



Newsletter Number 5

26th March 2026

Upcoming Dates

Parent/Teacher Interviews (2.30pm – 4.30pm)
 Hot Cross Bun order delivery
 Parent/Teacher Interviews (3.30pm – 4.30pm)
 Last day of Term 1 (finish time 2.15pm)
 Good Friday Public Holiday
 First day of Term 2

Thursday 26th March
 Thursday 26th March
 Tuesday 31st March
 Thursday 2nd April
 Friday 3rd April
 Monday 20th April

Hello MPPS Families,

It's hard to believe we are nearing Term 1 holidays. Our final day of term is next Thursday where we will finish at 2.15pm. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our school community for a smooth start to the year. The partnership between home and school is really important and I see a consistent strong partnership at Mount Pleasant Primary School. It is important we also recognise our Teaching, Education Support Staff and Office Staff for all the fantastic work they do going above and beyond for our students. I hope everyone takes the time to enjoy some quality family time, enjoy a hot cross bun with butter or some delicious chocolate!

On the final day of term, we farewell Sally Ives who has picked up an Outreach Coach position through the Ballarat Specialist School recently. Sally has worked at Mount Pleasant Primary School for around nine months and has had an amazing impact developing relationships and providing support for students across the school. Sally has also provided many professional learning opportunities for staff and has led from the front in role modelling her leadership skills. We wish Sally all the best in her next venture and hope we still cross paths in her new role. We will be appointing a new Assistant Principal to start early in Term 2.

At school Council recently Samantha McKay our School Council President also indicated her intention to step down as President. Sam has worked for several years as a School Council member and President. Her dedication and passion for this role has been much appreciated by our school community and we now see the rewards for her hard work over the years. Sam has still indicated that she is keen to help out around the school where possible to support School Council, fundraisers and building community connections.

This week we have communicated to students their house name and colour. We are trying to build some house spirit and culture in the lead up to our Athletics Sports day on Friday, May 9th. We look forward to inviting families along to support on the day.

Thanks, wishing you all a happy and safe upcoming holidays. We will be returning to school on Monday, April 20th.

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

Hot Cross Bun Orders

Thank you to the families/staff that purchased Hot Cross Buns as our fundraiser. Hot cross buns will be sent home today.

Well done to everyone!

Kylie—Office

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.

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

[Apply For Vouchers | Get Active Victoria](#)

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**.

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)

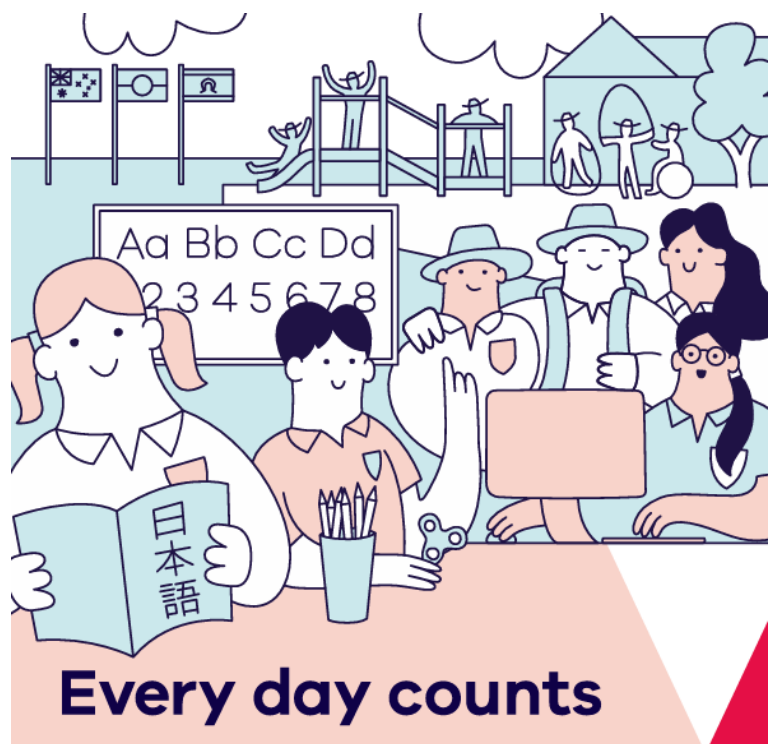
12.50pm Formal class learning

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.



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.

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 you best!



Term 1 Week 7 (above)

Axziana, Isabelle, Levi, Ruben, Abel, Noah S, Ayl: Ruby, Tilley

Term 1, Week 8 (below)

Felix, Leela, Dotty, Elly, Niamh, Archie, Logan



Join the OSHC family and book now at extend.com.au

EXTEND UPDATE FROM TALIAH Mount Pleasant Primary School

Upcoming Activities in week 8:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Balancing challenges	Jumbo tenpin competition	Trivia night and Elly's talent quest	Cardboard creative freedom	Baking cocoa balls

The Extend Superstar is Axziana

For settling well into After School Care and showing an inquisitive and 'have a go' attitude when trying new activities.

What's Been Happening?

We have had an excellent start to 2026. We have had some new families join our OSHC program and the return of many families. We have been having fun in the sun, lots of imaginative play and crafty nights.



Reach out to Taliah by emailing mtpleasant@extend.com.au to find out more about our service.

