



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 2
1st May, 2025**

From the Principal

Hello everyone and Welcome to Term 2,

I trust everyone had a relaxing holiday and took the time to eat chocolate and spend quality time with their loved ones. We have had a great return to school in Term 2 with many enthusiastic and ready-to-learn children entering our gates each day. During Week 1, teachers and students revisited our routines and school expectations and took the time to recount and share events from their holidays.

Term 2 will be a very busy term for both students and teachers. Teachers will soon commence assessments with their students in preparation for reporting toward the end of term. We have Grade 6 camp in the middle of the term and a few classes will be exploring life outside of the school with various excursions. Typically Term 2 and 3 mean our students do not wear hats as the UV is normally lower during the Autumn and Winter months. If students choose to continue to wear their hats we support that, however we do not expect them to wear their hats outside. Please remember that Ballarat can offer four seasons in one day and as the days are getting cooler we ask that you offer your children layers to wear and long pants or stockings from hereon in.

We have already experienced some wonderful extra-curricular events this term. Our amazing Grade 6 class, led by Evie on the Cornet playing the Last Post, and the remainder of the school showed respect, pride and class as we held a minute's silence last Thursday prior to ANZAC Day. Lily and Archie then represented our school at the 8am service on Friday. Our Grade

6 teacher, Rachael Brearley accompanied four of our school leaders to the GRIP Conference yesterday, held at Federation University and we welcome the Sydney Dance Company into our Grade 6 Performing Arts class today.

We continue to welcome all families to attend our Weekly Assembly held every Friday at 9am in our Arts Centre. Please continue to check Sentral and our school website for notifications. Enjoy these final rays of sunshine that our beautiful city is offering us, stay kind to all and we thank all families for your continued partnership.

Ms Anna Johnson
Acting Principal

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.

Book Fair

A big **THANKYOU** to **Mrs Eames** for organising Book Fair this year. Thank you to everyone that had purchased books. We made \$1500 which allowed us to purchase \$450 of books for our school library.



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 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	11th School Council Meeting 4.30pm-6pm	12th Newsletter	13th Assembly 9:00am
Week 9 16th-20th June	16th School Photos	17th	18th	19th	20th Assembly 9:00am
Week 10 23rd-27th June	23rd	24th Year 5—Sovereign Hill	25th Year 5-Sovereign Hill	26th Newsletter	27th
Week 11 30th June-4th July	30th	July 1st	2nd	3rd	4th Last day of Term 2

Kids Coat Swap

With winter fast approaching we wanted to offer our families an opportunity to sort through last year's winter coats (as no doubt the kids will have grown!) and see whether you can swap for a bigger coat.

On **Friday 16th May from 2.45pm – 3.30pm** in the school playground we will be holding our 'Kids Coat Swap'. Whether you're on a budget, feel passionate about re-using and preventing clothing going to landfill or like helping others, then please do get involved! There will be a collection box in reception from Monday 5th May and we ask that if you have any outgrown and unwanted kids coats that you leave them in the box. The coat swap is free to participate in, you do not need to donate a coat to take a coat, but if you are able to make a gold coin donation then this will go towards supporting the school to purchase important learning enrichment.

We ask that all items be clean with no major damage.

Thank you in anticipation of your kind donations and for your support for our school community and children.

Please note all children must be accompanied by their parent/ family member/carer during the Coat Swap.



Art Room Request

Over the next few weeks can families please be on the look out for small cardboard boxes (tissue box size or smaller please, e.g. biscuit boxes, tea boxes) for our sculpture and construction lessons this term. Please hand them to your classroom teacher.

Much appreciated

Diana Hume



Mother's/Special Person Day Stall

Friday 9th May

\$5 gift packs will be available to purchase.

Students will visit the Mother's/Special Person Day stall during the day with their teacher. Please bring money on the day if you wish to participate.



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.

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 (above)

Archie (3/4), Oscar (4/5), Dylan (performing arts), Makayla (F), Aysha (23), Minha (1/2), Molly (01), Sebastian (Absent—Chinese).



