



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 2, Week 10
26th June, 2025

From the Principal

Hello everyone

As we approach the close of Term 2 (and this, our final newsletter of the term), I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a term filled with both celebration and change.

Our students have achieved some incredible things this semester, and their hard work and resilience shine through in their Semester 1 reports, which will be released late next week. We encourage families to celebrate these achievements and reflect with their children on areas for continued growth.

I want to acknowledge the staffing changes we've experienced this term and sincerely thank you for your understanding. Transitions are never easy, but they often bring fresh opportunities—and we're delighted to welcome some new faces to our staff team, who are already bringing great energy and ideas to our learning environment.

Looking ahead, Semester 2 will bring a shared focus across our whole school community on balancing strong learning with wellbeing and inclusion. While our staff will be deepening their understanding of mental health and disability inclusion through professional learning, we know that meaningful progress happens when school and home work together. By continuing to support one another, we can create a safe, caring, and inclusive environment—not just in our classrooms, but in our homes and neighbourhoods too. Together, we'll ensure that every student feels supported and ready to thrive.

In Term 3, all students will dive into the exciting world of Science. This subject never fails to spark curiosity, and we're confident it will bring rich, hands-on learning experiences to every classroom.

As we prepare to say goodbye to Term 2, we also bid a heartfelt farewell to two staff members. Mrs Eames will be retiring after an extraordinary 27 years at our school. Her dedication, warmth, and passion have left a lasting legacy. We wish her a restful and adventure-filled retirement. We also extend our sincere thanks to Mrs Brearley in Year 6 for her teaching across recent terms. Her presence and energy have been appreciated, and we wish her all the very best. We anticipate sharing news about her replacement early next week.

We wish good times and a whole lot of fun to Mrs Schulze in our office team, who is taking some well-deserved long service leave throughout Term 3. We wish her a rejuvenating break with family, and look forward to hearing about her travels (perhaps even via postcard!). Kylie, with support from Sarah, will be keeping our front office running smoothly in Mrs Schulze's absence.

I wish all of our families a restful and enjoyable term break. A reminder that school will finish at 2:15pm on Friday, 4th July and we'll return ready for a new term on Monday, 21st July.

Stay warm, stay safe, and enjoy the winter break—whether it's close to home or a little farther afield.

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**

Term 2 Calendar

| Term 2 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| Week 1 21st–25th April | April 21st Easter Monday holiday SCHOOL CLOSED | 22nd | 23rd | 24th | 25th Anzac Day Public Holiday SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Week 2 28th April–2nd May | 28th | 29th Make a Wish Book Fair | 30th Book Fair (Parents welcome 3.00pm– 3.30pm) | May 1st Newsletter | 2nd Assembly 9:00am |
| Week 3 5th–9th May | 5th | 6th | 7th School Council Meeting 4.30pm–6pm | 8th | 9th Assembly 9:00am Mothers Day/Special Person Stall |
| Week 4 12th–16th May | 12th | 13th | 14th | 15th Newsletter | 16th Assembly 9:00am Bulldogs Read Melbourne excursion all day Coat Swap 2.45pm— 3.30pm |
| Week 5 19th–23rd May | 19th | 20th | 21st | 22nd | 23rd Assembly 9:00am |
| Week 6 26th–30th May | 26th | 27th | 28th Year 5/6 Doxa Camp Malmsbury | 29th Newsletter Year 5/6 Doxa Camp Malmsbury | 30th Assembly 9:00am Year 5/6 Doxa Camp Malmsbury |
| Week 7 2nd–6th June | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th Assembly 9:00am |
| Week 8 9th–13th June | 9th Kings Birthday Public Holiday–SCHOOL CLOSED | 10th Bulldogs Read Ballarat Library excursion— postponed | 11th | 12th Newsletter | 13th Assembly 9:00am |
| Week 9 16th–20th June | 16th School Photos | 17th | 18th RESCHEDULED School Council Meeting 4.30pm | 19th | 20th Curriculum Day— SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Week 10 23rd–27th June | 23rd | 24th Year 5—Sovereign Hill | 25th Year 5–Sovereign Hill | 26th Newsletter | 27th Assembly 9:00am |
| Week 11 30th June–4th July | 30th | July 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th Last day of Term 2, 2:15pm dismissal |

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 10

Logan (Foundies), Thomas (Foundie/Year 1), Esme (Year 1/2), Ava & Bayley (Year 2/3), Archie (Year 3/4), Parker & Brittany (Year 4/5), Arielle (Year 6). Continue being your best!

A Step Back in Time



A hearty congratulations to our Year 5 students who participated in the costume program at Sovereign Hill this week. These students represented Mount Pleasant Primary School with pride, taking on the role of a student on the Ballarat Goldfields in the 1850s. They weathered cold, wind, rain, hail AND sunshine during their program inside and outside the Wesleyan School at the museum. More photos and student reflections are in this newsletter!

Well done to these students for their exemplary work; and to Miss Braybrook and Jaye who also stepped into different roles on the Goldfields and accompanied them on the two day immersion.

