



Newsletter Number 7 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026

<u>Upcoming Dates</u>	
Mothers Day/Special Persons Stall	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May
Athletics Carnival	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May
GRIP Leadership Conference (selected students)	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May
Curriculum Day – No students at school	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 4/5/6 Sovereign Hill Excursion	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May

Dear Families,

Today we had our annual Mothers Day stall. A massive thank you to Kylie and Janine in the office for organising this important opportunity for our students. It's important this Sunday we recognise all the beautiful mums, nans, aunties and other key female role models that play such an important role for our students, families, staff and community.

Tomorrow we look forward to our House Athletics Sports. A massive thanks must go to our Physical Education teacher Kayla Bond. We are hoping students get into the spirit and dress up in house colours and enjoy the day. We know it will be cold and there will be possible showers so it's important students are dressed to keep warm. A raincoat could be a good idea. It is impossible to re-schedule these days due to Llanberris Athletic Reserve availability. We will show our school value of resilience and give the day a red hot go.

Congratulations to recently elected School Council members. Sarah Warner (President) and Melanie McGregor (Vice-President) will lead our committee in 2026 and will be supported by Courtney Ramage, Alex Venesjarvi and Claudia Harris.

A reminder that we have an upcoming Curriculum Day (Student Free) on Tuesday, May 19th. The day is to be led by Author and behaviour management expert Glen Pearsall. This should provide us and Sebastopol Primary School with a great day of learning.

Our Year Two and Three's are eagerly awaiting their day trip/camp at Cave Hill Creek Camp near Beaufort. This should provide a great day of teambuilding, socialising and relationship building for our students and staff.

Next week we look forward to welcoming our new Assistant Principal Jarrod Rodgers. Jarrod will start on Thursday and will be looking forward to meeting you all.

Thanks for your support on a great start to Term 2.

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.

## 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.

## 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 2 Week 2 (above)

Bella, Noah, Dotty, Jemma, Oliver, Jackson

If your child has come home in clothing from school due to an accident or wet weather, could you kindly return this washed, so that we can reuse them. Currently our cupboard is bare, so if your child requires clothing, you may be called to drop some off.

If by chance you have any navy tracksuit pants, in excellent condition, that you no longer require and would like to donate to the wet weather cupboard, it would be very much appreciated.

## Mount Pleasant Primary School Kids Coat Swap

With winter fast approaching we wanted to offer our families an opportunity to sort through last year's coats (as no doubt the kids will have grown!) and see whether you can swap for a bigger coat.

Starting from Monday 27th April there will be a collection box in reception for your outgrown and unwanted kids coats. A rail will be hanging in reception with the donated coats and any family is welcome to take what they need. The coat swap is free to participate in, you do not need to donate a coat to take a coat.

We ask that all items be clean with no major damage.

Thank you in anticipation of your kind donations and for your support for our school community and children.

Please note all children must be accompanied by their parent/family member/carer to participate.

**MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**KIDS COAT SWAP**

LOCATED AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

- SAVE MONEY
- REDUCE WASTE
- SUPPORT FAMILIES
- SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY

**DONATE YOUR UNWANTED COATS AND SWAP FOR A NEW ONE**

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr C on graduating this week with a Bachelor of Education.



## 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:

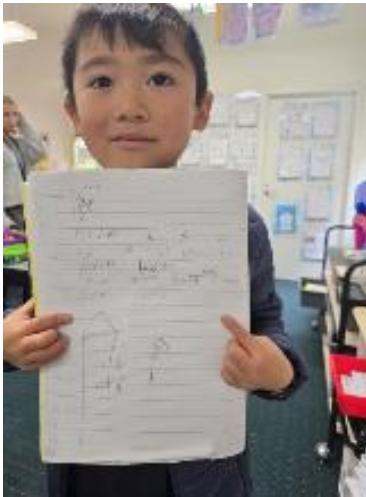
Courtney, Claudia, Sarah, Mr Franc, Mrs Ives, Kylie and Janine.

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!

## Foundation / Year 1

Our Foundation and Year 1 students have made a strong and positive start to Week 3, continuing to build consistent learning routines and demonstrating high levels of engagement across all areas of the curriculum.

