



Newsletter Number 2 12th February 2026

<u>Upcoming Dates</u>	
School Assembly (all families welcome) 2.50pm	Friday 13 th February
Day off for Foundation Students 2026 – No classes	Wednesday 18 th February
Family Picnic 5-6.30pm	Thursday 19 th February
Day off for Foundation Students 2026 – No classes	Wednesday 25 th February
Teeth on Wheels	Thursday 26 th February
Day off for Foundation Students 2026 – No classes	Wednesday 4 th March
Teeth on Wheels	Thursday 5 th March

Last week I had the pleasure of joining the Year Four to Six group on the Doxa Camp in Melbourne. This was a great opportunity for students to get to know each other and build a sense of community. I think overall we walked approximately 38 kilometres. We were all tired when we got back!

Our students enjoyed fantastic experiences such as eating on Lygon Street, MCG tours, Skydeck exploration and a visit to the Melbourne Zoo. A massive thanks to the teachers Miss Braybrook, Mr J, Jedd (student teacher) and Zoe for dedicating the time to make this camp happen. I'd also like to thank Miss Barnes, Mrs Ives, Kylie and Janine in the office for the work in the background and all the organising last year.

We have had another busy week at Mount Pleasant Primary School. It has been pleasing to see most of our students settle into school routines and getting ready for learning each day. Students are building relationships and establishing social networks for 2026. I can see our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience on display consistently in classrooms and in the yard.

Next week I look forward to meeting many families at the Welcome Picnic. This will be a great opportunity for us to socialise as a Mount Pleasant Primary School Community.

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.



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!

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**

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.

Chinese

In Chinese, the students have had a wonderful start to the term and have enjoyed exploring the Chinese New Year celebrations. Foundation and Grade one students explored how people celebrate Chinese New Year through reading a book 'I love Lunar New Year'. They enjoyed making a dragon puppet. Grade 1/2 students learned that 2026 is the Year of the Horse. They made hand-printing artworks to celebrate Chinese New Year. Year 3/4 students learned to write the 12 Zodiac signs in Chinese and showed their ability to write Chinese words correctly. Grade 5/6 students made posters to give us an idea of what the 12 Zodiac signs are and the personality traits of each sign.

Chinese New Year's Eve in 2026 falls on 16 February.

We wish everyone good luck and good fortune for a happy Year of the Horse!



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Mount Pleasant
PRIMARY SCHOOL



WELCOME PICNIC

Come along and enjoy our Welcome Picnic - school families and staff are all invited. There'll be some fun activities for everyone!

5:00-6:30pm
Thursday, 19th February
BYO picnic dinner,
picnic rug/fold up chairs
No pets or alcohol allowed

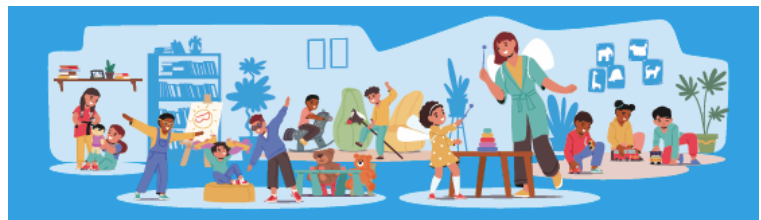


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mount.pleasant.ps@education.vic.gov.au

03 5332 3646



Central Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration is now open for 2027

In Victoria, children can start kindergarten at 3 years old, which means two years of **free** kindergarten before school.

Registering for kindergarten

- Register your child the year before they attend kindergarten.
- Registrations open January 1 for the following year.
- Select three preferences.
- Families are encouraged to register by 31 March to support placement planning, however registrations remain open year round.
- Your child may be eligible for Priority of Access, Early Start Kindergarten or additional Pre-Prep hours. Please answer all questions on the registration form.



For more information and to register
simply scan the QR code
or visit ballarat.vic.gov.au/childergarten

Do you have questions or need support?

Please contact Family and Children's Services

📞 Call 5320 5720 ✉ Email childergarten@ballarat.vic.gov.au

👤 **In person** Parent place, 39 Sturt St Ballarat. Every Thursday 9:30am-2:30pm
Translation services are available.



Supporting Our Community



2027 Open Night

10 March, 2026

Parents and prospective students for 2027 are warmly invited to attend our Open Night at Phoenix P-12 Community College.

- **Redan Campus (Grades P-4 & 5/6 Village):** 3:30pm - 4:30pm
- **Sebastopol Campus (Years 7-12):** 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Discover how your child can benefit from an engaging and enriching primary and secondary education.

The College will be open allowing visitors to explore at their own pace. Take a self-guided tour, engage with interactive displays showcasing student work and activities, and speak with our dedicated staff about learning opportunities.

We offer a wide range of secondary scholarship and academy programs. Visit our website for more details:
phoenix.vic.edu.au

Please enter the school via the Hertford Street gate to collect your showbag and tour booklet.

