



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



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Welcome Back,

It was wonderful to see so many happy, smiling faces today even amongst some of the students. I hope you all had a fantastic break over Christmas and the New Year and are all looking forward to another great year at school.

COVID UPDATE

There are still restrictions in place and procedures we all need to follow. Please make sure you read the following so you can play your part in keeping all of us safe.

Site Access—Parents are allowed on site but it is preferred that numbers be kept to a minimum. Any non-departmental employee must sign in either using the site entry form in the office or by using the QR code. Once we have the QR codes posted we would ask you to use these every time you enter the site (eg school drop off and pick up), this will aid in contact tracing should we ever need it.

The general public should not access school playgrounds or play equipment at any time. Can you please make sure older children know this too.

Hygiene— Hand sanitiser is provided and we will be getting some hands-free sanitisation stations. Please make sure you use these when coming onto school grounds.

Students, staff and/or parents/carers are not to attend if unwell, even mildly. Students must stay home if even mildly unwell and get tested if they have COVID-19 symptoms.

Students who present as unwell *will* be sent home.

We have vulnerable students and staff members, please help keep them safe.

Physical Distancing & Density— ALL adults should observe the 1.5m physical distancing rule wherever and whenever possible, including at school drop off and pick up.

Assemblies can go ahead but we must observe the 1 per 2 sqm density rule. For us this means we can have 75 people in the gym.

The gym can be used/hired by others outside of the school but must be cleaned and sanitised before students use it. The cost and/or work to do this will be the responsibility of the user not the school.

If you have any questions about the restrictions please contact me .

PTO for more back to school stuff.

DATES TO REMEMBER

PFA Meeting

Friday 5th February

Swimming

15th — 19th February
(week 4)

Governing Council

Tuesday 23rd February

School Photos

Thursday 25th February

Assembly

Friday 4th March

Full term 1 calendar in
week 3 Newsletter.

Back To School

School Times

School starts at 8:30am. Teachers will be in class and on duty from then.

Lessons start at 8:50am. It is expected that all students are to be in class, ready to start work at 8:50am (not turning up to school by 8:50am).

If there is any help or support we can provide in ensuring your child is at school on time please let us know.

Dress Code

It is an expectation that every student adheres to the school's dress code. If there is any reason why your child can't wear dress code on any particular day please let the class teacher know by putting a note in their diary or dropping a note to them on Class Dojo.

Please remember that PE is a formal lesson and students must wear appropriate clothes and footwear for engaging in any activity. Shorts/track pants/leggings and sport shoes such as sneakers/runners are recommended on the days your child has PE. This year those days will be Tuesday for Room 2, Wednesday for Room 4 and Thursday for Room 6. Each student will also require their hat and a drink bottle every day.

Student Belongings

Every year we end up with a huge pile of lost property most of which is student clothing. Last year the amount left equated to just over one item for every two students. That is 50% of our student population with a missing item that was not returned to them just because it wasn't labelled.

Please make sure that ALL jumpers, jackets, tops, hats, pants, lunch boxes etc etc are clearly labelled with your child's name. Please check these regularly as often names fade from continual washing (checking the name label regularly is preferable to not washing the item).

Friday Fun Day

We are planning to continue and expand on our Friday Fun Day idea from 2020. Fridays will be our designated for special days, dress up days etc.

As part of this we are moving the **sale of Ice Blocks to Friday afternoon**.

We will also be holding some sort of whole school sport/fitness activity after recess on Fridays starting with Health Hustles in term 1.

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Thursday 25th February. All students are asked to wear school dress code on the day. More information, ordering instructions etc. will be sent home as soon as we receive them from the company.

Forms and Paperwork

A whole heap of forms and paperwork will be sent home with this newsletter. If you don't receive any please let your class teacher know. Please fill in and sign all documents regardless of changes or not and return them to the school as soon as possible.

The forms are:

- Student Personal Details (Orange) - please return regardless of changes
- General Permission form (White)
- On-Going Permission form (Cream)
- Student Computer and Network Agreement—years 2-7 only
- Swimming Consent (Blue)
- Aquatics Consent (White)

There may be other forms, class newsletters and information coming home in the next few weeks so please make sure you check your child's bag/communications folder regularly.

