



Newsletter Number 16

8th October 2026

Upcoming Dates

Book Fair (Open to Parents/Grandparents 3pm – 3.30pm)
 Mt Pleasant Auskick (3.15-4.15pm)
 Foundation Transition Day 1 2027 (9.15 -10.45am)
 Parent/Carer Foundation 2027 Morning Tea (9.15-10.00am)
 School Council Meeting (4.30-6.00pm)
 Foundation Transition Day 2 2027 (9.15-10.45am)

Thursday 8th October
 Wednesday 14th October
 Friday 16th October
 Friday 16th October
 Wednesday 21st October
 Friday 23rd October



Message from the Principal/Assistant Principal

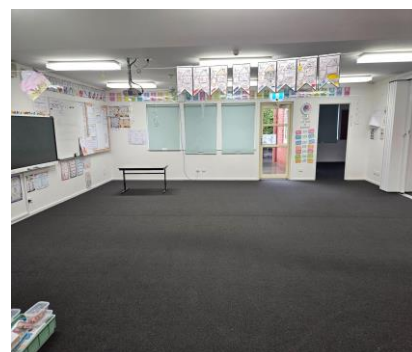
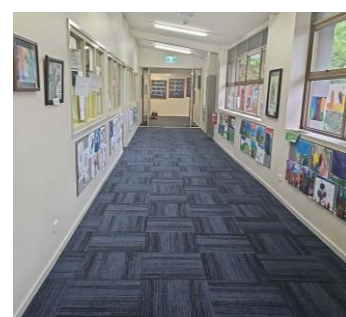
Welcome Back

We hope all our families enjoyed a restful break. We look forward to a busy and rewarding final term of learning and community events.

Over the holidays, new carpet was installed in the F/1 areas and the foyer outside the library, alongside various painting touch-ups around the school. These improvements have freshened up our learning spaces, ready for our students' return.

As we head into warmer weather, please ensure your child brings a **broad-brimmed hat every day**, clearly labelled with their name, for outdoor play, Physical Education and other outdoor activities.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, let's make Term 4 a positive finish to the year.



Rotary Club Wendouree/BBQ/Working Bee

Our senior students will take part in another **Hour of Power** gardening session from **12–1pm on Wednesday October 21st**, helping plant and weed around the school. Parents are warmly invited to join us! The Rotary Club of Wendouree are generously donating several plants to our school and will have many helpers on deck to support our staff and students.

With support from the Rotary Club of Wendouree, a barbecue will be available for students, staff and participating parents from approximately 12.30pm.

Students are encouraged to bring a **gold coin donation** for the 'Make a Wish Foundation'.

Thank you to Rotary for supporting our school and helping keep our grounds looking their best.

Mr Louis Franc – Principal

Mr Jarrod Rodgers – Assistant Principal/Wellbeing

Wellbeing & Engagement Section

Wellbeing News

We have had a great start back to life here at MPPS in Term 4. The kids have settled back into our routines nicely, and have had a really positive start to the term. We have lots on this term, and we are excited to announce that we will be continuing to provide a range of wellbeing and engagement opportunities for our students here at school. These programs are designed to target specific skills, but also provide our students with a chance to have some fun in a different setting, with a different group of peers- making connections that they might not have been able to previously make. These programs include:

- Our Masterchef Program with Tom
- Art Connections Group
- ReCranked
- Fundamental Motor Skills Program for all P-1 students
- Social Stencil Group
- Board Games Group
- Internal OT Sessions

Our school is in a really strong position in this space - and the kids that have had the chance to be involved in the above, have absolutely loved it.

Speech Pathology- Coming to Mount Pleasant

In more exciting news, we have gained a partnership with Federation University to have a team of their newly trained Speech Pathologists come into our school to work with our P-2 students here at the school.

We will be sending out some consent forms for this service over the next few days that will outline the process. The purpose of this partnership will be to do a **free** screener to look into the student's speech and language ability. They will then use this knowledge to write a program for us to use here at the school, or potentially call you back to help support an external referral for more specific intervention on a skill they have identified as needing some work!

It's a really fantastic opportunity to have a team of highly trained staff here at our school. If you have any questions around this, or you are wanting to know more- please reach out to me at Jarrod.Rodgers@education.vic.gov.au

Pre-Schooler Program

Next week we have our Pre-Schooler program starting with some of our newest enrolments here at Mount Pleasant. This program will be running each morning from 9:15am to 10:45am.