In Literacy, students have been actively participating in our Phonics Plus program. They are developing confidence in recognising letter-sound relationships, blending and segmenting words, and beginning to apply these skills in their reading and writing. It has been pleasing to see students showing persistence and a willingness to have a go.



Students have also been exploring the structure of fairy tales, identifying key elements such as the beginning, middle and end. A particular focus has been on understanding how character traits are revealed through a character's actions, with students discussing and making connections to texts studied in class.

Targeted learning groups, introduced in Week 2, have continued this week across the cohort. Students have responded extremely well to these groupings, which allow for more personalised support and extension. Engagement across all groups has remained very high, with students demonstrating increased confidence, independence and enthusiasm for learning.

We are very proud of the way our students are consistently demonstrating our school values of **Respect, Responsibility and Resilience** in their learning and interactions each day.

We look forward to continuing this positive momentum in the weeks ahead

## . 5/6 Class Dance

The Year Five and Six students did a dance workshop at the school, run by Kyle from Kinect2Dance. Everyone had an amazing time learning the steps and moves. The music got everyone moving to the beat, almost everyone got the hang of it straight away. The dance instructor really got our blood pumping, legs moving and faces sweating.

As we were dancing, I saw everyone having a great time and letting loose, even the shy people were having a shot, participating and enjoying themselves. Dancing at school was one of the best things I did at school, everyone was included.

Samantha Deng 22/4/26



# **Mount Pleasant Primary School Athletics Day is Almost Here!**

We're excited for our upcoming **Primary School Athletics Day** on **Friday 8th May**, kicking off at **9:15am** at **Llanberis Athletics Reserve!**

Please see the following information about the day!

Here are the finishing times for each age group:

## ★ **Foundation – Grade 2**

Events finish at **12:30pm**

Students will return to school by **1:00pm**

## ★ **Grade 3 – 6**

Events finish at **2:30pm**

Students will return to school by **2:40pm**

## **Dress in Your House Colours!**

Students are encouraged to show their team spirit by wearing a **t-shirt, jumper or hair accessory** in their house colours.

Please note: **face paint, coloured hairspray, streamers and other accessories are not allowed.**

## **Families Welcome!**

We would love to see families there cheering on our students! To help the day run smoothly, we kindly ask that **all** spectators remain in the **allocated viewing areas** shown on the map below. This helps keep competition zones clear and safe for students.

## **Canteen Open on the Day**

The canteen will be open for families to purchase **coffee, lunch and snacks** throughout the day.

Students are welcome to bring money, but please note they will only be able to visit the canteen during their **assigned lunch break**, and **after eating their packed lunch**. Students may purchase **snacks or drinks only**.

## **Taking Your Child Home**

At the conclusion of events, families are welcome to take their child home directly from the venue. Please ensure you see your child's **classroom teacher** to **sign them out on the roll** before leaving.

We can't wait for a fun-filled day of participation, encouragement and house spirit!   