'In Knowledge there is Opportunity'



About Us



phoenix.vic.edu.au/our-college/about-us

Register Now



phoenix.vic.edu.au/opennight



WOODMANS HILL
SECONDARY COLLEGE

Parents of students in
Grades 5 & 6 are warmly
encouraged to attend our

INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 18th March, 2026

Information Sessions

will be held at 5.00pm and 6.00pm
in the Theatre, followed by school tours.

Bookings essential.



www.woodmanshill.net.au

Woodmans Hill - Fussell Street Ballarat, Ph: 5336 7264

Our flagship Aussie Hoops basketball program will be running again this term for children aged 4 to 11. The program focuses on fun, confidence, and developing fundamental basketball skills, making it a great introduction to the sport.

Mt Clear Junior Football & Netball Club

JUNIOR FOOTBALL PLAYERS WANTED!

Under 8s and
Under 10s

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT DAN O'KELLY
0438 315 136

REGISTER AT PLAYHQ
by 1st February 2026

BASKETBALL PROGRAMS

TERM ONE FUN!

Aussie Hoops
Introductory program for children aged 4 to 11

All Abilities Hoops
Development program for children living with disability

Next Level
Aimed at 10 to 15 year old domestic players

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

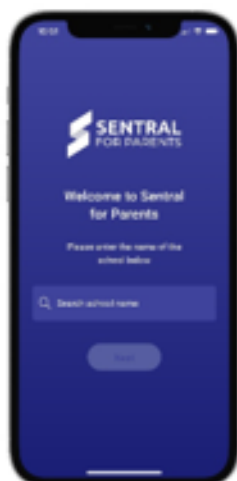


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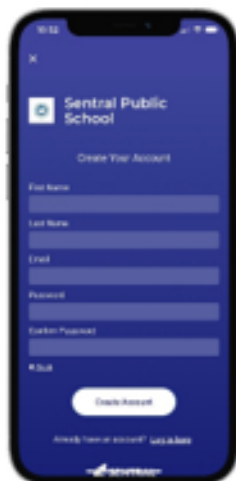
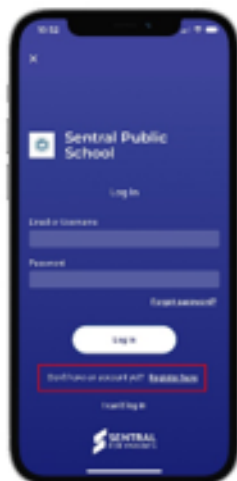
Step One: Download the Sentral for Parents app.



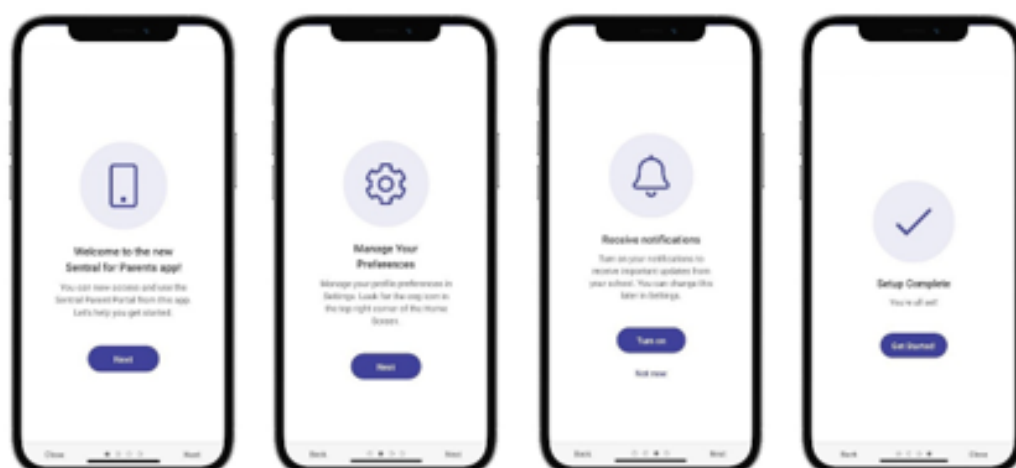
Step Two: Type in the school's name.



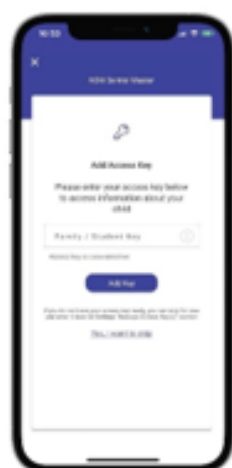
Step Three: Choose 'Register Here' from the bottom of the screen. Complete the details and choose 'Create Account'. You will receive a verification email which **MUST** be verified to continue. When the verification link is clicked it opens the log in screen in browser – close the browser and go back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