



Newsletter Number 9

4th June 2026

Upcoming Dates

Kings Birthday Public Holiday – No students at school
Sovereign Netball Primary Championships (selected students)
Street Science Incursion (F-3)
Last day of Term 2 (2.15pm finish)
First day of Term 3

Monday 8th June
Tuesday 9th June
Tuesday 16th June
Friday 26th June
Monday 13th July

G'day Mount Pleasant Families,

Winter is certainly here!! We have had a good run being able to get outside and have a play during Term 2. This week things have changed but we have managed to run some exciting indoor opportunities such as Lego, Drawing, Cartoons and Indoor Netball.

Last week saw our Year 2/3 cohort head off to the beautiful Cave Hill Creek. The kids completed some amazing team building activities. Thanks to our students for putting in a big day and showing lots of resilience. The same must be said for our staff led by Mr Rodgers, Miss Tara, Miss Burza, Rex and Zoe. Experiences like this don't happen for our students without the sacrifice and dedication of the staff mentioned.

This week has been another busy one. We have had several staff out doing their own professional learning on Phonics and with Berry Street. We look forward to what this new learning means for us as a school. At school we have been looking at our students writing pieces and checking out all of the wonderful achievements and where to go next with teaching our writers of tomorrow.

Remember Monday is a Public Holiday so enjoy a long weekend with the family and we will see you all back here Tuesday for another big week!

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.

Chinese

Message from Ms Tian

Dear parents and carers,

To celebrate their successful learning, our students will be participating in a fun "Chopsticks Challenge" activity during their regular Chinese lessons in Week 10 (last day of the term 2).

Students will learn how to use chopsticks by practicing picking up popcorn, Maltesers, and M&Ms.

If your child has any dietary restrictions, allergies, or cannot consume the items listed above, please inform your child's classroom teacher or me as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Ms. Tian

Wellbeing News

Winter Weather- Wearing the right Uniform

Brrrrr- as Winter begins, the weather has turned foul on us! If we can please do our best to ensure students are coming to school in the correct uniform and are dressed for these icy Ballarat days, then that would be great! Please remember, if you are short on some uniform items, we do have a small selection available in the front office! If this is an area where you would like some further support, please reach out to Jarrod (Assistant Principal) and he can let you know how the school may be able to support.



Developing Future Leaders

Providing our students with meaningful opportunities to take on leadership roles and build their leadership potential is a core feature of our school.

We are incredibly proud of how keen our students are to put their hands up and try new things, even when it feels a little daunting. Stepping out of your comfort zone is an essential part of building a positive school culture, and it allows our students to truly live out one of our core school values: Resilience.

These leadership moments are popping up in various forms across all year levels. We love seeing the sense of pride our students bring home after stepping up. Here is a snapshot of some of the fantastic ways our kids have been leading the way recently:

- **PA Announcement Duties:** A number of students have bravely tried their hand at reading the daily schedule and school news over the PA system to the entire school.
- **School Rubbish Monitors:** Armed with tongs and buckets, several students have been volunteering to keep our grounds pristine and help distribute waste safely into our bins.
- **Assembly Presenters:** Our student leaders have been doing a wonderful job planning, organizing, and presenting at our school assemblies.

- **Breakfast Club Helpers:** A dedicated group of students has been arriving early to help serve and chat with peers at Breakfast Club in the mornings.
- **Gate Duty:** Working alongside our Education Support (ES) staff, students are taking on the responsibility of opening and securing the school gates each morning and afternoon.
- **GRIP Leadership Conference:** Our student leaders recently attended this conference, gaining valuable skills to bring back to our school community.
- **Student of the Week Morning Teas:** Celebrating our weekly award winners and fostering connections across different year levels.
- **Foodbank Deliveries:** Students have taken ownership of unpacking these deliveries and personally distributing fresh fruit to classrooms around the school.

This is just a glimpse of the leadership opportunities available to our kids—there are plenty more planned for the rest of 2026! Thank you to all of our students who continue to step up, support their peers, and make our school a better place every day.

FREE Monday After-School Sports Program!

We are thrilled to announce that we are running a FREE Sporting Schools Program for our junior students next term!

Partnering with the fantastic, experienced coaches from Kelly Sports, this program is the perfect opportunity for your child to build healthy routines, make new friends, and enjoy structured, high-energy sports right after the school bell rings.

The Details:

- **Who:** Students in Grade Prep to Grade 3
- **When:** Mondays from 3:20pm – 4:20pm
- **Duration:** 4 weeks total (spanning the end of Term 2 and the start of Term 3)
- **Cost:** 100% FREE!

