



Newsletter Number 11

16th July 2026

Upcoming Dates

Sporting Schools (3.20-4.20pm)
 Bulldogs Clinic
 School Council Meeting (4.30-6pm)
 100 Days of Prep
 Year 4/5/6 Sovereign Hill Excursion
 Responsible Pet Program
 F-1 Late Stay (3.30pm-6pm)

Monday 20th July
 Wednesday 22nd July
 Wednesday 29th July
 Wednesday 29th July
 Wednesday 29th July
 Wednesday 5th August
 Friday 7th August

Welcome Back MPPS!

Welcome back to Term 3 at Mount Pleasant Primary School! We hope all of our students and families enjoyed a safe, relaxing and well-deserved winter holiday break. I know I enjoyed the opportunity to get up and enjoy a hot coffee during some of those cold winter mornings.

We are excited to begin another term of learning, growth and opportunity together. As we return, we would like to congratulate our students in particular and families for the outstanding way you continue to demonstrate our school values of **Respect, Responsibility and Resilience**, particularly as we navigate the exciting building works and refurbishment of our basketball court. Your patience, flexibility and positive attitude have helped ensure our school remains a safe, welcoming and supportive place for everyone. I like to think of it as short term pain for long term gain! With a bit of good luck in weather our basketball court area will be open at the beginning of Week 2.

We look forward to another fantastic term of learning and thank our entire school community for

working together to make Mount Pleasant Primary School a wonderful place to learn.

Welcome Josh Partington

In some extra exciting news we have been able to recruit a new teacher to add to the team in Semester Two. Josh Partington joins us after completing his final teaching placement with us earlier in the year.

Josh built great relationships with students, staff and families in his final placement. He will be an asset to our school for the remainder of 2026 and will spend a lot of time teaching Year 2 and 3 students writing and maths. Josh will also be visible in other areas of the school working with targeted programs and providing opportunities for our students and the school community. Welcome to the Mount Pleasant Primary School community Josh!

School Assemblies – Fridays 2.40pm

Please feel welcome to attend our Friday assemblies in the Arts Centre which will start at 2.40 pm during Semester 2. Our school assemblies

are fun and interactive where we go through some formalities but also celebrate student achievement. We would like to extend the invitation to all family members to come along and enjoy. We will also aim to open the side entry (before and after school care door) for people parked in Trethowan Street.

Upcoming Industrial Action- Thursday, July 23rd

There is a lot of information around upcoming stop work action for teaching and education support staff in the media. It is likely that this action will impact our ability to function as normal next Thursday. Our school day will likely look very different and alternate supervision arrangements may need to be made. I will communicate what this Industrial Action will mean for us as I learn more late this week and early next week. I will therefore communicate our planned arrangements next Wednesday, July 22nd. I understand this is late notice but unfortunately out of our control but appreciate your ongoing support.

Kind Regards,

Mr Louis Franc
Principal

Wellbeing News

Welcome Back!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break! We've had an incredible start to the term, with lots happening in the Wellbeing & Engagement space for Term 3 and beyond.



As Mr Franc mentioned in his section, we have had a lot of work going on with building upgrades that have had a really positive impact on the look of our campus! The new basketball court looks incredible and will be a massive addition to our facilities. While the kids have some new outdoor spaces to enjoy, our teachers have also had new SMART Boards installed in their rooms, giving them access to the highest quality equipment to deliver top-tier instruction to our students.

We also had a number of our extra-curricular activities kick off this week, including our Board Games, MasterChef, Social Stencil, and Fundamental Motor Skills programs. All of these initiatives give our kids fantastic opportunities to experience success and enjoy their time here at MPPS.

Learning to Learn Program

We started our term with a two-day program focused on explicitly teaching the rules and routines within our classrooms and across the school. The purpose of this was to ensure that these routines become a natural norm, allowing students to focus on the most important thing: their learning!



Teachers spent time demonstrating what these routines look like, whether it's lining up, entering or exiting a classroom, moving around the room safely, asking for help, or organising writing books. Teachers then modelled what success looks like before allowing the students to practice, practice and practice! All of this groundwork goes a long way toward ensuring our school remains a calm, settled, and productive place to learn.



New Staff

In some exciting news, we have some new (well... kind of!) Education Support staff on board! While they have all been around the school over the past term on a casual basis, we have now been able to secure them on contract. Please join me in welcoming:

- Scarlett Grant
- Hayley Parry
- Tom Fraser
- Lanae Goldsmith
- Chelsea Oellering

They are all doing an incredible job and have already made a big difference by building strong relationships and supporting positive working habits within our classrooms. If you see them around the school, please make them feel welcome!

Allied Health at MPPS

With Patricia (our Occupational Therapist) starting last term, we have been slowly building the supports available to our students. Patricia will continue here until the end of 2026, working across all age groups with a strong focus on our Foundation to Grade 1 classrooms.

