



# Mount Pleasant Primary School

## NEWSLETTER



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*Welcome back.*

It was fantastic to see so many happy smiling faces on Monday morning and that was just the parents!

I would like to welcome Natalie, Shelby, Scarlett and Jayden, our new students this year. I hope you all have a fantastic time and learn lots here at Mount Pleasant. I would also like to welcome Mr Mark Horner who will be teaching in room 1 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday while Ms Gregory is on maternity leave.

### FORMS

You should have received a number of forms with this newsletter. Please complete and sign all forms and return them to school as soon as possible, they are important. Can you please check and return the Student Personal Data form even if there are no changes. Thank You.

### Swimming

Swimming is in week 4 again this year. You should have received all pertinent consent and medical forms with this newsletter. Please complete, sign and return ALL forms, relevant or not. Please note that some forms are double sided. Swimming is part of the school's mandatory PE lessons and all students are expected to attend (unless a medical condition prevents this). The school has a Social Justice budget which is used to help families that may find it difficult to meet the costs of excursions and camps. Please see Tony if you require any assistance in paying for swimming.

### ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

In an effort to become more sustainable and environmentally friendly we are trying to reduce the amount of paper that is sent home. To this end we will be relying more and more on electronic means of communication. These will be Skoolbag, Seesaw and Class Dojo.

### Skoolbag

Skoolbag is our preferred method of sharing information, particularly in case of emergencies such as bushfires, power outages etc.

We also send out copies of the newsletter via Skoolbag.

Over the page are the instructions for installing the free Skoolbag app.

Make sure you choose **Mount Pleasant Primary School** NOT Mount Pleasant Public School.

The Push Categories referred to are the room numbers and/or school groups you would like to get notifications about.

If you wish to be emailed the notifications as well please sign up for Skoolmail and provide your email address

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### PFA AGM

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February

#### Swimming

19<sup>th</sup> — 23<sup>rd</sup> February

#### Governing Council

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February

#### School Photos

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Full term 1 calendar in  
week 3 Newsletter.

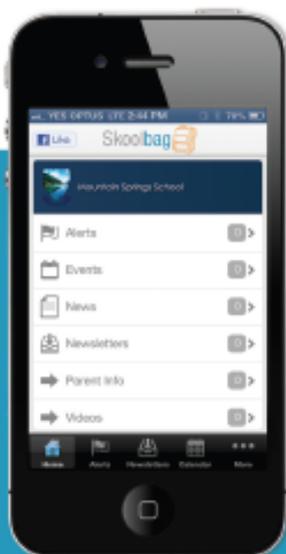
*Regards,*

*Tony*

Below are the instructions for downloading the Skoolbag app.

**IMPORTANT**

We use this as our primary form of communication on catastrophic bushfire days and in emergencies. Please ensure you have completed the General Consent Form and have indicated how you would like to be contacted in whole school emergency situations.



# Skoolbag

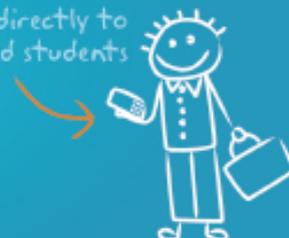


Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



## How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

### iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.



### Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.



Don't forget to like us on Facebook! 

Find out more at [www.skoolbag.com.au](http://www.skoolbag.com.au)

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## NEWS FROM THE PFA

Hello everyone, and welcome back! For those new to the school this year, let me introduce us.

My name is Amanda, and I am the Chairperson for the PFA. The PFA's main role at Mt. Pleasant Primary is to fundraise. Our second role is to ensure the kids have fun while doing our fundraising.

The first term is always our busiest, and we will start organising events fairly quickly.

### **Just a reminder:**

*The PFA AGM will be held on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> February at 9:15am.*

If you are interested in being part of a fun group of parents, then please consider joining us. We will be declaring all positions open. We will need a Chairperson, a Secretary, a Treasurer and general committee members. These positions will be explained in further detail at the meeting. If you want to be part of the PFA, but can't make the meeting, then please speak to either Tony or myself.

### **Upcoming Events**

\* Throughout the year, the PFA organises the Friday lunch orders. We need help on Fridays to prepare the lunches in time for the kids to eat. If you can spare just one Friday to assist us, it will be very much appreciated. There is a roster for this term in the front office. Put your name down on a Friday that suits you. Having two people each Friday would be awesome.

\* During the first term, the Yr 7 kids sell ice blocks on Tuesdays during recess. Please ensure that your child/ren have some spare change to purchase an ice block. Prices range from 50 cents to \$2, depending on what ice blocks are available.

\* The Mt. Pleasant Show will be held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March. This is a marvellous start to our fundraising efforts, as we have always been attending an entrance gate. Once we get the confirmation from the Show Society, I will be putting out a roster asking for your time to assist us with the gate attendance. More details will be provided at a later date.

\* In March, we will be asking for donations to go towards our Easter Raffle. The more donations we receive, the more hampers we can make up. We will also be sending our raffle tickets for you to sell.

\* We will also be organising other events, such as Special Lunches and Market Gates at our first committee meeting.

Very shortly, we will be having a "Fundraising Meeting" with the SRC and a Year 7 family representative. The SRC raises funds to donate towards a charity, and the Yr 7's fundraise to help with their annual trip to Canberra. Each group appreciates your efforts greatly, and we do understand if you can't support all of us each time. Please help us only when you can!

Regards, **Amanda**

# We ♥ Volunteers



Parent volunteers are an important and integral part of our school community.

Many, many things would not happen at this school without volunteers.

Helping out at school is a great way of being involved in your child's education. It also helps the school and the students in so many ways. Volunteers are an invaluable resource for our school community.

Please consider giving up a little bit of your time to help in the classroom or around the school.

Please don't assume that others will do it. We need you!

PLEASE NOTE :- All people who work with or around children must have a Criminal History Check. This is free of charge, lasts for three years and is organised through the school. Please see Tony.

Anyone working with children (ie. Listening to read) must undergo a two hour Responding to Abuse and Neglect training session. A session will be held during this term so please check your up-coming newsletters for details.



## SCHOOL CARD

Income limits have changed from previous years and you may now be eligible.

The School Card scheme offers financial assistance with school fees (materials and services charges) for students attending government schools in that year.

School Card is available to:

- families with children aged four years and over who attend a school full-time
- independent full time years 10 or 11 students who are studying six subjects
- independent full time year 12 students who are studying five subjects

Income limits for applications lodged in 2018 are based on the family's gross income in 2016/2017 financial year. You will need to provide proof of income – eg payslips or Centrelink information.

**Eligibility income limits for a student attending a government school**

1 child—\$57, 870 : 2 children—\$58,903 : 3 children—\$59,936 : 4 children—\$60,969

More information and application forms can be found at

[www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme](http://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme)