

MT PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 1, Week 2

Educate today for a changing tomorrow

6th February 2020

2020 Calendar

| Term 1 | |
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| 7/2/20 | Hot Lunch |
| 12/2/20 | Small School Swimming Carnival (8 years of age and above) Please note the change of date! |
| 14/2/20 | Cattle Judging at Maitland Show - selected children |
| 18/2/20 | Zone Swimming Carnival - selected children |
| 20/2/20 | P&C Annual General Meeting followed by a regular meeting 1:30pm in the school library |
| 21/2/20 | Parent Information Breakfast Meeting 7:45am onwards Hot lunch |
| 28/2/20 | 'Young Teen Talk' Year 6 Clean Up Australia Day |
| 6/3/20 | Hot lunch |
| 17/3/20 | Whole school excursion to the Australian Reptile Park, Central Coast |
| 20/3/20 | Hot lunch |
| 3/4/20 | Hot lunch |
| 9/4/20 | 'Eggstravaganza' Last day of Term 1 |

Voluntary Contributions

A Voluntary Contribution of \$40 per child, then \$25 for each additional child from the same family, is due and payable at the office or on line, through POP. This money assists in providing resources for the children.

Principal's Report

What a successful transition our new kindergarten students have made this week! They look fantastic in our smart school uniform and seem very happy and confident. Much credit must go to their families who have prepared these children for 'big school' extremely well. Many thanks also to Mrs Harris who has calmly and happily supported the children this week as they have adjusted to many new routines and systems.

The School Captains, William and Ashley, led the school assembly yesterday with great skill. Congratulations to the merit award winners and the citizenship winner, pictured in this newsletter.

Some reminders of school routines and expectations:

- ♦ If you wish to make an appointment to have a chat with your child's teachers, or myself, please do so through the school office.
- ♦ Schools require a dated, written permission slip if students are to be picked up from school (or excursions like the swimming carnival) by another person who is not the primary caregiver.
- ♦ Photographs - please note that schools operate with respect and take the privacy of families and students very seriously. At school and at school related events like the swimming carnival, please do not take photographs of students who are not members of your family without the expressed permission of the students' families. Out of courtesy to all families, this includes not releasing images of other people's children on any social media platforms.

Our school vision, aligned to the 2018-2020 School Plan, is:

Each student at Mt Pleasant Public School is known, valued and cared for in a nurturing small school. Individual potential is developed through high quality teaching practice, caring families and supportive community. By providing an equitable school setting, students are empowered to become valued members of society.

Student Information Sheet

Forms were sent home last week with the newsletter. These forms **need to be updated** regularly to ensure all information is current and correct. Please complete the form/s and return to the school **as soon as possible**. If you have any questions regarding the forms, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Seesaw in 2020

The online communication tool *Seesaw* will be used in all three classes again in 2020. Seesaw is an application where parents sign up to their child's class and are able to see posts, photos and updates from their classroom teacher about successes, activities and events that your child engages in. We have found it a great way to strengthen the tie between home and school and provide a closer insight into school life.

Your child's teacher will be sending home information on how to sign up to your child/children's class. If you have any questions at all, please speak with your child's classroom teacher.

We are looking forward to using Seesaw again in our school this year.



Donations of the following items would be appreciated:

- ◆ Packet of Baby wipes
- ◆ Box of tissues
- ◆ Pack of glue sticks
- ◆ Container of liquid hand soap
- ◆ Packet of 'Chux' wipes

Congratulations to the Merit Award and Citizenship winners Term 1, Week 2



Parent / Teacher Information Session

All parents and caregivers are invited to attend a breakfast, put on by the teachers, to provide information for families about key operational and organisational procedures in the new classrooms for 2020. This will be held from 7:45am to 8:30am on **Friday 21 February**. Children are welcome to accompany their parents/carers, and a teacher will be on playground duty for the time of the session.

Bacon and egg rolls for the **ADULTS** will be provided by the staff, and fruit for the children.

School Banking



On Wednesdays members of the P&C operate School Banking. If anyone has any questions please contact Lindsay Moran on 0409 249 284 or Fiona Bailey on 0458 772 535.

SKOOLBAG APP

Attached to our newsletter are instructions on how to install the Skoolbag App on your preferred device. This year we will be using the Skoolbag App more frequently to keep our parents informed of upcoming events. It is therefore important that all parents download the Mount Pleasant Public School App to keep up to date with events and happenings within our school.

2020

Library Day – 4/5/6 on Tuesday

2/3 on Wednesday

K/1 on Thursday

Everyone can borrow and return books in their class library time, and on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Please remember a sealable, water proof library bag!

A reminder of the changes to the school's timetables.

8:30am first bell to signal playtime

9:00am bell to signal assembly and the start of class time

11:00am-11:10am bells to signal eating time in class

11:10am first half playtime

11:30am second half playtime

11:50am bell to signal assembly and the start of class time

1:50pm bell to signal a snack time and playtime

2:10pm bell to signal assembly and the start of class time

3pm bell to signal end of day

Staff will also include the 'crunch and sip' procedures in the morning learning session where children are encouraged to snack on fruit and sip on water as a lesson break.