*Kayla Bond*  
*PE Teacher*

## Detailed Senior Timetable

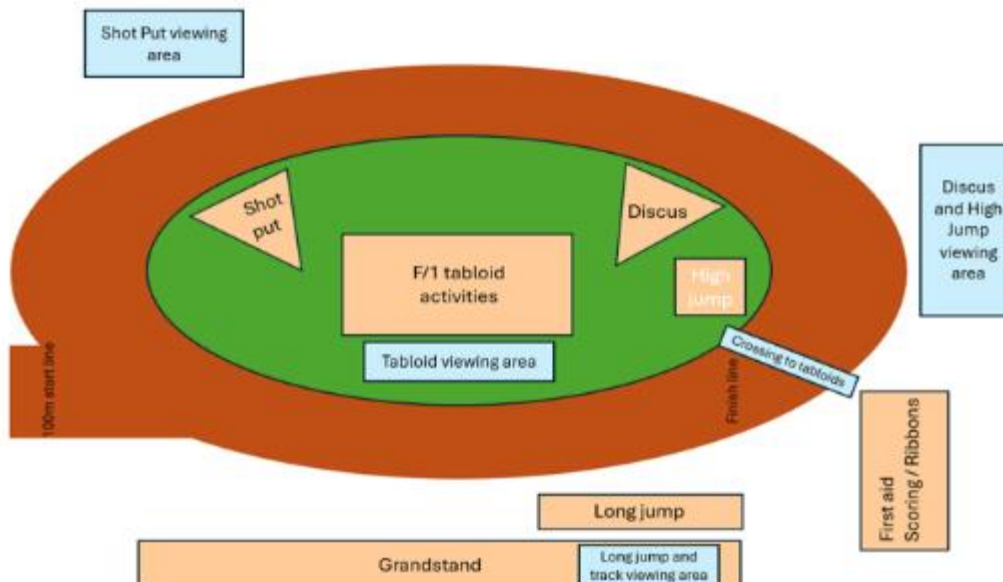
	<u>9 year old girls</u>	<u>9 year old boys</u>	<u>10 year olds</u>	<u>11 year olds</u>	<u>12/13 year olds</u>
	11	9	9	14	14
9:05	Depart School				
9:15	ARRIVE				
9:15	400m - optional event		then	GR 6 VS teacher relay	
9:30	Shot put	Discus	High jump	Long jump	FRUIT BREAK
10:00	FRUIT BREAK				Long Jump
10:30	100m	100m	100m	100m - optional 800m	100m - optional 800m
11:00	High jump	Shot put	Long jump	Discus	Relay
11:30	SNACK BREAK	SNACK BREAK	SNACK BREAK	SNACK BREAK	SNACK BREAK
12:00	Long jump	High jump	Discus	Hurdles	Hurdles
12:30	Hurdles	Hurdles	Hurdles	High jump	Shot put
1:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1:30	Discus	Long jump	Shot put	Relay	High jump
2:00	Pack up / buffer time for events	Pack up / buffer time for events	Pack up / buffer time for events	Shot put	Discus
2:30	DEPART	DEPART	DEPART	DEPART	DEPART
2:40	Return School	Return School	Return School	Return School	Return School

## Timetable for Sports Day

### Detailed Junior Timetable

	<b>Foundation</b>	<b>Year 1 Girls</b>	<b>Year 1 Boys</b>	<b>Year 2 Girls</b>	<b>Year 2 Boys</b>
	14	11	12	7	10
9:05	Depart School				
9:15	ARRIVE				
9:15	Spectate - 400m and Gr 6 VS Teacher relay				
9:30	60m	80m	80m	100m	100m
	FRUIT BREAK straight after their race				
10:00	Rob The Nest	Egg and Spoon race	<u>3 Legged</u> race	High Jump	Discus
10:20	<u>3 Legged</u> race	Rob The Nest	Egg and Spoon race	Discus	Shot Put
10:40	Egg and Spoon race	<u>3 Legged</u> race	Rob The Nest	Long Jump	High Jump
11:00	SNACK BREAK	SNACK BREAK	SNACK BREAK	SNACK BREAK	SNACK BREAK
11:30	Ring toss	Sack race	Sack race	Hurdles	Long Jump
12:00	Sack race	Ring toss	Ring toss	Shot put	Hurdles
12:30	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
12:50	DEPART	DEPART	DEPART	DEPART	DEPART
1:00	Return School	Return School	Return School	Return School	Return School