Men's Shed

This year both the year 7's and the year 6's will be working with the wonderful people at the Mount Pleasant Men's Shed. Starting with the year 7's in week 3 the year 6's and 7's will be going on alternate weeks each Tuesday afternoon. Parents are more than welcome to come along and see what is happening. Throughout the year the students will be doing some woodwork and some metal work.

Regards,

Tony

Volunteering and Helping at Mount Pleasant Primary School

Parents and carers are welcome to volunteer in the school at any time. There are many ways you can help. Here are just a few ideas:

- Listening to Reading
- Helping with cooking, art, crafts
- Covering Books
- Decommissioning library books
- Attending excursions
- Helping with lesson/activity prep
- Fundraising (PFA)
- Lunches
- Governing Council

Before volunteering to do classroom support please talk to the teacher involved to see what type of help is needed.

Please speak to Tony if you are interested in joining the PFA or Governing Council or even if you want a bit more information.

The Governing Council and PFA AGM's will be held this term so please consider being part of our vibrant parent community.

Requirements

All volunteers must complete a Working With Children Check and a Responding to Abuse and Neglect training. The RAN training can be done on-line or in person if preferred. Please speak to Tony if you require the check and or the training.



Welcome to Mount Pleasant Primary

Welcome to Ms Lindsay Indge our new teacher in Room 6. Ms Indge comes with a wealth of experience and I know she will be a valuable addition to our school community.

If you can, please take some time to introduce yourself to Ms Indge and make her feel welcome.

I would also like to welcome the new Reception students starting in Room 2 with Miss Adams.

Welcome Evolet, Lachlan, Emily, Arthur, William, Azurite, Cohen and Briahna. I am sure will have the most wonderful time learning and growing here at Mount Pleasant Primary.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the whole school community I would like to say a huge thank you to Nicole Pocock who, after many years of volunteering, will be moving on. Nicole, amongst many other things, came and fed our potoroos every morning, including during the holidays.

Thank you for everything you have done for the school over many, many years Nicole, your tireless efforts have been very much appreciated.

News from the PFA

Welcome back, everyone! The PFA is looking forward to another exciting year of school, events and fundraising.



We are holding our first meeting of the year on Friday 5th February (week 2), at 2:15pm.

We need to start early because there is a lot going on in the first term. If you want to join the PFA, please come and see us. The majority of our events are usually held at the school, during and just after school. We are responsible for Friday lunch orders, Special Lunches, Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day gifts, Easter raffle, plus a few other fundraising events. We are always looking for people to join us, so please consider joining if you have time.

If you don't want to join the PFA, please consider volunteering at just one of our events.



Friday Lunch Orders:

To kick things off, a roster will be placed in the office for volunteers to put their names down to attend to Friday lunch orders. If you haven't assisted with the lunch orders, you can always volunteer with another member, and they can show you how it's done. It's fairly straightforward, and only takes about an hour and a half.



Mt Pleasant Show:

The school also has the privilege to tend the 'Horse Gate' for the Mt Pleasant Show. This year, it's on 20th March, and we need volunteers from 9am to about 4pm. This is a great fundraising event for us, and it only takes our time. A roster will be put up in the office, with time slots. If you have an hour you can spare, please consider helping us out. It would be ideal to have at least 3 people per hour, and we are always looked after by the Show Committee.

Farmers Market Gate:

Just a week after the show, we have the opportunity to tend to the gate for the Farmers Market on 27th March. This is another great fundraising opportunity, and again, it only takes our time. I will be putting a roster out in the office, again just for one hour time slots. This runs from only 8am to midday. Ideally, there should be at least 2 people per gate.



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Easter Raffle:

Easter is in week 10 this year. Later on in the term, we will be asking for donations towards our Easter Hampers, and then asking for you to sell raffle tickets for the hampers. We have had great success in the past with this raffle.

We will be having more events during the term, but we will discuss what these will be at our first meeting, where we will plan out the term in conjunction with the SRC and Year 6 & 7 Canberra trip fundraising.

Regards, PFA