We have also been lucky enough to secure a partnership with Federation University to be a part of their provisional psychology service. This means we will have a psychologist onsite one day a week. This is another amazing opportunity for our students and community to access valuable support that can be very difficult to find externally.

The Importance of Attendance

At Mount Pleasant Primary School, we prioritise regular attendance. We love working with families to ensure students are in class with their peers and teachers, enjoying all the benefits that school brings. Attending every day means experiencing what counts—the learning, friendships, fun, and opportunities that 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 primary school**, this equates to 120 days of lost education (nearly three full terms).

We understand that there are times when your child genuinely needs to miss school. However, to ensure minimal disruption to their education, please consider scheduling family holidays or

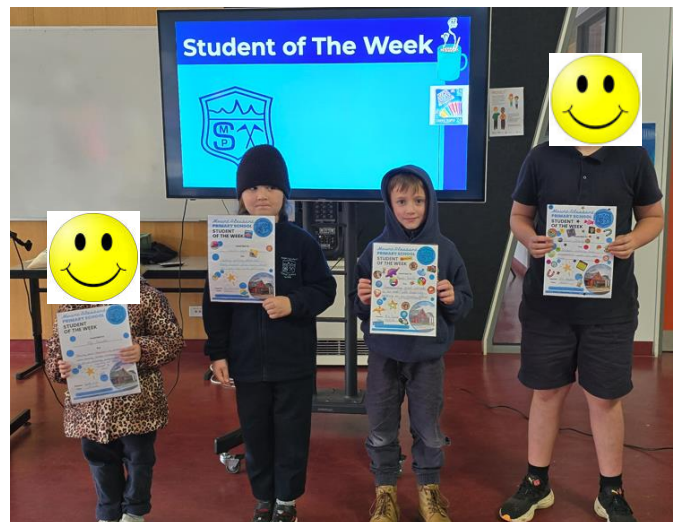


Need Support? Reach out to Jarrod Rodgers, Assistant Principal — 03 5332 3646 or Jarrod.Rodgers@education.vic.gov.au — for a confidential chat about wellbeing support for your child or family.

medical/dental appointments outside of school hours wherever possible.

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 9 (above)

Tilly, Wolfie, Noah S, Oscar and Nolan

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.



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

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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 book.

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.

Supporting Our Community

BASKETBALL PROGRAMS

TERM THREE FUN!

Aussie Hoops

Introductory program for children aged 4 to 11

All Abilities Hoops

Development program for children living with disability

Next Level

Aimed at 10 to 15 year old domestic players



Over the school holidays, many of our MPPS students joined children from other schools at Extend Vacation Care. It was a fantastic opportunity to make new friends, try new experiences and enjoy plenty of fun together.

Throughout the holidays, the children took part in a wide variety of exciting activities, crafts, games, and incursions. They also enjoyed exciting excursions to Xtreme Bounce and Showbiz Cinema.

We loved seeing our MPPS students build confidence, create new friendships and make the most of their holiday adventures.



WELCOME TO TERM 3 WITH EXTEND!



YOUR IMAGINATION, YOUR UNIVERSE

WELCOME BACK TO ANOTHER EXCITING TERM WITH EXTEND!

This term's theme for our OSHC services is:

YOUR IMAGINATION, YOUR UNIVERSE!

Term 3 is all about giving children the freedom to explore, experiment, and express themselves.

Whether your child loves to perform, paint, build, or write, they will unleash their wild imaginations and build confidence alongside their peers.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TERM 3:



Celebrity Heads: A fun guessing game where children wear a "celebrity" card on their forehead and ask yes/no questions to figure out who they are!



Play-Doh Sculptures: Children use Play-Doh or clay to create their own sculptures. Small buildings, vehicles, animals, anything they like!



Runway Extravaganza: Get your strut on and do your best runway walk! Children dress up in their favourite costume or as their favourite character down the runway!

SCAN THE QR CODE OR BOOK ONLINE AT EXTEND.COM.AU FOR TERM 3!



AUSTRALIA'S LEADING CHILDREN'S SOCCER PROGRAM

Preschool Program

For boys and girls aged 3 - 5 years

Junior Program

For boys and girls aged 6 - 8 years

Premier Program

For boys and girls aged 9 - 11 years

Birthday Parties

Celebrate with a soccer themed birthday party!