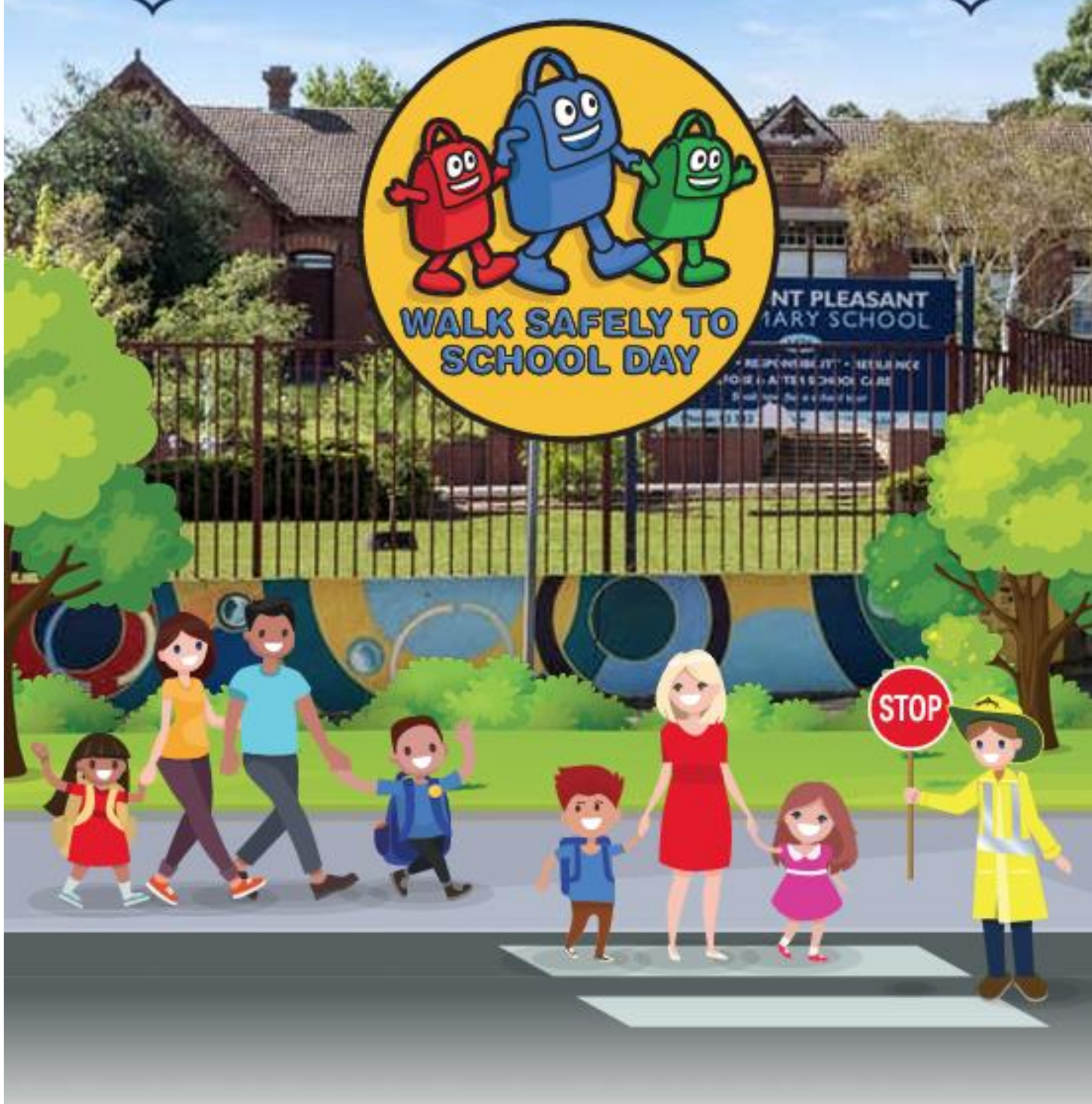
## Llanberis Map of Events








**FRIDAY 22 MAY 2026**

**Leaving at 8:20am**



 **National Road Safety Week 2026**  
17-24 May

 @nationalwalksafelytoschoolday  @natwalktoschool  @natwalktoschool #WSTSD

**WALK.COM.AU**

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For more details see below...