Supporting Our Community

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

PAINT YOUR OWN POTTERY SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY APRIL THE 8TH
10:30AM & 2:30PM

THURSDAY APRIL THE 9TH
11:30AM & 3:30PM

FRIDAY APRIL THE 10TH
1:30PM & 5:30PM

SATURDAY APRIL THE 11TH
10:30AM & 2:30PM

FRIDAY APRIL THE 17TH
1:30PM & 5:30PM

SATURDAY APRIL THE 18TH
10:30AM & 2:30PM

USE CODE SCHOOL10 FOR 10% OFF

In one fun-filled day, kids will learn and play footy in a safe, inclusive environment. They'll pick up new skills, play mini-games and get creative with designing a footy or uniform. Plus have a footy goodie bag to take home.

nab AFL Auskick
4-7 YEAR OLDS

Our youngest players learn footy through fun, age-appropriate games that build skills, confidence and teamwork, led by NAB AFL Auskick coaches.

AFL Superkick
7-12 YEAR OLDS

Older kids level up their footy skills through modified game play and challenging activities that build teamwork, leadership and lasting memories in a fun, energetic day.

**Kids can join NAB AFL Auskick if they are turning 5 in the calendar year (before 30th June in WA).*

BALLARAT SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

BALLARAT NORTH SESSION
TUES APRIL 7 | 9AM-3PM
C.E. BROWN RESERVE

BALLARAT SOUTH SESSION
TUES APRIL 14 | 9AM-3PM
MT CLEAR REC RESERVE

DRAGONS

BASKETBALL

2026 WINTER REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN.

DON'T MISS OUT!

JOIN NOW!

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YOUTH FOUNDATION

CITY HOLIDAY CAMP

City Camp
7 - 10 April, 2026
Urban Camp

Activities
St. Kilda Penguins & Melbourne Zoo
Comedy & Arcade
Eureka Skydeck & Movies

Transport
Doxa Support Train Transport
Bendigo, Ballarat, Geelong & Pakenham

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*Scan QR Code for Application Form

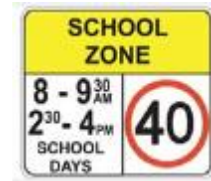
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PARKING, TRAFFIC AND SCHOOL CROSSING INSPECTIONS

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

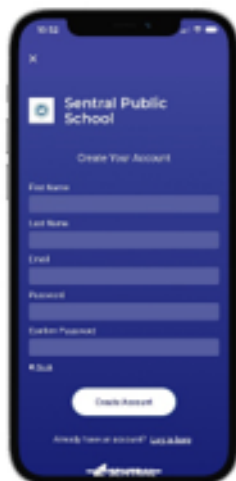
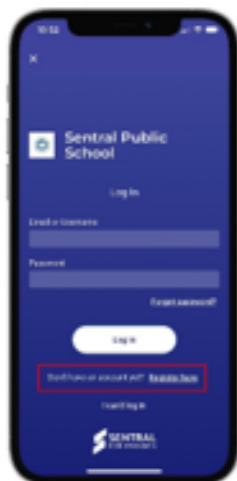
Step One: Download the Sentral for Parents app.



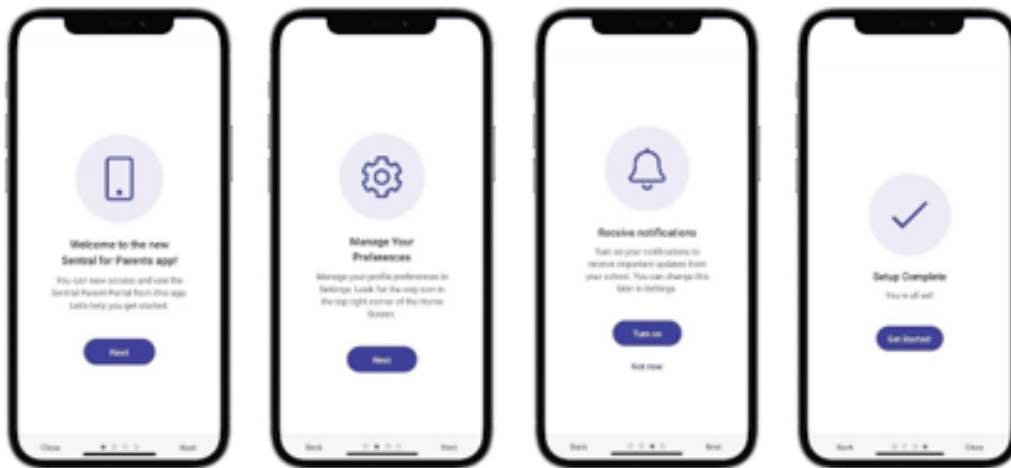
Step Two: Type in the school's name.



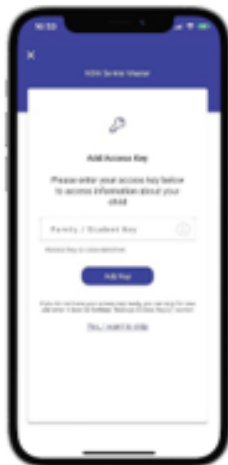
Step Three: Choose 'Register Here' from the bottom of the screen. Complete the details and choose 'Create Account'. You will receive a verification email which **MUST** be verified to continue. When the verification link is clicked it opens the log in screen in browser – close the browser and go back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