We look forward to welcoming our future Prep students as they get to know their new school. A special morning tea will also be held for parents to meet one another and connect with our school community. The special morning tea will be held at 9.15am.

There is a lot to be excited about getting ready for 2027. Later this term there will be more announcements around plans for 2027.

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.

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.

Family Night

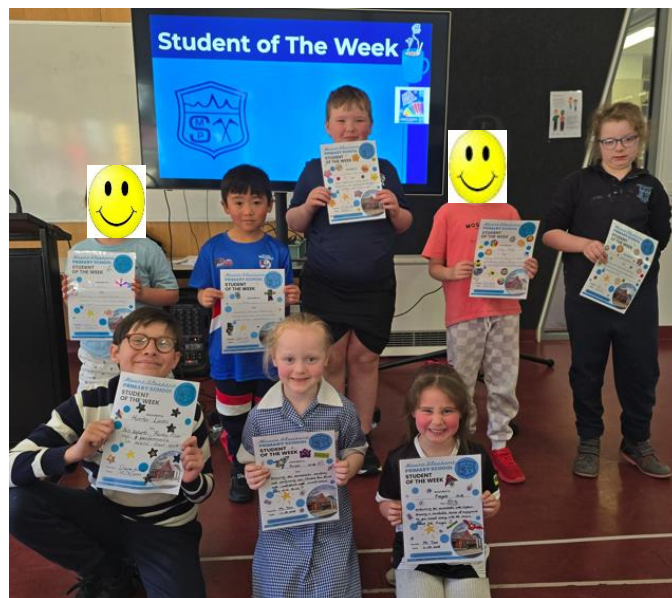
Please find attached in the newsletter a flyer about our Family Night being held in November. Pre-purchase wrist bands from the office - \$12.

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 3 Week 9 (below)

Molly, Rico, Dustin, Ruby H, Aysha, Hunter, Aariah, Freya



Term 3 Week 10 (above)

Macey, Flossy, Noah S, Kosta, Joey, Samantha

100% Attendance for Term 3

Millie, Sanaya, Ryleigh, Jackson, Archer



NOW ACCEPTING 2027 ENROLMENTS

- Structured Literacy/Numeracy programs
- Onsite Out of Hours Care
- Arts Intensives for small group collaboration
- Specialist programs; Visual Arts, Performing Arts, PE, Chinese, Music



Don't forget to bring your school hat,
Term 4 its "no hat, no play".

You can purchase a hat from the
front office for \$10.



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.



DID YOU KNOW....

If you earn a combined family income of
less than \$538,520, you qualify for CCS!

This includes both citizens
and permanent residents!

[extend.com.au](https://www.extend.com.au)



Visit my.gov.au
or call 136 150 to
claim your
subsidy!

Save on Your OSHC Sessions
Book Now at Mount Pleasant Primary School



Supporting Our Community



EVER WANTED TO TRY ATHLETICS? NOW'S YOUR CHANCE!

2 week trial registrations are OPEN NOW!

Come and discover how we encourage kids to get active, learn new skills, build confidence, make new friends and be part of a small, friendly and community focused club.

<https://lavic.com.au/centres/buninyong/>

The full season registrations are open, ready for the start of our season in October!



AUSSIE HOOPS

BEGINNER BASKETBALL PROGRAM
FOR CHILDREN 4-11 YEARS OLD
5 DIFFERENT DAYS AVAILABLE
7 WEEK PROGRAM



Ballarat Royals Baseball

Our junior program continues to grow, with over 30 junior players during the winter season. To continue this growth into the 2027 season we will be running junior skill development sessions. These sessions are free of cost designed for all kids and aims to develop skill in a fun and engaging environment.



Ballarat Junior Royals Summer Term-4 "Sandlot" Sessions

- **What is it?** Five-week introductory baseball program. Focused on teaching the sport using game-based activities
- **When and where do the sessions run?** Wednesday evenings starting October 21 and ending November 18 at Prince of Wales Park (Behind the Aquatic Centre)

What are the ages and Times?

- 4-6yrs: 4:30-5:15pm
- 7-11yrs: 5:30 - 6:15pm
- 11+ yrs: 6:30-7:15

Do we need to bring anything? Positive attitude, water; clothes you don't mind getting dirty!

