



MT PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 1, Week 4

Educate today for a changing tomorrow

20th February 2020

2020 Calendar

Term 1	
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
25/4/20	ANZAC Day
28/4/20	Student return for Term 2
12/5/20–15/5/20	NAPLAN assessments Years 3 and 5

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

School Planning

Strategic Direction 2 of our 2018-2020 School Plan is:

Teachers who are collaborative and reflective.

The objective of this direction is to enable staff to participate in rich and relevant training opportunities in the teaching of literacy and numeracy. Through targeted professional reflection upon these opportunities, staff undertake rigorous evaluation and focused effort to identify what works best and why. Staff then identify new, different or innovative interventions to improve student performance in literacy and numeracy.

An important DoE initiative in this space is the Literacy and numeracy Strategy 2017-2020

For more information on the Strategy, visit: www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-the-department/our-reforms/literacy-andnumeracy-strategy

In line with all NSW schools, our school has a relentless focus on explicit teaching practices and high expectations for all students.

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!

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 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



Congratulations to the Merit Award and Citizenship winners Term 1, Week 4



PLEASE NOTE

Scripture Classes

Scripture will commence at Mt Pleasant next Tuesday with K-3 attending from 11.30-12.00pm and 4.5-6 attending at 12.00-12.30pm.

If you do not wish your child to attend Scripture could you please advise the school in writing as soon as possible.



SCHOOL NEWS

Cattle judging Success

On the 14th of February, 8 students represented our school at the Maitland Show in the Cattle Judging Competition. The students were - William Schaefer, Ashley Smith, Cambell Cronin, Cooper Shoemark, Lachlan Bailey, Hunter Nott, Chloe Smith and Jack Thomas. The students did a great job ranking the bulls, heifers and steers and learnt a lot on the day. It was fantastic to see all the students give it their best go and be confident in their rankings of the cattle.

We had three students that were successful in making it to the oral speeches, which meant they had to justify their rankings on the microphone to the judge! From those speeches, combined with their ranking scores, Cooper Shoemark was awarded highly commended, Ashley Smith placed 3rd and William Schaefer was very successful and placed first in the primary competition!

Congratulations to those three students.

William Schaefer, Ashley Smith and Cambell Cronin also represented our school as a team on the day and ended up with the highest combined score out of all of the other schools on the day, winning the team competition! Well done team.

A fantastic start to the year for our cattle judges.



SWIMMING RESULTS

Due to the amazing results at the Small School Swimming Carnival, many of our talented swimmers progressed to the Zone Swimming trials in Scone on Tuesday.

At the Small Schools Swimming Carnival, William Schaefer achieved the runner up for Senior Boys Champion. Cooper Shoemark was the Junior Boy Champion, and Mitchell Fitzsimmons was the Junior Boy runner up. Audrey Bower was the Junior Girl Champion, and Ella Fitzsimmons tied for first for 11 years Champion. Bailee Lucas was the Senior Girls Champion runner up. WOW, what fabulous results!



William Schaefer, Cooper Shoemark, Mitchell Fitzsimmons, Audrey Bower, Ella Fitzsimmons, Bailee Lucas and Ashley Smith all went on to swim on Tuesday in the Zone Swimming Carnival and it was a great day.

Senior Relay Team



The Senior relay team of Ashley Smith, Bailee Lucas, William Schaefer and Ella Fitzsimmons gained a place in their race so they now progress to the regional trials.

Well done to all of the students and thank you to the families who supported their children to attend these events.