Allergy Management

Mount Pleasant Public School is concerned about the safety and well-being of all our students. Many of you will know someone who is affected by anaphylaxis, a life threatening allergic reaction. Our school does its best to be an allergy aware school. Staff have had training in severe allergy management and we have implemented lots of strategies to help keep students at risk of anaphylaxis as safe as we can.

We have some students and teachers who live with the risk of anaphylaxis to foods and latex. Whilst these children are being taught to care for themselves at an age appropriate level, we ask that you help us educate your child on the importance of not sharing food with others, washing hands after eating and calling out to an adult if they think their friend with allergies is sick. With increased awareness and understanding of anaphylaxis, you will be able to help protect those around you. A food allergy is an immune system response to a normally harmless food protein that the body believes is harmful. 9 foods cause 90% of food allergies. These foods are:

- Egg
- Sesame
- Milk
- Soy
- Peanut
- Fish
- Tree nuts (cashew, almond, pistachio etc)
- Crustacea (prawns, lobster, crabs etc)
- Wheat



Peanuts are the leading cause of severe allergic reactions, followed by tree nuts, shellfish, fish and milk. Adrenaline/epinephrine is the first line treatment for severe allergic reactions and can be administered via auto-injector, called the EpiPen®. To learn more about anaphylaxis and food allergies, go to www.allergyfacts.org.au and www.allergy.org.au

As the only way to manage a food allergy is avoidance, the school has implemented several strategies to help prevent a severe allergic reaction. We can never totally eliminate the risk of an anaphylaxis but we can all do things that will help lessen the risk. Please consider the child with food allergy when packing your child's lunch or when sending in food for any occasion, including school excursions.

SCHOOL NEWS

NEW STAFF & STUDENTS

This year we have a new teacher Mrs Wiseman teaching the 2|3 Class for 2020.

She came from Muswellbrook Public School but like every other teacher that comes to our school she still says it's the best!

Her favourite subject to teach is the creative arts.

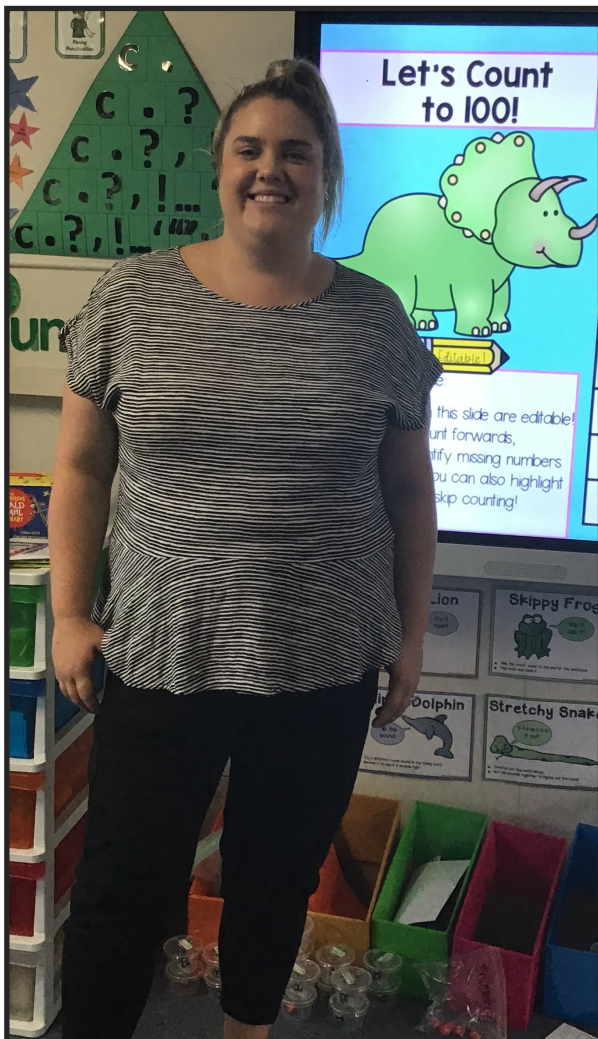
Just like Mrs Black, she loves AFL, with her favourite team being the Sydney Swans. She also enjoys playing Netball.

Mrs Wiseman is looking forward to meeting everyone at Mount Pleasant and teaching other grades.

When Mrs Wiseman first came to this school she was overwhelmed but also excited about coming to Mount Pleasant Public School.

Welcome to MPPS Mrs Wiseman.

By Will & Ashley



NEW STUDENTS

Also Welcome to our new students, Lincoln & Kynslee!



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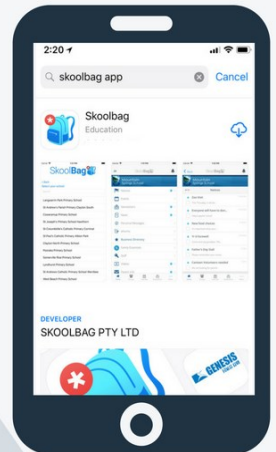


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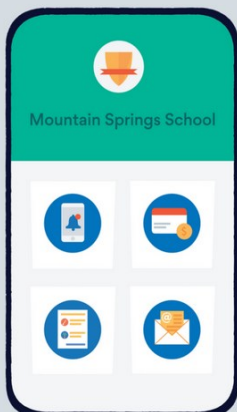
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