



Newsletter Number 8

21st May 2026

Upcoming Dates

Year 2/3 Cave Hill Creek Day Camp 8.30am leave
School Photos
Kings Birthday Public Holiday – No students at school

Thursday 28th May
Friday 29th May
Monday 8th June

Hi MPPS Families,

It's been a big week at school! For the staff we had a big day of learning at our curriculum day Tuesday. It has been great to see teachers implementing new management strategies learnt already in their classrooms.

Our senior school had a great excursion to Sovereign Hill on Wednesday. Both staff and students showed great resilience on the day braving the damp conditions and walking very long distances. I think the blacksmith demonstration was a favourite for everyone.

Next week our Year 2/3 students head to Cave Hill Creek for an Adventure Camp. This will be a great team building experience for our staff and students. I have been lucky enough to go to Cave Hill Creek several times and enjoyed it every time. The food is amazing!!

In staffing news, it has been great to have Mr Rodgers join us as Assistant Principal. He has hit the ground running building relationships with staff and students. Mr Rodgers has also started some great things around the school focusing on 'line ups' and rewarding our students of the week. We also have Rex Fleming who has joined us in an Education Support staff role on a Thursday and Friday. Welcome Rex!

We have been lucky enough to have Josh Partington join us for the past seven weeks in 2/3B with Miss Burza. Josh has done a great job building relationships with students and staff. He is a talented teacher who we hope to work again with in the future.

The term is flying by and we are up to Week 6 next week. Remember how important it is that our students are attending consistently and please communicate with the office if your student/s need to be away due to illness.

Thanks for your continued support.

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 4 (above)

Elijah, Harvey, Matty, Elliot, Samantha, Beau, Ruben, Wolfie, Isabelle, Melanie

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.



The poster features the school crest in a circular frame at the top left, showing two children standing in front of the school building. The main title 'KIDS COAT SWAP' is in large white letters on a dark blue background. Below it, a blue button says 'LOCATED AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE'. Further down, four icons with text boxes list the benefits: 'SAVE MONEY', 'REDUCE WASTE', 'SUPPORT FAMILIES', and 'SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY'. At the bottom, a large blue button reads 'DONATE YOUR UNWANTED COATS AND SWAP FOR A NEW ONE'. A cartoon illustration of a smiling boy in a yellow raincoat is on the right side.

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

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.



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!

Wellbeing News

I wanted to write a small section in this fortnight's newsletter to introduce myself to our wonderful school community. My name is Jarrod (or to the kids, Mr. Rodgers), and I have recently started as the school's Assistant Principal. I've had a long journey in education and most recently worked at Buninyong Primary School as their Disability and Inclusion Coordinator.



While I've only been here for a week, I've absolutely loved meeting everyone. It is already clear that we have a fantastic school community focused on achieving the best possible outcomes for our students. As you see me popping around the school, please make sure you say hello! It will take me a little while to remember everyone's name, but I'll do my best.

I look forward to working with you all to continue building a positive, vibrant culture. I am a strong advocate for ensuring that schools are not only a safe place to come to each day, but that they are also places of fun, connection, and belonging.

Please remember that should you or your child have any wellbeing concerns while at Mount Pleasant, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at Jarrod.Rodgers@education.vic.gov.au My door is always open to the community - whether you want to pop in for a chat or give me a quick phone call, I'm always happy to see how I can support you.

Walk to School Day

Don't forget that this Friday we are trialling something new at MPPS with a morning walk scheduled at 8:20am. We will be looking at going for a quick 750m stroll around our school grounds to stretch our legs and get and our bodies moving for the morning.

We are inviting all students, parents, grandparents...pretty much anyone, who would like to come along for a nice way to kick start our Friday. There's no better feeling than starting the day with some movement.

Lining Up Focus

This week we set a bit of a **school wide focus** on lining up! The kids were challenged within their classrooms to get into their classroom line up spot as



quickly as possible after the bell, with points being given to the class that were standing responsibly and listening to their teachers respectfully. The kids absolutely smashed this focus- and we saw a real sense of class pride with how each class went about organising themselves.

FREE ADHD & Me Parenting Program

If you are wanting to learn a little more about how to support your child/ren with ADHD then look no further! This is a program I had set up in my time at Buninyong but there are still **lots of spots on**

In this 2h workshop, the centre for Perinatal Health and Parenting will focus on empowering parents to explore all things ADHD! The session will cover:

- What does an ADHD diagnosis mean for my child?
- What techniques can I use to support ADHD sensory needs and behaviours in the home?

A space is provided for Q&A for any specific questions you might have about neurodiversity.