Miss Barnes

Celebrating Diversity and Standing Against Racism

At Mount Pleasant Primary School we value the diversity of culture, ethnicity, and faith of all our students. We are proud of our diversity, and everyone is welcome at our school.

I am aware of some racist incidents that have not supported these values. This has included students using racist language and slurs. This behaviour is unacceptable and will not be tolerated at our school. We are taking immediate action as part of our commitment to make our school a safe and inclusive place for everyone.

Celebrating the diversity of our community makes us stronger, kinder and innovative. We are committed to ensuring that students from all backgrounds feel accepted, supported and are empowered to learn.

We have taken steps to ensure the school is a place free of racism and where everyone feels welcome, respected and supported. To achieve our values and aims, everyone at Mount Pleasant Primary School plays an important role, and we are writing to ask for your support at home, as we support at school through our Respectful Relationships teaching and learning program and links to the Personal and Social Capabilities of our Victorian Curriculum.

I ask that you support your child/ren to:

- understand that we celebrate diversity and multicultural inclusion;
- understand the importance of everyone at school being treated with respect;
- understand that Mount Pleasant Primary School takes racism very seriously;
- understand that the school will support students if they experience or see their classmates experience this racism;
- discuss with your children the impact of using racist slurs and the harm it may cause other students, and the importance of using respectful language at school and in the broader community.

Your partnership in reinforcing these values at home will significantly help create a more respectful and inclusive environment at school.

For more information, please see [Racism: talking with children and teens](#), [Raising Children Network](#).

If you or your child/ren have experienced racism or other unfair treatment at school, we are here to help. Talk to our Leadership Team. They can help you understand the school policies, access support and follow up with action.

If you don't feel comfortable reporting the incident to school, you can call or email the Report Racism hotline. The Department of Education runs the Report Racism hotline. It is available 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) on [1800 722 476](tel:1800722476) or via email at report.racism@education.vic.gov.au.

If you need an interpreter to help, please let me know.

Thank you for your help and support.

Miss Barnes

Year 5 Sovereign Hill Costume School

The amazing Year 5 students spent 2 days (June 24 & 25) at Sovereign Hill, Wesleyan Costume School. Some of the activities they did were wearing 1854 style costumes, going to school, playing horse shoes, gold panning and watching 3kg of gold being melted and poured. Despite the weather being so cold and wet, a fabulous time was had by all. I was proud to say that the students were from Mount Pleasant Primary School as their behaviour, enthusiasm and engagement was truly fantastic.

Miss Braybrook—4/5A teacher



At Sovereign Hill dress up school, we had to dress up like we were in 1854. When we where there we called the teacher and other female actors Ma'am and male actors Sir. On the second day we went gold panning and watched how gold got turned into an ingot of gold. On the first day we got our pictures taken. It was very very fun and I enjoyed it.

Zahara

When I went to Sovereign Hill, my favourite part was gold panning because I found gold. Even though it wouldn't sell for much it was still fun.

Slater

It was really nice spending two days at Sovereign Hill. On our first day we learnt about John Wesley and how life was on the gold fields. We got split up into two groups and got to roam around. On our second day we tried to do our handwriting with ink. We also got to look for gold in the lake, that was my favourite part.

Sanaya

News from 1/2A

Hello Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy Semester in Class 1/2! As we approach the end of Term 2, we can look back on the amazing progress we have made with our Literacy and Numeracy skills, as well as developing our resilience as we adapt to changes throughout the weeks.

One of the key focuses this year has been strengthening our sentence writing skills to include nouns, verbs and adjectives. We have then practiced expanding our story writing and informative texts with coordinating conjunctions (for example: so, and, but) and subordinating conjunctions (because, that). As we work towards writing our own Informative Text next week, we have practiced incorporating these into our daily writing time and the students are very proud of their work.