Program Schedule:

To help you plan ahead, here are the exact dates the program will run:

Term	School Week	Date
Term 2	Week 9	Monday, 15th June
Term 2	Week 10	Monday, 22nd June
<i>School Holidays</i>	<i>No Sessions</i>	<i>Enjoy the break!</i>
Term 3	Week 1	Monday, 13th July
Term 3	Week 2	Monday, 20th July

What Sports Will We Play?

Each week, the Kelly Sports coaches will introduce students to a variety of fun skills, drills, and modified games, including:

-  Basketball
-  Soccer
-  Football (AFL)
-  Fun Ball & Movement Games

What to bring: Students just need to wear their school sports uniform, comfortable running shoes, and bring a refilled water bottle.

How to Register:

Spaces are limited to ensure safe and quality coaching ratios. To secure your child's spot, please complete the permission form that will be sent home with your child later this week!

If you have any questions, please email Mr Rodgers at Jarrod.Rodgers@education.vic.gov.au

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to get moving!

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 5 (above)

Freya, Faith, Cage, Eve, Hamish, Sienna, Syd, Samantha

Term 2 Week 6 (below)

Molly, Arianah, Axle, Ryleigh, Ivy S, Autumn, Sanaya



Year 5/6

What a busy term Grades 5/6 have had. Students have experimented, solved problems, danced, explored and learned, all while showing the school's values of Respect, Resilience and Responsibility.

Chemical Science has been a very popular and engaging subject.

Students have conducted, observed and reflected on many experiments. Some of the favourite experiments included; butter making, cheese making, magic crystal tree growing, exploding bags (bi-carb and vinegar explosions), bouncy eggs and making Oobleck.



Visiting Sovereign Hill to learn more about physical and chemical changes was a lot of fun. Students saw Graham, the blacksmith, heat and shape a rod of metal into a beautiful gum leaf ornament (physical change). Visiting the lolly making demonstration, allowed students to see both a physical and chemical change occurring (the sugar, sucrose, is broken into simpler sugars), the results of which were very yummy.



We watched a blacksmith make a gum tree leaf out of metal and it was entertaining. - Sanaya



Sovereign Hill workers Mark and Joel showed us how to make ginger boiled lollies. Zahra

Gold panning. We all found gold and had a lot of fun.

-Abbey-May



Standing with a Red Coat. It was super loud hearing the gun shots.

-Niamh



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 a shield with 'M' and 'P' and crossed tools. Below it is a photo of two children, a girl and a boy, standing in front of the school building. The main title 'KIDS COAT SWAP' is in large white letters on a dark blue background. Below the title, it says 'LOCATED AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE'. There are four icons with text: a coin for 'SAVE MONEY', a recycling symbol for 'REDUCE WASTE', a family icon for 'SUPPORT FAMILIES', and a group of people for 'SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY'. At the bottom, a blue button says 'DONATE YOUR UNWANTED COATS AND SWAP FOR A NEW ONE'. On the right side, there is a cartoon illustration of a smiling boy in a yellow raincoat and blue hat.

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, Mr Rodgers, 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!

Supporting Our Community

INVITATION

to attend/indicate an

EOI to form a Friends of Peady St. Reserve

Time: 2pm Wednesday 24th June

Location: See map, at the Reserve

Leigh Catchment Landcare Group (YLCG) supports community land care groups and your interest in supporting joining is important in taking the next step.

<https://leighcatchmentgroup.org/member-groups/>

A future group would work with YLCG and the City of Ballarat to support the reserve, hold working bees, record flora and fauna with iNaturalist and generally enjoy the outdoors!

Afternoon tea will be provided, dress for outdoor weather. Meeting will go ahead rain, hail or shine! Bring an umbrella if needed. RSVP to Judith on 0419 103 213

Meet at the large table in the gully or wait at the **x** for a guide.



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KIDS CLUB 2026

EXTEND AFTER SCHOOL CARE ANNUAL ART COMPETITION



18 MAY - 8 JUNE

LEARN MORE ABOUT KIDS CLUB HERE



Wow! The creativity in Extend's Kids Club this term has been AMAZING! The children have been working so enthusiastically on their art projects, collaborating in teams, and bringing to life colourful celebrations from around the world!

The standard is so high this year... honestly, the competition is heating up! I can't wait to see which service's artwork makes it into the official Celebrating Us at Extend 2026/27 Calendar. *It's going to be a tough one!*



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SCAN THE QR FOR YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN KIDS CLUB!



BASKETBALL HOLIDAY CAMPS

WEDNESDAY 1ST & THURSDAY 2ND JULY
SELKIRK • 9AM - 3PM

TUESDAY 7TH & WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY
SELKIRK STADIUM • 9AM - 3PM

DISCOUNTS FOR MULTIPLE DAYS AND CHILDREN!

SCAN TO SIGN UP



SELECT OUR SCHOOL AND WE GET \$5 BACK

Central Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration is now open for 2027

In Victoria, children can start kindergarten at 3 years old, which means two years of **free** kindergarten before school.

