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Upcoming Dates

Day off for Foundation Students 2026 – No classes
Year 4/5/6 Doxa Melbourne City Camp
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Day off for Foundation Students 2026 – No classes
Family Picnic
Day off for Foundation Students 2026 – No classes
Teeth on Wheels
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Wednesday 4th February
Wednesday 4th – Friday 6th February
Wednesday 11th February
Wednesday 18th February
Thursday 19th February
Wednesday 25th February
Thursday 26th February
Wednesday 4th March
Thursday 5th March

Welcome to 2026 Mount Pleasant Families,

My name is Louis Franc the new Acting Principal. I am excited by the opportunity to work with the Mount Pleasant community in the near future. I am on a steep learning curve at the moment practising student and family members names. We have had a great start to the year and students have settled well into school routines. Our teachers have done a great job setting up our classrooms and having them ready for learning. I look forward to meeting you all in coming days, weeks and months. I'd like to thank you all for making me feel welcome and like to invite you all to our first assembly for the year at 3pm today.

Kind Regards,

Mr Louis Franc
Principal

I respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Victoria and pay respect to the ongoing living cultures of First Peoples.



Administration

PARENT PAYMENTS AND SCHOOL CHARGES 2026

Mount Pleasant Primary School is committed to providing the best possible opportunities for all our students. In order to provide a high standard of service, some financial contributions from parents are necessary. School Council has approved a policy which levies a range of charges on parents; these are compliant with the DET Policy for Parent Payments.

The 2026 Book Packs have now been distributed to all students in class.

I thank all parents/guardians who have already paid, or made arrangements to pay, their School Charges for 2026. For those parents who have not yet done so, I ask that you make payment in the near future, via one of the following options;

· **Cash** · **EFTPOS** · **BPay** · **Centrepay**

The General Office is open from 8.30 am to 4.00 pm each school day. We are happy to take payments in full or by instalment.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Janine Schulze Business Manager.

Centrepay is a direct bill-paying service offered to customers receiving payments from Centrelink. Mount Pleasant Primary School is approved as a registered organisation for the Centrepay scheme and is able to take applications from families/guardians wishing to participate. Information brochures and Application forms are available from the School.

Eligible customers are encouraged to consider this option as an easy and effective way to pay school charges, camps and excursion costs.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) – 2026

We are now accepting applications for CSEF 2026. Application forms are available from the General Office. New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form

If you applied for the CSEF at Mount Pleasant Primary School in 2025, you do not need to complete an application form in 2026 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

Eligible families will receive \$400.00 per student, paid into the family account at Mount Pleasant Primary School. These funds can be allocated to school camps and excursions for 2026. I

encourage parents to take advantage of this funding opportunity.

Janine Schulze, Business Manager

Lunch Orders

Lunch Orders are every Thursday through the Grant Street Takeaway Shop. If you would like your child to have a lunch order, please write on a brown paper bag the child's name and classroom, what you would like to order, price and if you require any change. **Please note this is cash only.** Your child will then place this into the lunch order box first thing Thursday morning in their classroom to be collected. Price List is attached to the newsletter.

Kylie Lampard, Office Administration

Annual Privacy Reminder for Our School Community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) and the [Schools' Privacy Collection Notice](#).

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#).

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.



Breakfast Club is Back



Our school is pleased to share that our partnership with the School Breakfast Club Program will continue in 2026. This is such a valued service available to all students from Foundation to Year 6, every morning before school.

Breakfast Club is run from the Arts Centre every school day from 8:40-8:55am. We encourage students to pop in for toast, cereal, milk and fruit during this time, and start the day with a happy (and full) tummy ready for learning.

We are very grateful for our parent and staff volunteers who are able to facilitate Breakfast every morning for our students—many thanks to:

Courtney, Claudia, Sarah, Mr Franc, Mrs Ives, Kylie and Janine.

We have a couple of spots available for additional parent helpers on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Are you able to help? I'd be keen to hear from you!

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.

DET Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy

Being back in our classrooms after the summer term break is always a big transition for everyone in our school—students, families, friends and staff, and we all know that a smooth transition and return to routine helps set us all up for success regarding our children's education. As we navigate these changes back to school learning, it's more important than ever that adults in our school community treat each other with respect and kindness.

The Department of Education has a [policy](#) that describes the positive behaviour expected from parents, carers, and other adults in Victorian school communities. The policy sets clear standards of behaviour to create a safe, respectful, and inclusive learning environment for students, staff and adults.

