



<u>Upcoming Dates</u>	
Naplan	Friday 13 th March
Naplan	Monday 16 th March
Naplan	Tuesday 17 th March
Naplan	Wednesday 18 th March
Hot Cross Bun orders to be returned	Thursday 19 th March
Parent/Teacher Interviews (2.30pm – 4.30pm)	Tuesday 24 th March
Parent/Teacher Interviews (2.30pm – 4.30pm)	Thursday 26 th March
Hot Cross Bun order delivery	Thursday 26 th March
Last day of Term 1 (finish time 2.15pm)	Thursday 2 nd April
Good Friday Public Holiday	Friday 3 rd April
First day of Term 2	Monday 20 th April

Dear Families,

As we are heading quickly towards the Easter holidays I think it's a good time to reflect on what has been achieved in Term 1. Students have mostly settled into regular routines and we have a consistent and productive vibe going on across the school.

Recently we have added new teaching staff members in Jonah Connelly and Education Support staff in Bella Ness, Taliah Kelly, Caleb Smith and Sarah Tyrell. We will also have more new staff join us throughout the year while maintaining our existing team. The increase in human resources helps us in the day to day running of the school and is providing our students with great opportunities for learning.

This week we have begun NAPLAN. Well done for all students undertaking the assessment. Our staff have also done a great job supporting this process. We have completed Year 3 writing assessments however as you may have heard nationwide the Online writing one had some issues getting off the ground. We have more NAPLAN assessments to complete over the next two weeks.

On Tuesday we were students ourselves! We spent our curriculum day learning and bettering our knowledge by listening and collaborating with other educators about best practice in learning and wellbeing. We valued the day and thank our school council and community for supporting us to make the day possible.

On the 24th and 26th of March we have Parent Teacher Interviews planned for a 10 minute catch up with classroom teachers if you haven't had a formal meeting in 2026. A great chance to check in on how your student has settled into school in Term 1 and find out what has been achieved so far and also to work together to work on any pressing learning goals.

Thanks, have a great weekend everyone!

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

The Importance of Regular School Attendance

At Mt Pleasant, we prioritise regular school attendance. We will work with families to ensure students are in class with their peers and teachers and enjoying all the benefits that brings.

Attending school every day means experiencing what counts – the learning, friendship, fun and opportunities that can shape your child's future.

We understand that there are times when your child will need to miss school but to ensure minimal disruption to their education, please consider scheduling family holidays or medical/dental appointments outside of school time. If your child is well enough to attend but is worried about friendships, schoolwork or exams, please encourage them to come to school. Avoiding school can make these feelings worse and can create a negative pattern of behaviour.

If your child is having difficulty attending school, talk to their teacher or leadership about getting support.

We know that parents and carers can be juggling challenges daily to get your children to school. If your child must miss school, notify us as soon as possible so we can work together to support them.

Remember, Every Day Counts.

From Principal Mr Louis Franc

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.

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.



Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

Membership category	Term of office	Number of positions
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2026 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2028.	2

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of Mount Pleasant Primary School. Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4:00pm on 25/3/26. The ballot will close at 4:00pm on 2/4/26.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are above:

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

School council elections- Information for families

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad direction of a school, in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils, and the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*. In doing this, a school council may directly influence the quality of education for students.

Who is on the school council?

For most primary school councils, there are several possible categories of membership:

- ❖ **A mandated elected parent member category** –members of this category generally comprise more than one third of the council's total membership. Department employees can be parent members at their child's school

providing that they are not engaged in work at the school.

- ❖ **A mandated elected school employee member category** – members of this category make up no more than one-third of membership. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- ❖ **An optional community member category** – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experience. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.

A small number of school councils have nominee members.

For all schools with a Year 7 and above cohort, there is an additional category of membership:

- ❖ **A mandated elected student member category, two positions.**

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable skills and knowledge to the role, however, in order to successfully perform their duties, councillors may need to gain some new skills and knowledge.

It is important to have an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

Code of conduct for school councillors

School councils in Victoria are public entities as defined by the *Public Administration Act 2004*.

School councillors must comply with the Code of Conduct for Directors of Victorian Public Entities issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. The Code of Conduct is based on the Victorian public sector values and requires councillors to:

- ❖ **act with honesty and integrity** – be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declare any real, potential or perceived conflict of interest and duty
- ❖ **act in good faith in the best interests of the school** – work cooperatively with other councillors and the school community, be reasonable, and make all decisions with the

best interests of students foremost in their minds

- ❖ **act fairly and impartially** – consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision, seek to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act from self-interest
- ❖ **use information appropriately** – respect confidentiality and use information for the purpose for which it was made available
- ❖ **exercise due care, diligence and skill** – accept responsibility for decisions and do what is best for the school
- ❖ **use the position appropriately** – not use the position as a councillor to gain an advantage
- ❖ **act in a financially responsible manner** – observe all the above principles when making financial decisions
- ❖ **comply with relevant legislation and policies** – know what legislation and policies are relevant for which decisions and obey the law
- ❖ **demonstrate leadership and stewardship** – set a good example, encourage a culture of accountability, manage risks effectively, exercise care and responsibility to keep the school strong and sustainable.