Registering for kindergarten

- Register your child the year before they attend kindergarten.
- Registrations open January 1 for the following year.
- Select three preferences.
- Register by 30 June to receive a kindergarten offer in July. You can still register after 30 June, however some kindergartens may already be full.
- Your child may be eligible for Priority of Access, Early Start Kindergarten or additional Pre-Prep hours. Please answer all questions on the registration form.



For more information and to register simply scan the QR code or visit ballarat.vic.gov.au/kindergarten

Do you have questions or need support?

Please contact Family and Children's Services

Call 5320 5720 Email kindergarten@ballarat.vic.gov.au

In person Parent place, 39 Sturt St Ballarat. Every Thursday 9:30am-2:30pm
Translation services are available

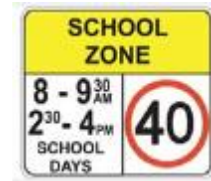


KINDERGARTEN
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PARKING, TRAFFIC AND SCHOOL CROSSING INSPECTIONS

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.



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

Attending school every day means experiencing what counts - the learning, friendships, fun and opportunities that can shape their future.

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Sentral e-resource

Registering on the Sentral for Parents App for the first time

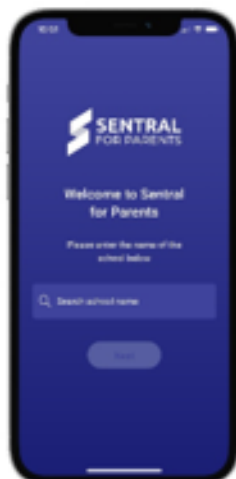


Sentral for Parents App

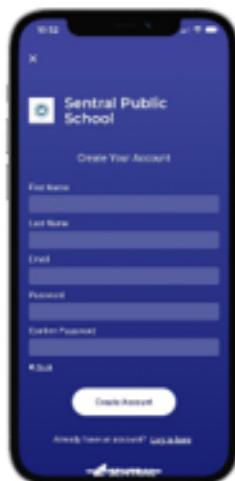
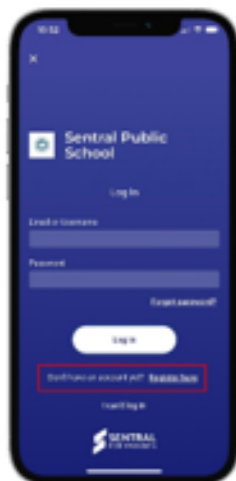
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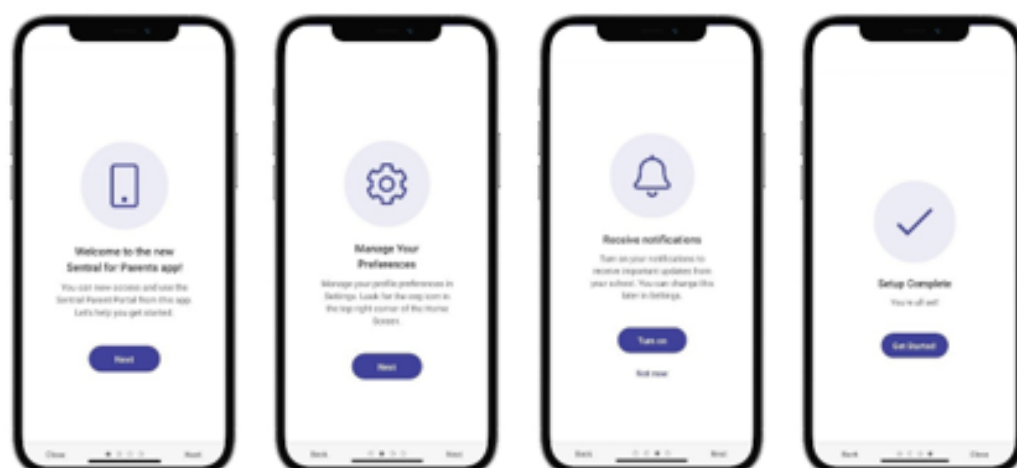
Step Two: Type in the school's name.



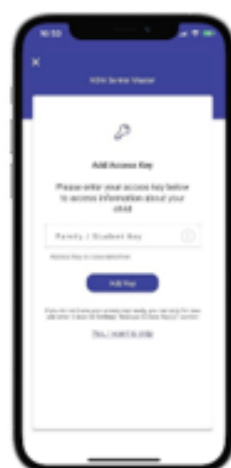
Step Three: Choose 'Register Here' from the bottom of the screen. Complete the details and choose 'Create Account'. You will receive a verification email which **MUST** be verified to continue. When the verification link is clicked it opens the log in screen in browser – close the browser and go back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