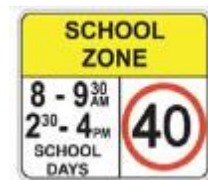
VENUES AT

Wendouree Delacombe
Mount Clear

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

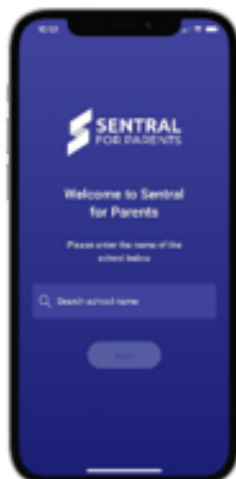


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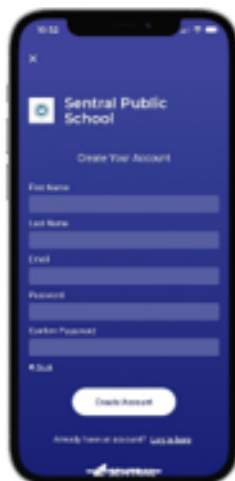
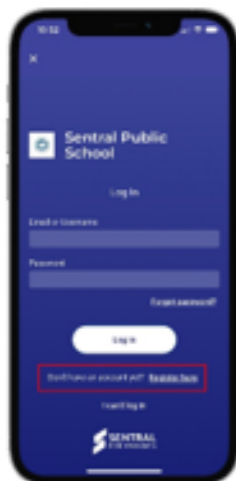
Step One: Download the Sentral for Parents app.



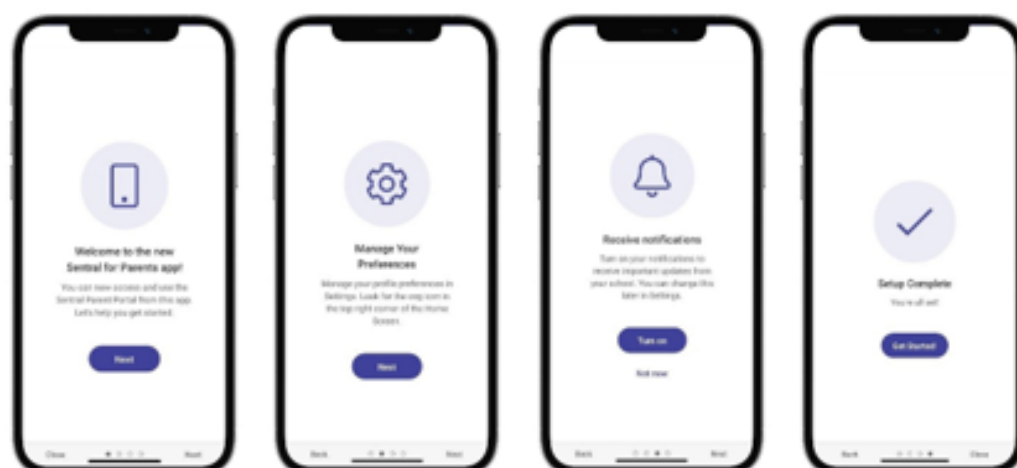
Step Two: Type in the school's name.



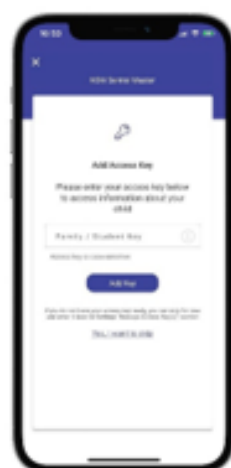
Step Three: Choose 'Register Here' from the bottom of the screen. Complete the details and choose 'Create Account'. You will receive a verification email which **MUST** be verified to continue. When the verification link is clicked it opens the log in screen in browser – close the browser and go back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



Meetings & Events for Parents

Term 3, 2026

Families Calendar

	JULY 13	14	15	16	17
1	School Starts Back! After School Sports (F-3) (3.20pm - 4.20pm)				
	20	21	22	23	24
2	After School Sports (F-3) (3.20pm - 4.20pm)		Western Bulldogs Clinic		
	27	28	29	30	31
3			School Council (4.30-6pm) 100 Days of Prep Year 4/5/6 Sovereign Hill Excursion		
	AUGUST 3	4	5	6	7
4			Responsible Pet Program		F-1 Late Stay (3.30pm-6pm)
	10	11	12	13	14
5	Division Basketball SSG Week	SSG Week	SSG Week		
National Science Week "Seeds of science: Nurturing knowledge for all" - 9 - 17 Aug					
	17	18	19	20	21
6				Sovereign Hill Costume School (Grade 5)	Sovereign Hill Costume School(Grade 5) Teeth on Wheels
	24	25	26	27	28
7			Teeth on Wheels		Book Week Celebration
Book Week "Symphony Of Stories" - 24 - 28 Aug					
	31	SEPTEMBER 1	2	3	4
8			School Council (4.30pm-6pm)		Father's Day Breakfast Father's Day/Special Person Stall
Teacher Aide Appreciation Week 31 Aug - 4 Sept					
	7	8	9	10	11
9			Year 2/3Sovereign Hill Excursion		Footy Colours Day
	14	15	16	17	18
10	Swimming Program - Fed Uni	Swimming Program - Fed Uni	Swimming Program - Fed Uni	Swimming Program - Fed Uni	Swimming Program - Fed Uni End of Term Assembly Last day of Term 2.15pm

Future Term Dates:

• T4: Oct 5 - Dec 17

• 2027 T1 Jan 28 – Mar 25

• 2027 T2: April 12 - June 25