



MT PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 1, Week 3

Educate today for a changing tomorrow

13th February 2020

2020 Calendar

Term 1	
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 at 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

Principal's Report

The Small Schools Swimming Carnival was held on Wednesday and our students performed very well. Congratulations to everyone who participated and many thanks to the families who supported their children's involvement on the day. Mrs Wiseman and Miss Arvanitis were very proud of the behaviour of our students and many thanks to Mrs Holz, Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Bower for working with the small school staff team to make this day so successful. Well done everyone!

School Planning

Strategic Direction 1 of our 2018-2020 School Plan is: Students who are engaged, self-regulated learners.

The purpose behind this direction is that, at Mt Pleasant Public School, we aim to foster a learning culture where students are fully engaged and working hard at their point of need in learning. We have high aspirations that students will consistently demonstrate positive learning behaviours, for example **good emotional regulation and self-control** both in the classroom and the playground.

An important school system that supports us to achieve this strategic direction is to deliver differentiated lessons. At our school differentiated teaching practices occur both within subjects and across subjects. For example, two days each week, on Wednesdays and Thursdays the children work in stage groups for HSIE (History/Geography) and Science. Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) students are with Miss Arvanitis, Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) are with Mrs Wiseman, Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) are with me. Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) are with Mrs Harris. Everyday, except for Mondays, the whole school divides into four maths groups for one hour, between 11:50am-12:50pm with these four teachers.

P&C Annual General Meeting

Thursday 20th February 2020, starting at 1:30pm in the School Library.



2020 Student Attendance

It is a requirement for schools to maintain student attendance records as outlined in the 'Student Attendance In Government Schools- Procedures'

Parents naturally have a very important role with regard to student attendance. They are to ensure their child/children attend every day the school is operational.

If a child is absent the school requires an explanation within 7 days of an absence.

If the school doesn't receive an explanation within 7 days of an absence, the student's absence will be marked as unexplained. Also if an explanation is not accepted by the principal the absence will be marked as unjustified.

Please note the school day is from 9am to 3pm. Thank you for your support.



EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!



Breakfast Club

Many thanks to those parents who regularly donate food items to our breakfast club. It is greatly appreciated by the children and the staff.

The main items needed are:

- * Milo
- * Long life milk
- * Vegemite
- * Strawberry Jam



Parent / Teacher Information Session

All parents and caregivers are invited to attend a breakfast 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 will be provided for ALL, but please let the school office know if you are coming for catering purposes!



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

Just below 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.

Stay informed with the SkoolBag App



The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and all school communications.



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SkoolBag

SCHOOL NEWS

KINDERGARTEN 2020

Our seven new kindy children have settled into their K/1 class so well and I have really enjoyed our first few days together.

We have been learning all about our school rules and class routines. The children have enjoyed completing a number of fine motor skills including cutting, pasting, paper scrunching and many other activities. Our formal timetable has commenced this week and I can already see that all my beautiful kindy children are eager to learn. I look forward to watching them grow and learn in my class throughout the year.



SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2020

On Wednesday 12th February our school competed in the Small School Swimming Carnival and what a great day it was.

Well done to our competitive swimmers, who competed in the 50m and 100m races. We had some great wins, close seconds and positive attitudes from all swimmers. It was also wonderful to see our younger students give the 25m races a go and develop their skills in the novelties. A special mention to our 2 relay teams, who won both of their races, with a nail biting finish from the senior team! Go Mount Pleasant!

All the teachers and staff from our school were very proud of the effort our students put in on the day, the encouragement they gave each other and their excellent behaviour.

Well done team!