Indemnity for school council members

School councillors are indemnified against any liability in respect of any loss or damage suffered by the council or any other person in respect of anything necessarily or reasonably done, or omitted to be done by the councillor in good faith in:

- ❖ the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a councillor, or
- ❖ the reasonable belief that the act or omission was in the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a council.

In other words, school councillors are not legally liable for any loss or damage suffered by council or others as a result of reasonable actions taken in good faith.

How can you become involved?

By participating in, and voting in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might consider:

- ❖ standing for election as a member of the school council
- ❖ encouraging another person to stand for election.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations in Term 1 of each year. Council elections must be completed by 31 March, unless varied by the Minister for Education.

If you stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or, you can nominate yourself in the parent member category. You can only be nominated by another member of the same category that you are eligible for (e.g. a member of the parent electorate may only nominate another parent of that electorate).

Department employees with a child enrolled at a school where they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for parent membership at that school. Return your completed nomination form to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post, email or by hand delivery. Generally, if there are more nominations than vacancies a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- ❖ Consider standing for election to school council.
- ❖ Ask the principal for instructions if you are not sure what to do.
- ❖ Be sure to vote if the election goes to ballot.
- ❖ Contact the principal if you are unsure about what is required at any stage of the election process.

Department of Education

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Get Active Kids Vouchers

Round 10 applications now open!

Victorian families can now apply for \$200 vouchers or reimbursements to help cover the costs of sport and active recreation for eligible children.



Round 10 closing date

10am on 2 April 2026, or earlier if the allocated budget is fully exhausted.

Voucher expiry date

29 April 2026.

Reimbursement period

Expenses incurred between **1 January 2026** and the **date of application submission**.

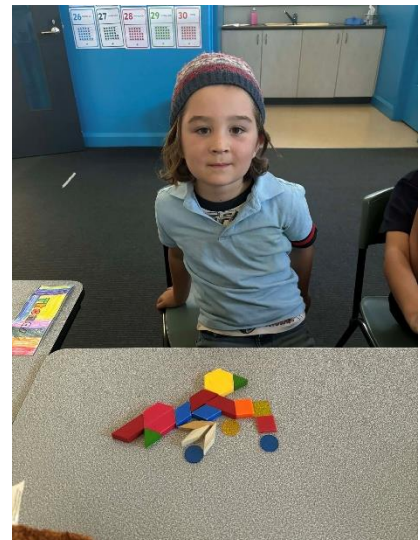
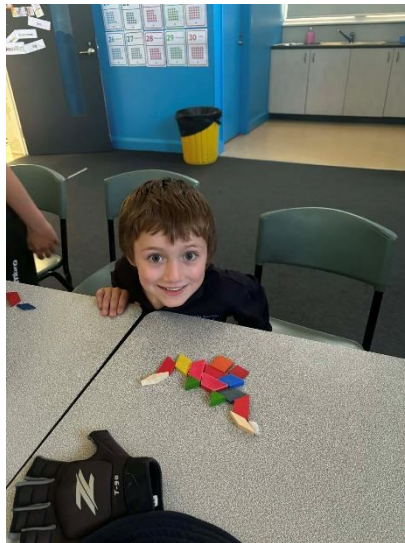
Year 2/3B – Miss Burza

This term, students in 2/3B have been working hard on developing their narrative writing skills. We have been focusing on using the correct narrative structure and incorporating Tier 2 vocabulary to make our writing more descriptive and engaging. As part of this learning, the class has thoroughly enjoyed reading *Charlotte's Web*, using the story as inspiration to explore how authors create interesting characters and engaging plots.

In Numeracy, students have been building their understanding of place value. Year 2 students have been working with numbers up to 1,000, while Year 3 students have been exploring numbers up to 10,000. We have also been learning how to organise information by creating data tables to represent data sets collected both individually and as a class.

Students have particularly enjoyed participating in hands-on maths games, which support their mathematical thinking while also encouraging teamwork and collaboration. It has been wonderful to see students continuing to develop their social skills and demonstrate kindness, respect and compassion towards one another in the classroom.

We also enjoyed having a picnic lunch with F/1A, where students had the opportunity to model and demonstrate how we have lunch at school. It was a lovely chance to connect with younger students and show leadership while practising our school values.



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.



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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.



Students of the Week



Congratulations to the following students for being recognised for their achievements in our school with our Student of the Week. Continue being your best!