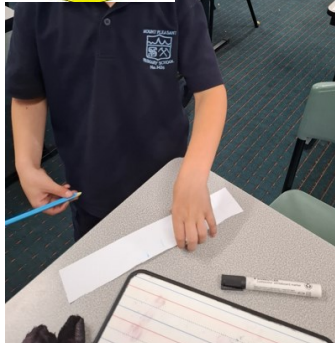
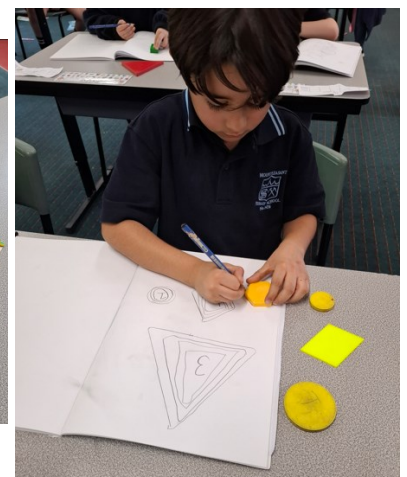
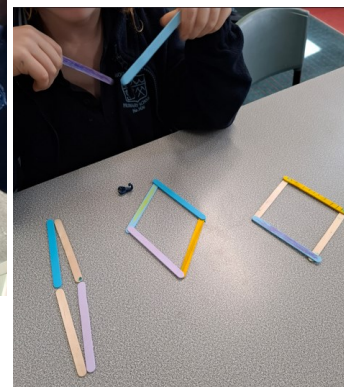
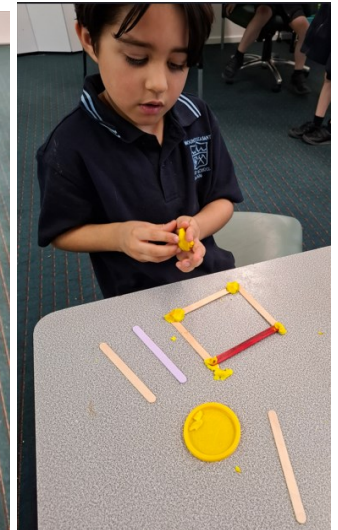
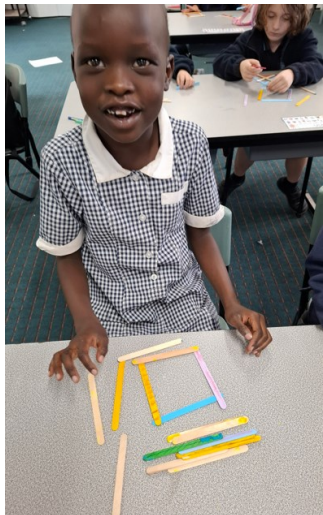
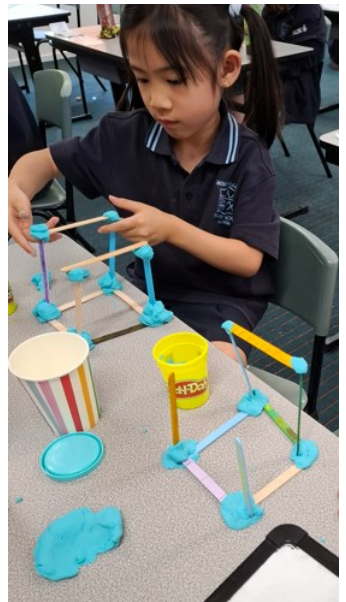
In our Maths we have covered Shapes (2D and 3D), Addition, Subtraction, Measurement, Time and Number Lines. Wherever possible we use hands on manipulatives to develop our understanding of key topics. Our Flower Number Line has been on display in our room this term, and I have included photos of a few activities we have done so far this year.

Mrs Tien has also been kind enough to share photos of their Chinese Dumpling tasting this term, they were a sweet rice filled mixture steamed in bamboo leaves.

I look forward to continuing our learning in Term 3!

Kind regards,

Miss Cara.



Congratulations Extend

Congratulations to the Extend Before and After School Care who placed an entry into the Kids Club Art Greatest Story Ever Told Competition. Mount Pleasant has been awarded one of the winners. A huge thanks to Zahra, Abbey May and Charlie for writing and illustrating the Dino Disaster Camp. Each winning participant will receive a free printed copy of their book to take home and treasure.



KIDS CLUB 2025
THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD
26 MAY - 9 JUNE

Join Extend in Term 2 and create your own storybook as a group!

Top three best stories are published, with all winning participants receiving a copy and author credit!

Fantasy, Sci-fi, History, or something completely NEW, your imagination is the scale.

SCAN HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT KIDS CLUB

Mount Pleasant Primary School before and after school care survey

Below is a link to provide feedback about our OSHC program through Extend. Please take a few minutes to complete this short survey. Your feedback is greatly appreciated and will be used in planning to improve our service going forward.

<https://forms.gle/R5gHGYEKbXp7AbZy5>

Thank you,
Taliah
Service Coordinator

DISCOVER. LEARN. PLAY.

EXTEND SQUAD

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Sharpen your footy skills at one of our School Holiday Programs in Regional Victoria
Suitable for kids aged 4-12.

WEEK 1
THUR, JULY 10 — GORDON STREET RESERVE, ARARAT
FRI, JULY 11 — CITY OVAL, BALLARAT

WEEK 2
MON, JULY 14 — CIVIC HUB, BACCHUS MARSH
FRI, JULY 18 — ALL GIRLS PROGRAM — CITY OVAL, BALLARAT

REGISTER NOW

READY FOR THE ROAD AHEAD?

BOOK EARLY FOR TERM 3!

Strap in, because we're flooring it straight to Term 3!

We're on the road to a brand new term of creative activities tailored to make your children laugh, learn and have fun!

WHAT'S ON FOR TERM 3?

- Engaging arts, crafts and indoor games
- Outside play and sport for the warmer days
- Delicious health snacks made fresh!



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BOOK ONLINE AT [EXTEND.COM.AU](https://www.extend.com.au)

Lunch Orders – Thursdays only

New Price List 2025

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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 |