There are also other resources to support safe and respectful relationships in our school community, including information about getting involved in the school, advice on how to raise a concern or complaint, and parenting support resources.

You will also see a new poster up around our school, promoting positive behaviour. I thank you for your support in keeping our school a healthy, safe and respectful place of learning and work for everyone.

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 \$10.

**NO Hat
NO Play**



Before and After School Care at Mount Pleasant Primary School

Hi everyone,

My name is Taliah, and I'm excited to be returning for my third year as the OSHC Coordinator at Mount Pleasant Primary School!

I can't wait to see our returning families again and to meet those who are newly enrolled. I have lots of exciting activities and experiences planned for the year ahead, and I'm looking forward to sharing them with the children.

Drop-off and pick-up for OSHC take place at the back of the school on Trethowan Street, where you'll see our blue banner.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to email me at mtpleasant@extend.com.au, call **03 7066 1263**, or pop in for a chat anytime.

For bookings and enrolments, please visit:

<https://www.extend.com.au/families/before-and-after-school-care/>

Looking forward to a fantastic year together!



WELCOME TO TERM 1 WITH EXTEND!

BELONGING BEING BECOMING

We hope you and your family had a restful break and are ready for an exciting Term 1 with Extend!

WELCOME BACK TO OUR FAMILIES FOR TERM 1 WITH EXTEND!

This term's theme for our OSHC services is: **Belonging, Being, Becoming**

As we begin Term 1, it's an exciting time for your children to form new friendships, learn new skills and feel comfortable in our OSHC community!

This term, we will support children to feel connected with others, help them engage in the present moment, and encourage them to step out of their comfort zones so they can grow in confidence as they explore new interests and challenges.

Thank you for your continued support. We are excited to begin this new year together, fostering positive relationships, supporting their growth in confidence and learning as they explore!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TERM 1:

All About Us: Children create an 'All About Me' page to share their interests and hobbies, then display them in service so peers can learn about each other, celebrate uniqueness and build connections.

Sensory Bin: Children create a sensory bin filled with materials like leaves, sticks, stones and soil to spark curiosity and connection as children explore texture, sound and the outdoors together.

Multilingual "Hello" Poster: Children and families contribute greetings in languages spoken at our service, with each written beside its flag to celebrate diversity, support inclusion and help everyone learn how to say "hello" in different languages.

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

my.gh.org.au/thunderstormasthma

Grampians Health
Grampians Public Health Unit

SCAN THE QR CODE OR BOOK ONLINE AT EXTEND.COM.AU FOR TERM 1!

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.



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
- Email – mount.pleasant.ps@education.vic.gov.au
- Or use the Parent Portal App



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.



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.



Sentral e-resource

Registering on the Sentral for Parents App for the first time



Sentral for Parents App

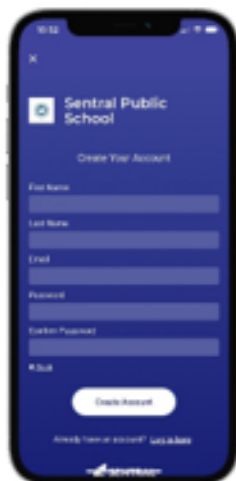
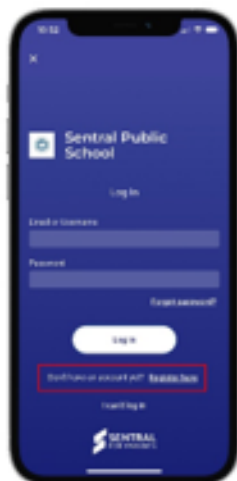
Step One: Download the Sentral for Parents app.