Cost? Free!!!



WELCOME BACK TO ANOTHER EXCITING TERM WITH EXTEND!

This term's theme for our OSHC services is:
REDUCE, REUSE, EXTEND THE USE!

Term 4 is all about fresh thinking and greener choices!

Through hands on activities, children will connect with nature and discover creative ways to reduce, reuse and recycle.

They'll learn how small actions can help our environment grow, thrive and stay healthy for the future.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TERM 4:



My Green Promise
Children trace their hand onto paper and add one Green Promise, creating a colourful display that shows how small actions can come together to make a positive difference for the environment.



Decorate a Terracotta Pot
Children express their creativity by painting their own terracotta pots, then fill them with soil and seeds to take home and watch their own little piece of the environment grow.



The Up-Cycle Challenge
Children get creative by transforming clean, recycled materials into something new and useful, giving items destined for the bin a brand-new purpose!

SCAN THE QR CODE OR BOOK ONLINE
AT [EXTEND.COM.AU](https://www.extend.com.au) FOR TERM 4!





EXTEND IS PROVIDING OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE AT MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY SCHOOL, BALLARAT

Session Type	Fee Before CCS (Early Bird Rate)	Out of Pocket*
Before School Care	\$31.65	Pay from \$7.71 after CCS
After School Care	\$39.95	Pay from \$7.03 after CCS

*The above "Out of Pocket" is based on the maximum entitlement for CCS calculated on Early Bird Rate.

Think You Don't Qualify for Child Care Subsidy? **Think again.**

If your family earns a combined income **less than \$538,520**, and you or your partner are an Australian citizen or permanent resident, there's a very good chance you're eligible for Child Care Subsidy (CCS).

Yes, you read that right. Almost **every** Australian family qualifies for government childcare savings.

Why pay full price when you could be saving up to 90% on Extend Before & After School Care?

That means a **\$39.95 session could cost you as little as \$7.03!**

See How Much You Could Be Saving In After School Care As an Example:

Estimated Annual Family Income	Approx Eligible CCS	Session Fee (Before CCS)	Estimated Fee (After CCS)
\$0 to \$88,520	90%	\$39.95	\$7.03
More than \$88,520 to \$188,520	89% to 70%*	\$39.95	\$7.40 - \$14.35
More than \$188,520 to \$288,520	69% to 50%*	\$39.95	\$14.71 - \$21.66
More than \$288,520 to \$388,520	49% to 30%*	\$39.95	\$22.03 - \$28.98
More than \$388,520 to \$538,519	29% to 1%*	\$39.95	\$29.34 - \$39.58
\$538,520 or more	0%	\$39.95	\$39.95

*The percentage goes down by 1% for every \$5,000 of income your family earns above \$88,520

*CCS savings shown are based on the After School Care rate as an example. Eligible Before School Care sessions follow the same CCS calculation framework; however, actual out-of-pocket costs will vary based on the session fee and each family's individual CCS entitlement and circumstances.

Visit my.gov.au or call 136 150 to claim your subsidy!

BOOK ONLINE TODAY

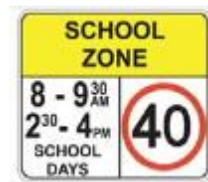
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Enrol & Book Now for Term 3

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

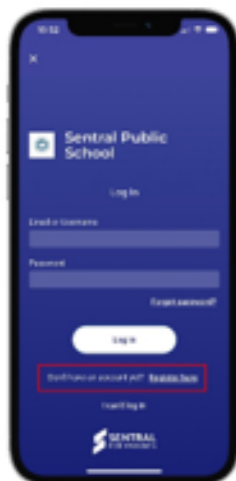
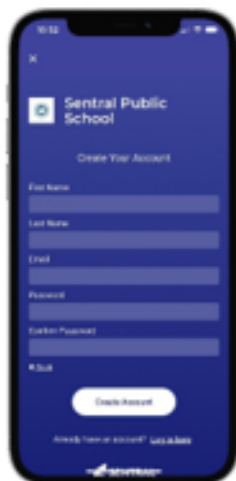
Step One: Download the Sentral for Parents app.