# Walk To School Day

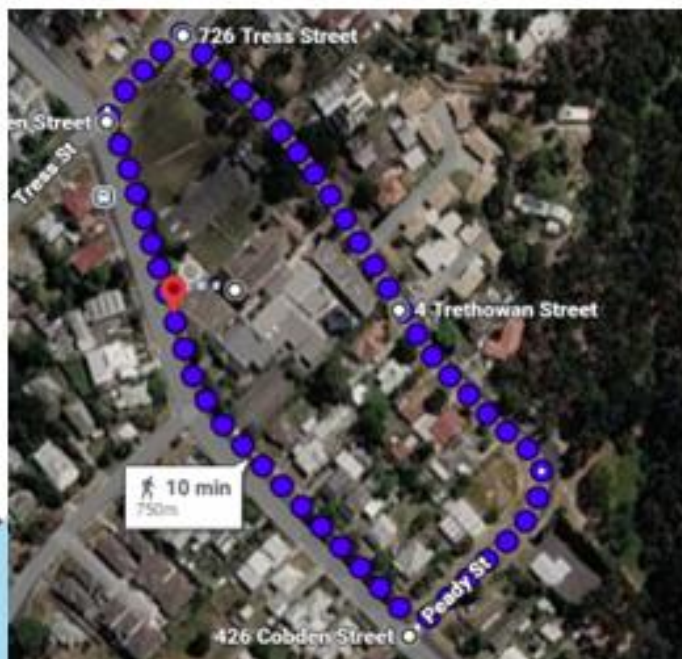
Come and join us at the front of the school on Friday May 22nd at 8:20 am for a nice morning walk before starting the day!

We will be doing a small 750m loop around the school to get our bodies moving and make a positive start to our morning.

Parents and carers are invited to come along and enjoy the walk with us.

Can't wait to see you all there.

Any questions, please reach out to Mr Rodgers at [Jarrod.Rodgers@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Jarrod.Rodgers@education.vic.gov.au)



# Supporting Our Community

## Dadfit - Ballarat

# Hey dad!

There's a team for legends like you!



"It's just great to be able to connect with other dads and know I am not alone"

— Mohammed, Dad of three

"Feels like I'm improving my life, and my family's, a little every week."

— Tim, dad of two



**Where?** Buninyong Primary School

**Date?** Starting 5th May 2026

**Time?** 7pm - 9pm :  
5 Tuesdays in a row

### What to expect in the program?



#### Dad workouts

Fun, full-body, suitable for all fitness levels



#### Dad chats

Catch up about issues facing dads, including parenting, relationships, health and wellbeing



#### Dad challenges

Dads supporting dads to try out new ideas



Your Facilitator - Jonathan

Local Dad of 3, Dadfit Alumni and CFA Volunteer

### What's Dadfit all about?

Dadfit is a FREE 5-week program to help you be the best dad you can be.

- Get active
- Connect with other dads
- Share experiences
- Be part of a community of dads

## JOIN OUR LOCAL walking group

**9:30am-10:30am Tuesdays during school term**  
**Meet outside the cafe at Barkly Square**

Walking Specimen Vale Creek to the Eureka Centre return.  
Toilets and baby change facilities at start/finish and halfway point.  
Pram friendly path - relatively flat.

<https://www.ballarateastnh.org.au/classes/activities>

### Dadfit is coming to Ballarat - Buninyong

Dadfit is coming to Buninyong, kicking off a 5-week program at Buninyong Primary, starting Tuesday 5th May.

Dadfit is a FREE community program to help dads get active, connect with other local dads, and share experiences.

The Dadfit groups meet weekly from 7-9pm and will run for five weeks, for more information and to

sign up, please go to [www.dadfit.au/sign-up](http://www.dadfit.au/sign-up)

If you have any questions, you can contact Tom - [tomruijs@dadfit.au](mailto:tomruijs@dadfit.au)

## EUREKA NETBALL CLUB 2026 JUNIOR WINTER COMPETITION

Build your skills, make friends & have fun with the Burgundy & White this season!



### JUNIOR PLAYERS NEEDED!

- u9, u11, u13, u15
- Uniforms available to purchase

Contact Eureka Netball Club via Facebook or [netballeureka@gmail.com](mailto:netballeureka@gmail.com)

- Competition starts Saturday 2nd May
- Games every Saturday between 9:00am and 2:00pm
- Weekly training on Monday evenings
- All games and training **INDOORS** at Llanberris

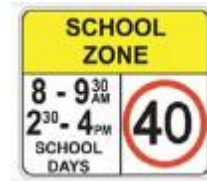


**EUREKA NETBALL CLUB**  
Burgundy & White since 1981

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.extend.com.au) or phone 1300 366 437 to book.