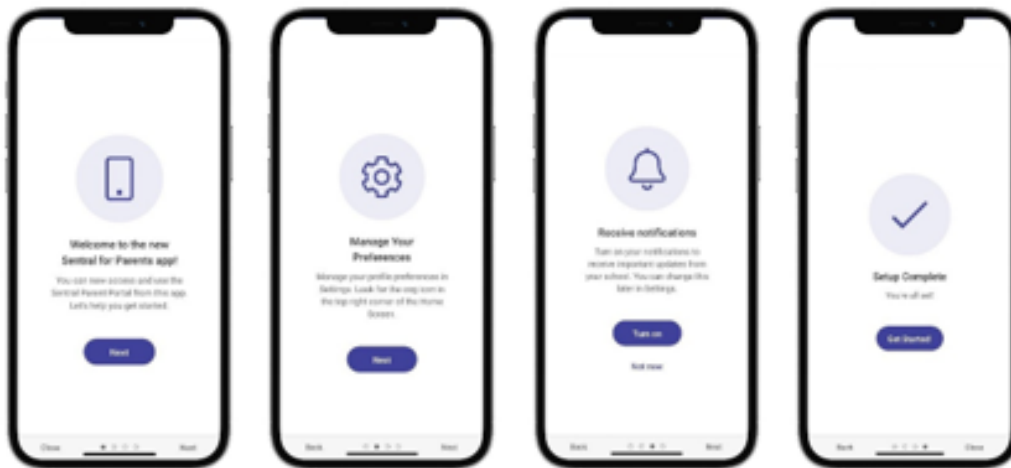
Step Two: Type in the school's name.



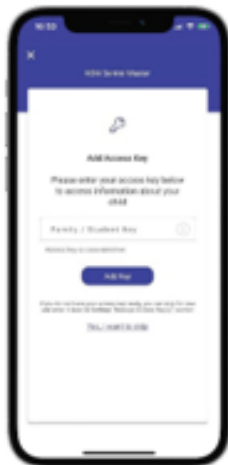
Step Three: Choose 'Register Here' from the bottom of the screen. Complete the details and choose 'Create Account'. You will receive a verification email which **MUST** be verified to continue. When the verification link is clicked it opens the log in screen in browser – close the browser and go back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



New Price List 2026

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
Hot dog w/ Cheese & Sauce	\$6.00	Ham & Salad Roll	\$6.00
Cheese burger	\$6.00	Salad Roll	\$6.00
		BLT Sandwich	\$6.00
Hot Food		Cheese Sandwich	\$6.00
Chicken Nuggets(3)	\$3.00	Chicken & Salad Sandwich	\$6.00
Chicken Nuggets(6)	\$5.00	Ham & Salad Sandwich	\$6.00
Dim Sim	\$1.50	Salad Sandwich	\$6.00
Pie	\$6.00	BLT Wrap	\$6.00
Party Pie	\$1.80	Cheese Wrap	\$6.00
Party Sausage Roll	\$1.80	Chicken & Salad Wrap	\$6.00
Veggie Pastie	\$6.00	Ham & Salad Wrap	\$6.00
Tomato Sauce	\$0.50	Salad Wrap	\$6.00
BBQ Sauce	\$0.50	Garden Salad (Chicken or Ham)	\$6.00
Soy Sauce	\$0.50	Chicken Caesar Salad	\$6.00
Drinks			
Orange Juice	\$2.50		
Apple & Blackcurrant Juice	\$2.50	Snacks	
Strawberry Milk	\$3.00	Fruit Salad	\$4.00
Chocolate Milk	\$3.00	Yoghurt & Muesli	\$4.00



Mount Pleasant Primary School



Term 1 2026 Parent Planner

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	January 26 Australia Day Public Holiday	January 27 Staff return	January 28 All students return. No classes – Foundation	January 29	January 30
Week 2	February 2	February 3	February 4 No classes – Foundation Grade 4,5,6 Doxa Camp	February 5 Grade 4,5,6 Doxa Camp	February 6 Grade 4,5,6 Doxa Camp
Week 3	February 9	February 10	February 11 No classes – Foundation	February 12	February 13
Week 4	February 16	February 17	February 18 No classes – Foundation	February 19 Family Picnic 5-6.30pm	February 20
Week 5	February 23	February 24	February 25 No classes – Foundation	February 26 Teeth on Wheels	February 27
Week 6	March 2	March 3	March 4	March 5 Teeth on Wheels	March 6
Week 7	March 9 Labour Day Public Holiday	March 10 Curriculum Day – No students	March 11 Naplan	March 12 Naplan	March 13 Naplan
Week 8	March 16	March 17	March 18	March 19	March 20
Week 9	March 23	March 24 Parent Teacher Interviews	March 25	March 26 Parent Teacher Interviews	March 27
Week 10	March 30	March 31	April 1	April 2 Last day of school 2.15pm finish (Term 2 resumes on Monday 20 th April)	April 3 Good Friday Public Holiday

Public Holiday	Student Free Day
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