



Newsletter Number 10

18th June 2026

Upcoming Dates

Street Science Incursion (F-3)
Sporting Schools (3.20-4.20pm)
Last day of Term 2 (2.15pm finish)
First day of Term 3
Sporting Schools (3.20-4.20pm)

Tuesday 16th June
Monday 22nd June
Friday 26th June
Monday 13th July
Monday 13th July

Hi MPPS Families,

Last week we had a great community day with Wendouree Rotary coming in and working with our senior school to rejuvenate our gardens. Thanks to Rotary for donating their labour and also several plants. We also had some parents come in and volunteer to support with the project. Towards the end of the working bee we all enjoyed a BBQ and donated funds to the Big Freeze MND. Thanks to all involved!

Another busy week at MPPS coming up. We have already had after school sport on Monday with Kelly Sports. Thanks to Mr Rodgers and Miss Bond for organising. We had a great take up of 35 students participate.

This week we are finalising school reports. On the last day of term we will be sending home hard copies of students academic reports. Alongside the reports will be a student reflection '2 Stars and a Wish Evaluation' which will allow students to recognise their achievements and set a goal for second semester.

We have several projects in the pipeline to freshen up our school environment and provide students with modern resources and play spaces. Stay tuned for more exciting news in this space as these projects progress.

Please feel free to join us at 2.35 on Friday for our school assembly where we recognise our school values of Respect, Resilience and Responsibility and showcase our school. Remember that in Week 10 on the final Friday we will be finishing at 2.15pm.

Thanks for your ongoing support.....

Mr Louis Franc
Principal

An important message from our school council president

Dear Mount Pleasant Community,

My name is Sarah Warner and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself for the first time in my newly appointed role as School Council President. I am incredibly proud to support our wonderful school, and I look forward to working closely with our families, staff, and leadership team to ensure the absolute best outcomes for our students.

As we look ahead, we have some important staffing and leadership updates to share with our community: We say a big farewell to former principal, Kate Robinson. We want to acknowledge the work and efforts of Kate Robinson, who was the previous ongoing principal at our school. Many of our senior students will remember her. Kate has successfully gained an ongoing principal position at Pleasant Street Primary School, which means she will be formally forgoing her ongoing position at our school. We are incredibly proud of her achievements and wish Kate all the very best in this exciting next chapter of her professional journey.

With this transition, the School Council and the Department of Education will officially begin the recruitment process for a new substantive, ongoing Principal for our school. We aim to complete this process by mid-Term 3, with the successful candidate officially starting at the beginning of Term 4.

To ensure total stability and a smooth transition during this recruitment period, our current Principal, Louie Franc, will continue as acting Principal until the end of Term 3. We are deeply grateful to Louie for his continued leadership and dedication to our school community.

Thank you all for your continued support as we enter this exciting next chapter for our school.



Wellbeing News

Staff Spotlight: Welcome Patricia Capino!

Registered Occupational Therapist

We are thrilled to introduce a new face to the Mount Pleasant PS team this year. **Patricia Capino**, who will be joining us every **Thursday** as our very own Occupational Therapist.

Her Role at Mount Pleasant

You will see Patricia frequently across our school classrooms, and grounds. As part of her collaborative role, she will spend significant time within our classrooms and teachers to:

- Observe students to better understand their learning needs.

- Review classroom environments to ensure we are creating an inclusive learning area where students with sensory difficulties can thrive
- Supporting early intervention strategies to help our youngest students thrive.
- Building teacher capacity in making reasonable adjustments to support our students with an OT lens
- Building capacity and knowledge within our Education Support Team in supporting students with more complex learning needs

Patricia will be supporting our school's journey to continue to provide an environment that supports **all** learners.

Get to Know Patricia

Patricia is a **Registered Occupational Therapist** with six years of specialised experience working with children of all abilities. Her background is impressive; she previously served as a Clinical Excellence Lead in the Philippines, where she mentored fellow therapists and championed family-centered, evidence-based care.