Welcome back!

We hope you enjoyed the school holidays, because it's time to dive back into the school rush!

Don't worry, we're here to help you launch into a new term with lots of fun and brand new stories for your kids to tell you all about on the way home!

GUESS WHAT? KIDS CLUB IS BAAACK!



Keep your eyes peeled this term for the announcement of our annual art competition, where all children work as a group to be in the draw for an amazing prize!



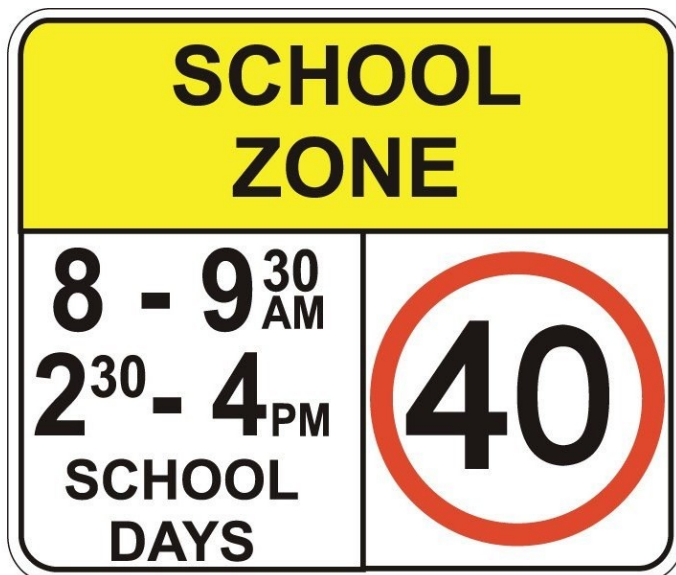
**SCAN HERE TO
BOOK FOR TERM 2!**



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

	Term 1 Week 10	
Foundation (Room 3)	Caylee Jaxon Elijah	
Foundation/Year 1 (Room 1)		
Year 1/2 (Room 2)	Rydyr Jaxon G Kiaan	
Year 2/3 (Room 9)		
Year 3/4 (Room 7)	Alexis Ollie Hamish	
Year 4/5 (Room 5)	Duke Sanaya Slater	
Year 6 (Room 4)		



The roads to and around our school have a 40km/h speed limit during drop off and pick up times (with Cobden Street 40km/h at ALL times).

For everyone's safety—students, families and staff, please abide by this speed limit when arriving and departing from school at all times.

Thank you.



ANZAC DAY

April 25th was ANZAC DAY and we use this day to remember and celebrate Australians and New Zealanders who served during WW1 at Gallipoli. We took the opportunity to celebrate this special day with our buddies!!



Anzac Day

On Friday, Archie and Lily, along with Janine and Kylie, represented the school at the 8am Anzac Day service at the Arch of Victory. We were invited to place a wreath for past students (Cornelius and Ernest Rowley). The 2025 service read aloud the names of 20 sets of brothers, remembered by street names in the suburb of Lucas, who died in the First World War.

Both of these brothers are past pupils of Mount Pleasant State School. Cornelius was just 19 when he was killed in action at Bullecourt, France, in April 1917. The end of the war was in sight when 21 year old Ernest was killed in October 1918. Neither boy has a known grave, but both are remembered on our honour board and in the Avenue of Honour.

Archie and Lily represented our school with pride and did an amazing job. Thank you to the parents who made this possible.



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

GRIP Student Leadership Conference

GRIP Leadership Conference is a nationally recognised program that offers young school leaders practical and interactive leadership training and the opportunity to network with other school leaders and learn new ways to lead within their peer school environment. 4 students in leadership with Grade 6 teacher Rachael Brearley attended Federation University for this conference.

Gabe – “I really enjoyed it”

Lily – “It helped build my confidence”

Evie – “it was fun, they didn’t just talk at us”

Archie – “conversations are more important than instructions”

Racheal – “This was a fantastic experience for some of our year 6 leaders. We learnt through interactive games as well as getting to meet students from other schools and learning from them”



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