Group Information

Date: 2nd June, 2026

Time: 10am-12pm

Cost: Free

Location: Buninyong Primary School –

202 Simpson Street, Buninyong, VIC



To register use the QR Code provided:

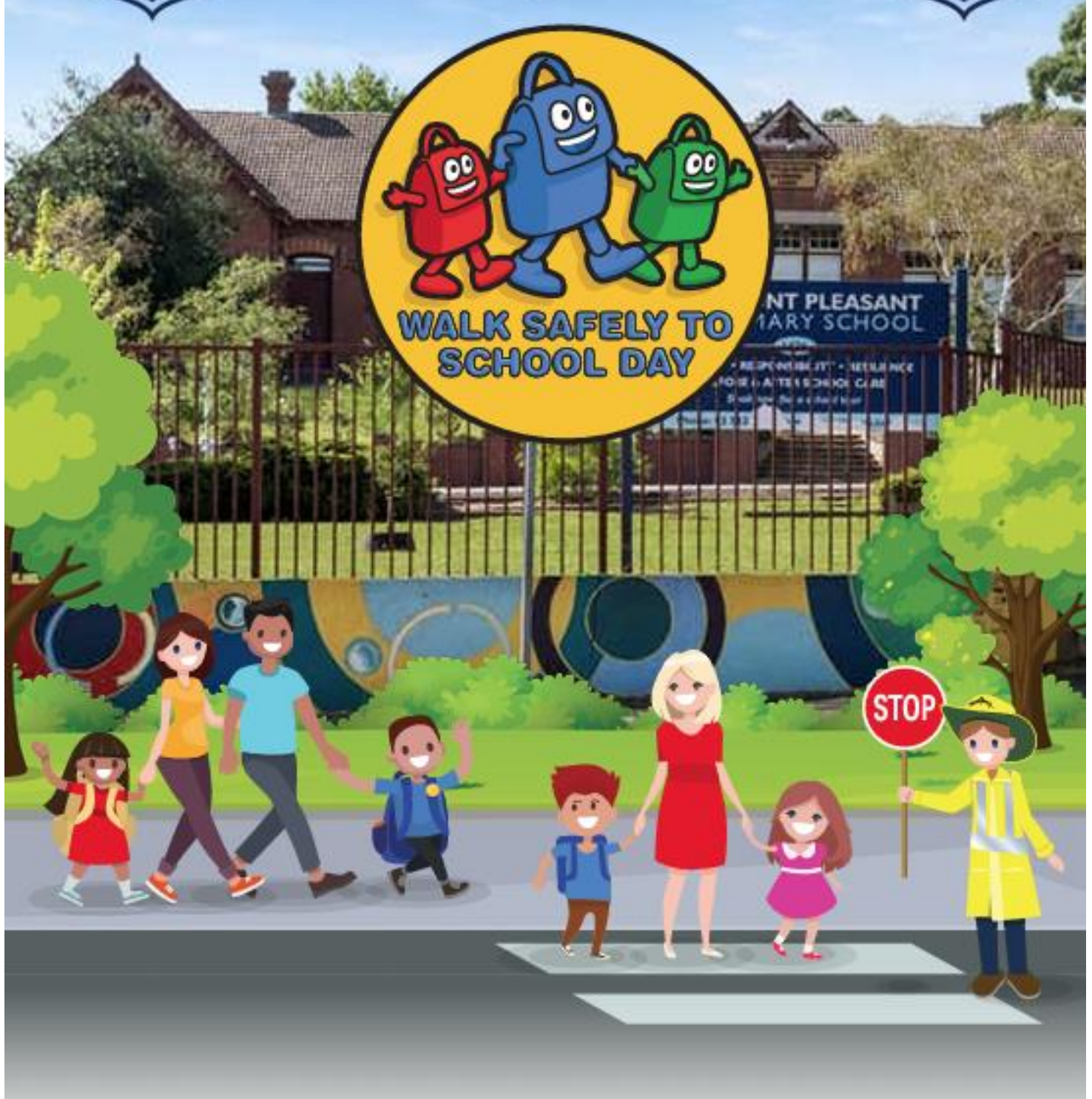
For Referral use the QR code provided, or further information contact the Early Help Team on family.support@cafs.or.au or 1800 692 237





FRIDAY 22 MAY 2026

Leaving at 8:20am



@nationalwalksafelytoschoolday



@natwalktoschool



@natwalktoschool

#WSTSD

WALK.COM.AU



For more details see below...

Mount Pleasant Athletics Day

On Friday May 8th, our students headed to Llanberis Athletics Reserve for our whole school Athletics Day. Despite cold, wet, and challenging weather conditions, it was a fantastic day filled with energy, determination, and school spirit.

Our students did a wonderful job throughout the day. They approached each event with enthusiasm and gave their best effort, showing great pride in their participation. It was especially pleasing to see every student modelling our school values of respect, resilience, and responsibility; whether they were competing, supporting their peers, or simply giving something new a go.

Throughout the day, students took part in a variety of events including sprints, discus, shot put, long jump, and longer distance races. Our junior students also enjoyed a range of fun novelty events, which brought plenty of smiles and laughter to the day.

We would like to extend a sincere and heartfelt thank you to all of our families who came along to support. Braving the cold and wet weather to cheer on the students did not go unnoticed. Your encouragement, positivity, and presence made a real difference and helped create such a supportive and uplifting atmosphere for everyone involved.

Congratulations to all students for their efforts, and a special mention to Crouch House, who were the overall winners on the day with 167 points!

Mrs Kayla Bond – PE Teacher



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

SCAN ME!