Her Philosophy

- **Strengths-Based Care:** Patricia operates with a neurodiversity-affirming lens, focusing on what children *can* do and building from there.
- **Play-Based Growth:** She believes that therapy should be engaging and joyful, helping children find independence in their daily routines.
- **The Power of Early Intervention:** Patricia is passionate about providing timely support, ensuring children build the confidence and foundational skills necessary for a lifelong love of learning.

We are so lucky to have her expertise on-site to support our students and staff alike. If you see her around on a Thursday, please be sure to say hello!

The Importance of Attendance

At Mount Pleasant Primary School, 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.

The Impact of Missing School Sometimes, missing "just a day here or there" doesn't seem like much, but it adds up rapidly:

1 day a fortnight = more than **20 days** of missed learning per year.

Over the course of their primary schooling, that equates to **120 days** of lost education (nearly three full terms).

We understand that there are times when your child will need to miss school. However, to ensure minimal disruption to their education, please consider scheduling family holidays or medical/dental appointments outside of school time wherever possible.

Supporting Your Child If your child is well enough to attend but is worried about friendships, schoolwork, or anxiety, 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, please talk to their classroom teacher or reach out to Mr Rodgers at the school, and we can organise a time to sit down and chat about next steps.

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

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 7 (above)

Jackson, Mirha, Ryleigh, Asia, Millie, Abel, Aahana, Elly

Term 2 Week 8 (below)

Archer, Logan C, Par, Saul, Elijah, Slater



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



Breakfast Club is Back

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!

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.



Supporting Our Community

INVITATION

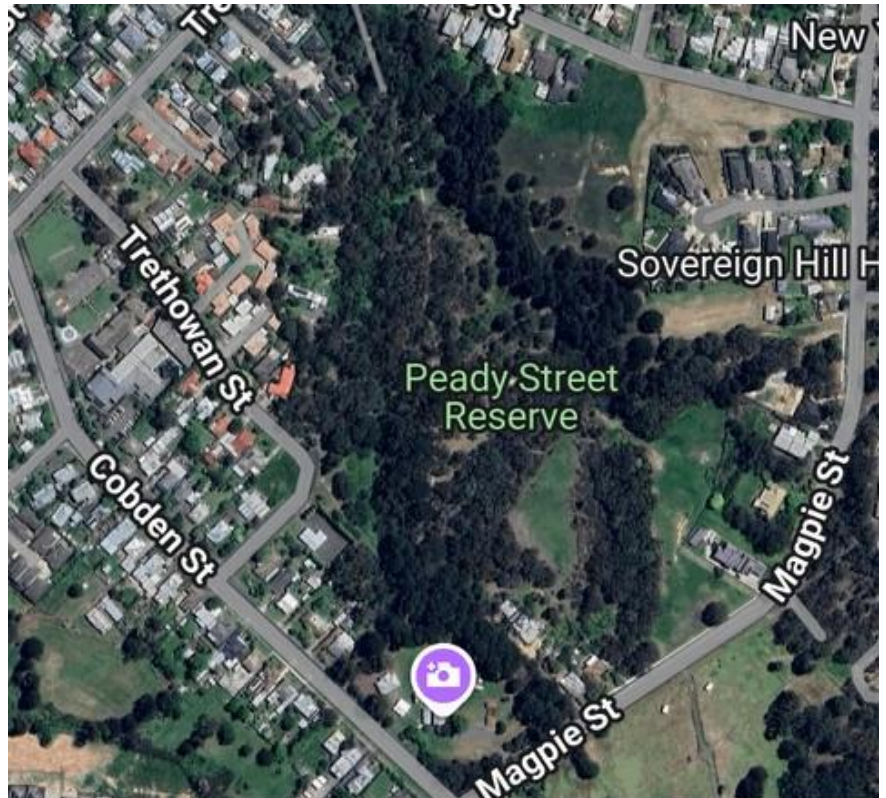
to attend/indicate an

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

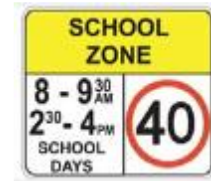
Meet at the large table in the gully or wait at the **x** for a guide.

