



Newsletter Number 3 26th February 2026

<u>Upcoming Dates</u>	
Teeth on Wheels	Thursday 26 th February
School Assembly (all families welcome) 2.50pm	Friday 27 th February
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School Assembly (all families welcome) 2.50pm	Friday 6 th March
Labour Day Public Holiday (No school for students)	Monday 9 th March
Curriculum Day (No school for students)	Tuesday 10 th March

Dear Families,

We are certainly moving through the term and already up to Week 6 next week. It has been pleasing to see students settling into routines and working effectively in their classrooms. There is also plenty of laughter and happiness on display in the playground also.

Thanks to those families who have attended Student Support Group meetings this week. There will be further opportunities for students/families who didn't have a Student Support Group meeting to attend a Parent Teacher Interview on either March 24th or 26th. More details to come during early March.

Credit must go to our staff who support the Breakfast Club daily. This is well supported by our students and gives them a positive start to the day. Thanks to the parents, Education Support Staff and Teachers who make Breakfast Club possible.

We are looking forward to continuing our progress as a school this term and look forward to your support throughout 2026.

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.

Hot Cross Bun Drive

Your child should have brought home a Hot Cross Bun form. This is a fundraiser for our school. Please ask family and friends if they would like to purchase any. Forms and money need to be returned to the office by the Close of Business Thursday 19th March. Hot Cross Buns will be delivered to the school on Thursday 26th March. Spare forms available from the office.



Family Picnic

Thank you to all families that attended the Family Picnic. It was a great way to start the year off. Everyone seemed to have a lot of fun.

Everything \$5

Second hand uniform is currently on sale from the General Office between the hours of 8.30-10.30 each morning and 2.30-4pm in the afternoon.



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.

WELCOME FOUNDATION



F/1 A



WELCOME FOUNDATION



F/1 B



Supporting Our Community



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

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'



Phoenix
P-12 COMMUNITY COLLEGE

About Us



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

Register Now



phoenix.vic.edu.au/opennight



THURSDAY 19 MARCH 2026

OPEN EVENING

AN ENVIRONMENT THAT INSPIRES

Discover and experience the exciting opportunities we offer at Mount Clear College - visit anytime between 4:30pm and 6:30pm.

- Explore our campus at your own pace - self guided tours
- Discover our diverse programs and unique extra-curriculum experiences
- Engage in hands-on learning experiences
- Experience our innovative Earth Ed STEM Centre & International Language Centre

EXPLORE

INNOVATE

ENGAGE



BELONGING, BEING, BECOMING

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN EXTEND!

CURIOUS TO KNOW WHAT THE KIDS HAVE
BEEN UP TO WITH EXTEND?

It's only the start of the new school term, and the children in Extend Before and After School Care are already enjoying so many fun and exciting activities!

Our children have been enjoying active outdoor play, from friendly basketball games to imaginative playground adventures!

We've been getting up to stamp painting with vegetables, encouraging children to learn about different types of healthy food whilst getting creative!



SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM!

What a summer with Extend!

Our Holiday Program was jam-packed with excitement! From thrill-seeking excursions to indoor play and creative workshops, the kids enjoyed the ultimate summer adventure!

If your school doesn't offer Holiday Care, Find your nearest location at extend.com.au

SCAN THE QR CODE
TO ENROL & BOOK NOW!



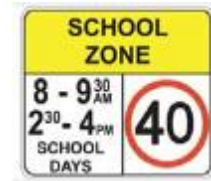
OR VISIT EXTEND.COM.AU

Enquiries 1300 366 437

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.



REMEMBER
ONCE A WEEK,
TAKE A PEEK



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.





Sentral e-resource

Registering on the Sentral for Parents App for the first time



Sentral for Parents App

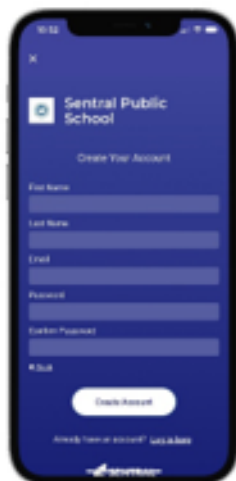
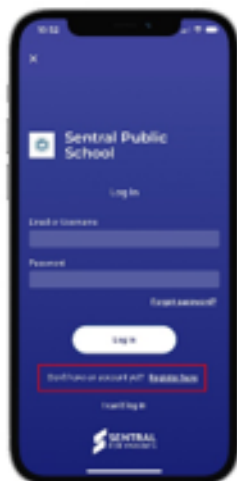
Step One: Download the Sentral for Parents app.



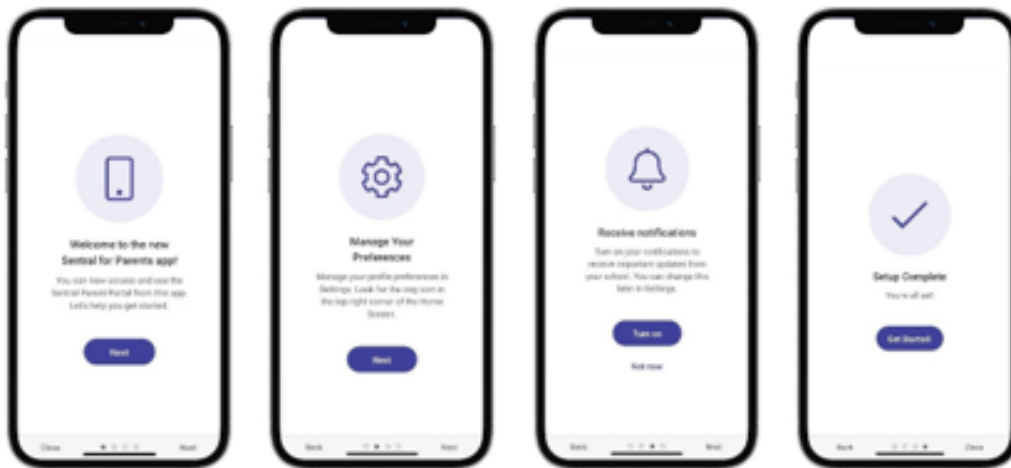
Step Two: Type in the school's name.



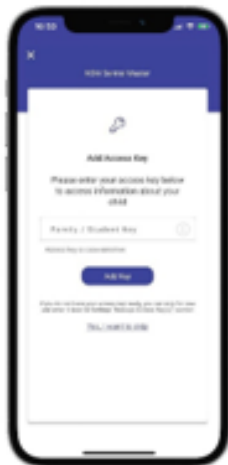
Step Three: Choose 'Register Here' from the bottom of the screen. Complete the details and choose 'Create Account'. You will receive a verification email which **MUST** be verified to continue. When the verification link is clicked it opens the log in screen in browser – close the browser and go back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