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



READY FOR A JAM PACKED ADVENTURE IN TERM 2 WITH EXTEND!

A LOOK AT OUR FIRST FEW WEEKS OF TERM 2 WITH EXTEND!



The first few weeks of Term 2 at Extend have been full of fun, energy and laughter!

There's been lots of excitement as the children reconnect, share holiday stories and settle back into routines.

It's been a fantastic start to Term 2!

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

The children in Extend Before and After School Care have been engaging in a variety of fun, play-based experiences including crafts, cooking and science experiments! You may have noticed the children participating in creative Mother's Day activities, as well as Earth World Day!

ENROL & BOOK NOW FOR TERM 2!

We're back for another Term ready and here to support you with flexible care options!

Plan ahead and save!

Book online 14 days in advance and secure the Early Bird Rate for all of your sessions!

Join in on the fun
in Term 2!



WE'RE LOOKING FOR OUR NEXT STAR!

If you're ready for a rewarding career in Outside School Hours Care, we want to meet you!

Check for local opportunities and apply today:
theextendgroup.com.au/careers/

SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

SCAN THE QR CODE OR BOOK ONLINE AT EXTEND.COM.AU FOR TERM 2!



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

If you have any questions, you can contact Tom - 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

- 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

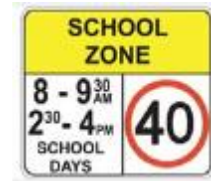


EUREKA NETBALL CLUB
Burgundy & White since 1981

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.



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.



Every day counts

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Sentral e-resource

Registering on the Sentral for Parents App for the first time

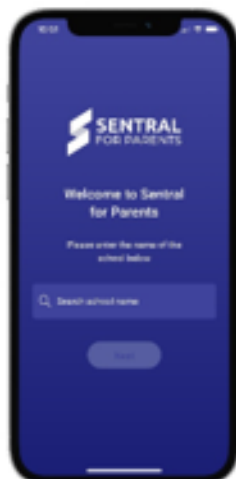


Sentral for Parents App

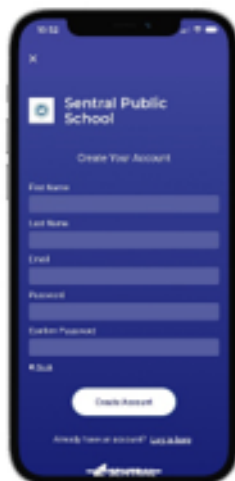
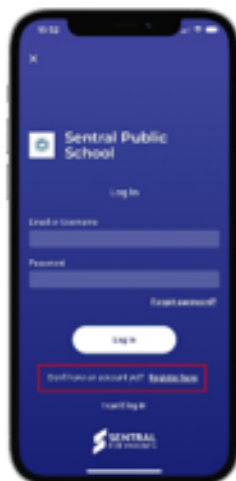
Step One: Download the Sentral for Parents app.



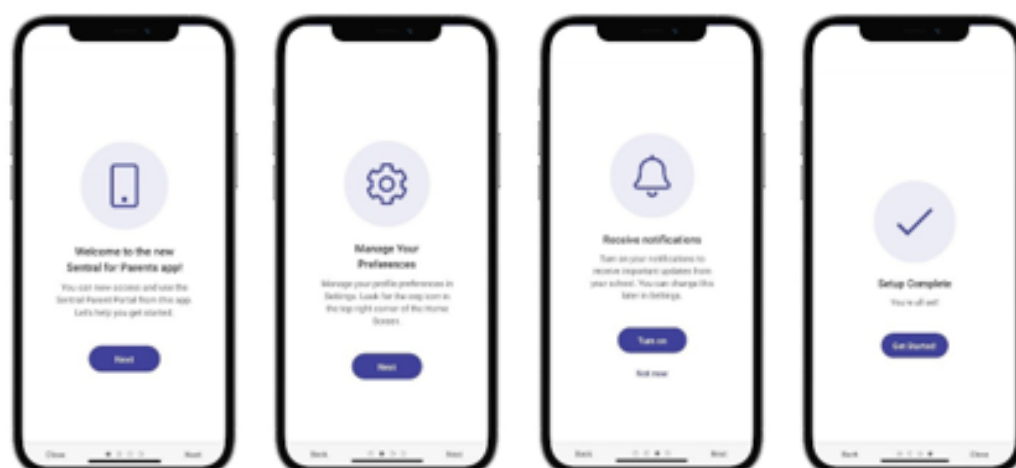
Step Two: Type in the school's name.



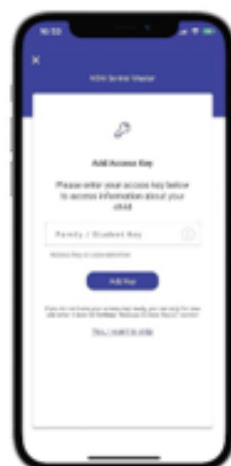
Step Three: Choose 'Register Here' from the bottom of the screen. Complete the details and choose 'Create Account'. You will receive a verification email which **MUST** be verified to continue. When the verification link is clicked it opens the log in screen in browser – close the browser and go back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

Public
Holiday

Student
Free Day