Term 1 Week 5 (above)

Dylan, Sienna, Tilly, Nelson, Eve, Titus, Sanaya

Term 1, Week 6 (below)

Makayla, Rico, Charlie, Bayley, Tilley, Abbey May, Dotty, Mirha, Logan



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.

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Email: admin@phoenixbasketball.org

Bounce into Basketball

- Join our Under 8's and become part of the Phoenix community
- For girls & boys born 2019-2021
- FREE club fees & starter pack
- Fun, friends & first hoops

Supporting Our Community



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



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

DRAGONS

BASKETBALL

2026 WINTER REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN.

DON'T MISS OUT!

JOIN NOW!




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BOOK FOR THE REMAINDER OF TERM 1 WITH EXTEND!

BELONGING



The children contributed to a community service board by sharing the different languages they speak by expressing how they say "hello" in their language.

MULTILINGUAL "HELLO" POSTER

BEING



Children collected natural materials and used magnifying glasses to investigate their findings. They were thrilled to discover a tiny bug hiding in the leaves, inspiring them to create a small bug farm to care for it.

SENSORY BIN

BECOMING



It has been wonderful to see the children engage in the All About Us activity, discovering each other's interests and hobbies. We've also been delighted by the effort and creativity shown in their work!

ALL ABOUT US



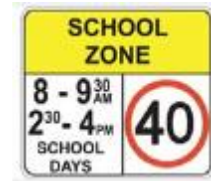
BOOK FOR THE REMAINDER OF TERM 1 TODAY
SCAN THE QR CODE TO ENROL & BOOK NOW!



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

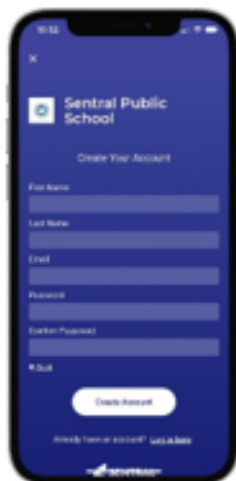
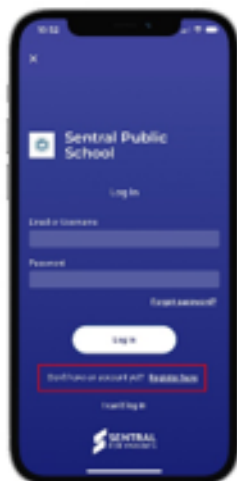
Step One: Download the Sentral for Parents app.



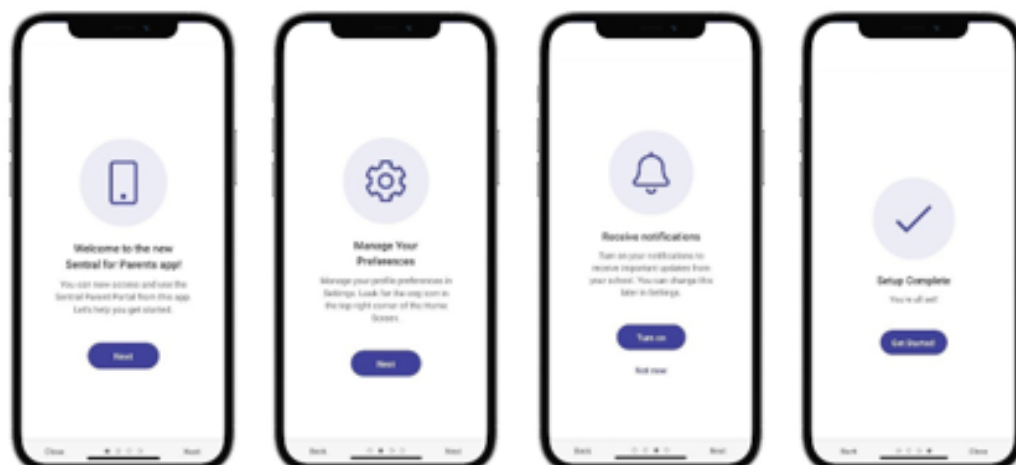
Step Two: Type in the school's name.



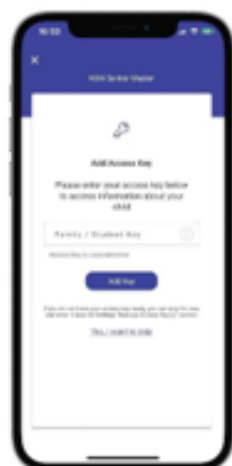
Step Three: Choose 'Register Here' from the bottom of the screen. Complete the details and choose 'Create Account'. You will receive a verification email which **MUST** be verified to continue. When the verification link is clicked it opens the log in screen in browser – close the browser and go back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