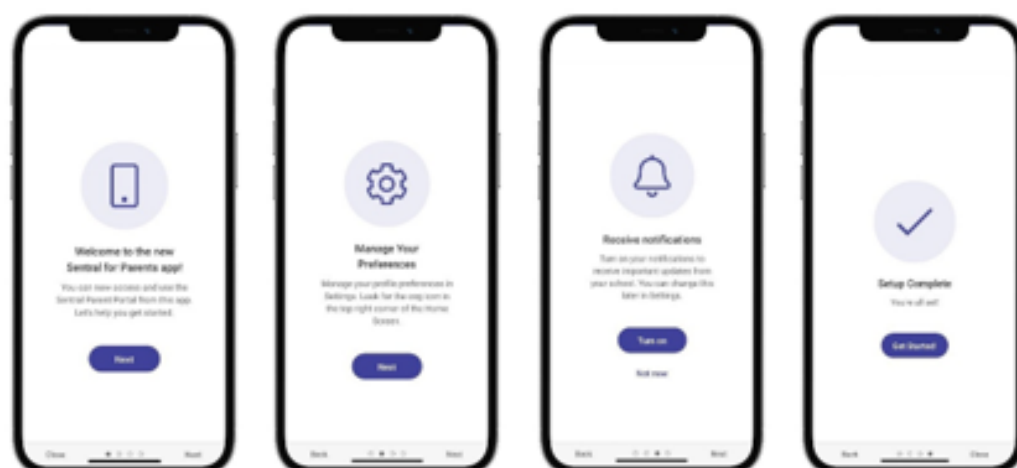
Step Two: Type in the school's name.



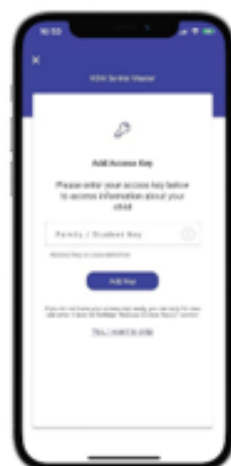
Step Three: Choose 'Register Here' from the bottom of the screen. Complete the details and choose 'Create Account'. You will receive a verification email which **MUST** be verified to continue. When the verification link is clicked it opens the log in screen in browser – close the browser and go back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



2026 MPPS Family Night

Join us on Thursday 26th of
November for a whole school
community event!

TIME: 4.00pm - 6.00pm

Pre-purchase (through the office) a \$12 wrist
band for:

- sausage or veggie burger
- slushie, fairy floss, popcorn and photobooth

Live entertainment

Fun outdoor activities and more!



Parent Calendar - Term 4, 2026

	OCT 5	6	7	8	9
1			Make A Wish Mt Pleasant Auskick – 3.15 – 4.15pm	Book Fair (open to parents 3.00-3.30pm)	Assembly (parents welcome) 2.30pm
2	12	13	14 Mt Pleasant Auskick – 3.15 – 4.15pm	15	16 Foundation Transition Day 2027 9.15 – 10.45am Parent/Carer Morning Tea – 9.15 – 10am Assembly (parents welcome) 2.30pm
3	19	20	21 School Council Meeting 4.30 – 6pm	22	23 Foundation Transition Day 2027 9.15 – 10.45am Assembly (parents welcome) 2.30pm
4	26 SSG	27 SSG	28 SSG	29	30 Foundation Transition Day 2027 9.15- 10.45am Division Cricket Assembly (parents welcome) 2.30pm
5	NOV 2 Curriculum Day STUDENT FREE	3 Melbourne Cup Day STUDENT FREE	4	5	6 Foundation Transition Day 2027 9.15 – 10.45am Assembly (parents welcome) 2.30pm
6	9	10	11	12	13 Assembly (parents welcome) 2.30pm
7	16	17 Parent Information Session 6pm	18	19	20 Assembly (parents welcome) 2.30pm
8	23	24	25	26 Family Night 4-6pm	27 Assembly (parents welcome) 2.30pm
9	30	DEC 1	2 School Council Meeting 4.30 – 6pm	3	4 Assembly (parents welcome) 2.30pm
10	7	8 Statewide Transition Day 9-1pm	9	10 Year 6 Graduation 5.30- 7.30pm	11 Assembly (parents welcome) 2.30pm
11	14	15	16	17 *Final Assembly 2.30pm	18 Curriculum Day STUDENT FREE