11:00am	First recess
11:30am	Formal class learning
12:30pm/12:50pm	Lunch eating time (Thurs/Fri depending on Specialist timetable)
1:45pm	Second recess
2:15pm	Formal class learning
3:15pm	Dismissal

If you require to collect a child early or drop off a little later due to (for example) a medical appointment, please visit the Office and sign him/her in the Sign In/Out booklet.

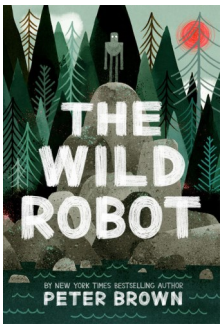
Drop Off & Pick Up Times

Families are reminded that formal school supervision begins each day at 8:40am and concludes at 3:30pm. Before and after these times, teachers plan and prepare learning programs and meet together to discuss school matters.

Please respect this as important time for teachers in their professional practice; and ensure that you drop off your child/children between 8:40-9:00am each morning and collect them before 3:30pm.



Book Review of the Week



The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

Reviewed by: Saul

This book is a thrilling and heartwarming story of a robot named Roz who adapted to the animal language. She adopted a baby bird named Brightbill whose parents died.

This story shows us how all families are different. The robot creates her own family and animal friends on the island that she was shipwrecked on. They help each other to survive and learn to care for each other. Even though they are different.

The Wild Robot is the first book in a series of three. I can't wait to read the next adventure of Roz and her son Brightbill. I would recommend it for people who like chapter books and stories about nature and robots and of course, animals. I would rate this book a 10/10. It was such a good book to read.

To check out the book reviews submitted (and moderated by the Ballarat Library), please visit www.bulldogsread.com.au/2025-book-reviews.



Mounties Shine!

Our Mount Pleasant Bulldogs Read students are doing an exceptional job in reading, writing and submitting book reviews on the Bulldogs Read website. It is so heartening to see such enthusiasm in the literacy space.

Congratulations to Saul, who was selected by the Bulldogs Read Program as the WINNER of the Book Review of the Month for February! Cam from the Western Bulldogs popped in with Saul's amazing prize—a couple of great new novels, a magnet and a footy for him to enjoy.

We are looking forward to a video call with Western Bulldogs players later this month, a visit and tour of the Ballarat Library next term, and a footy game in Melbourne on the horizon too!

Miss Barnes and Mrs Breatly



Lunch Orders – Thursdays only New Price List 2025

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



HOT CROSS BUN ORDER FORM

EASTER 2025

Bakers Delight Ballarat City would like to offer you the opportunity to purchase delicious Hot Cross Buns and make a profit for Mt Pleasant Primary School

For every 6 pack of Hot Cross Buns you order, Bakers Delight Ballarat City will give \$2.00 to Mt Pleasant P.S.

Simply fill in the details below and select how many and which Hot Cross Buns you would like to order, bring your order form together with full payment back to the school office by the **COB Thursday 27th March** and your buns baked fresh that morning will be delivered to the school on the **Thursday 3rd April**. Remember to ask family and friends if they would like to order some too.

Full Name: _____ Class: _____

Contact No: _____

Name	Traditional Hot Cross Buns Qty (per 6 pack) \$9.50 per 6 pack	Choc Chip Hot Cross Buns Qty (per 6 pack) \$9.50 per 6 pack	Apple & Cinnamon Hot Cross Buns Qty (per 6 pack) \$9.50 per 6 pack	Mocha Hot Cross Buns Qty (per 6 pack) \$9.50 per 6 pack	Fruitless Hot Cross Buns Qty (per 6 pack) \$9.50 per 6 pack	Total \$	Paid