A poster for 'Basketball Holiday Camps'. The top half features a group photo of children and adults on a basketball court. Below the photo is a blue banner with the text 'BASKETBALL HOLIDAY CAMPS' in large yellow letters. Underneath, it lists the dates and times: 'WEDNESDAY 1ST & THURSDAY 2ND JULY SELKIRK • 9AM - 3PM' and 'TUESDAY 7TH & WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY SELKIRK STADIUM • 9AM - 3PM'. At the bottom, there is a QR code labeled 'SCAN TO SIGN UP', a yellow starburst saying 'DISCOUNTS FOR MULTIPLE DAYS AND CHILDREN!', and a blue starburst saying 'SELECT OUR SCHOOL AND WE GET \$5 BACK'.

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.

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Sentral e-resource

Registering on the Sentral for Parents App for the first time



Sentral for Parents App

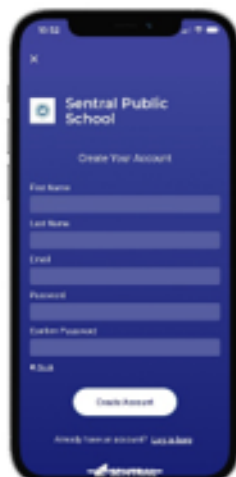
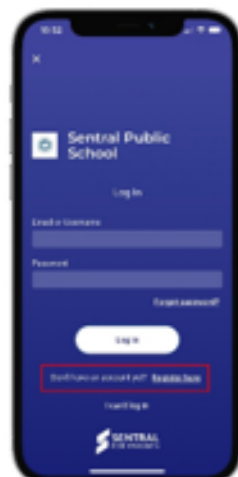
Step One: Download the Sentral for Parents app.



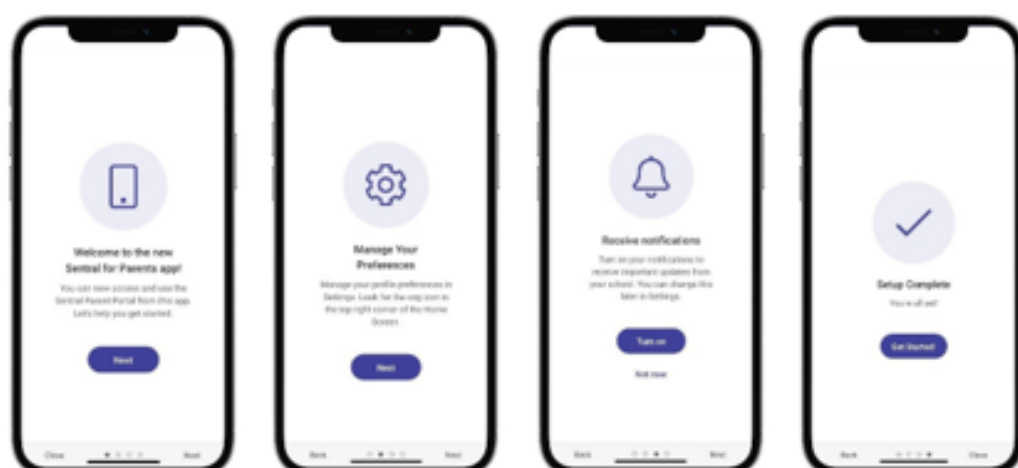
Step Two: Type in the school's name.



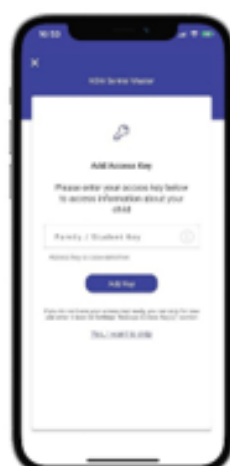
Step Three: Choose 'Register Here' from the bottom of the screen. Complete the details and choose 'Create Account'. You will receive a verification email which **MUST** be verified to continue. When the verification link is clicked it opens the log in screen in browser – close the browser and go back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