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## Every day counts

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# Sentral e-resource

## Registering on the Sentral for Parents App for the first time



### Sentral for Parents App

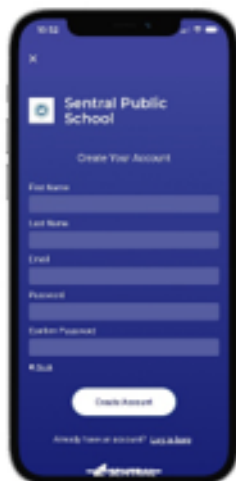
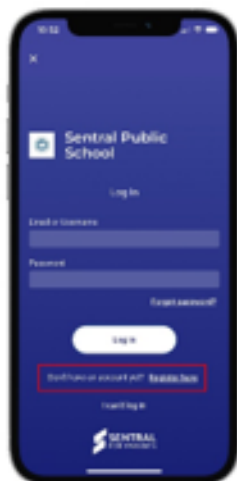
**Step One:** Download the Sentral for Parents app.



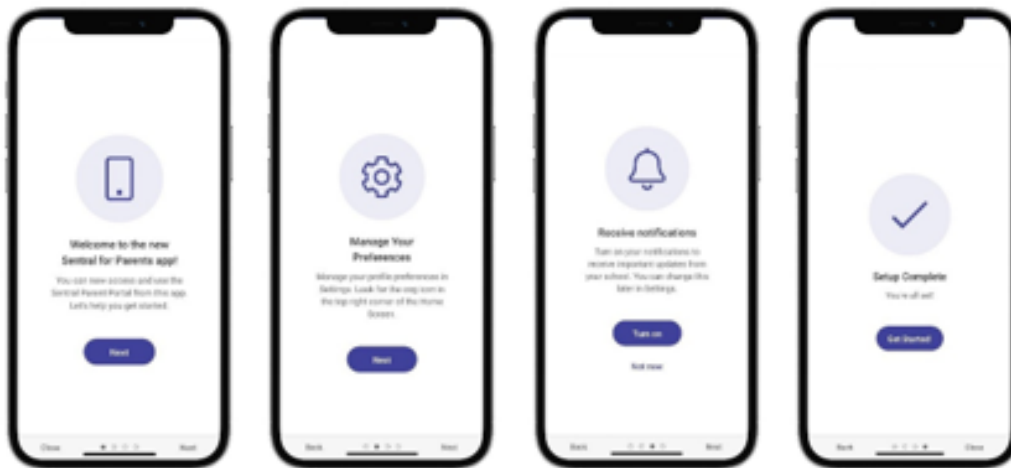
**Step Two:** Type in the school's name.



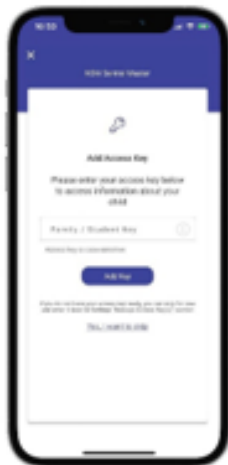
**Step Three:** Choose 'Register Here' from the bottom of the screen. Complete the details and choose 'Create Account'. You will receive a verification email which **MUST** be verified to continue. When the verification link is clicked it opens the log in screen in browser – close the browser and go 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 2 2026 Parent Planner

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	April 20	April 21	April 22	April 23	April 24
Week 2	April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30	May 1
Week 3	May 4	May 5	May 6	May 7 Mother's Day/Special Person Stall	May 8 Athletics Carnival
Week 4	May 11	May 12	May 13 GRIP Leadership Conference (Selected students)	May 14	May 15
Week 5	May 18	May 19 Curriculum Day – No school for students	May 20 Year 4/5/6 Sovereign Hill Excursion	May 21	May 22
Week 6	May 25	May 26	May 27	May 28 Year 2/3 Cave Hill Day Camp	May 29 School Photos
Week 7	June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4	June 5
Week 8	June 8 Public Holiday – Kings Birthday	June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12
Week 9	June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18	June 19
Week 10	June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26 Last day of school 2.15pm finish (Term 3 resumes on Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July)

Public Holiday	Student Free Day
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