



# MT PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 1, Week 5

Educate today for a changing tomorrow

27th February 2020

## 2020 Calendar

| Term 1       |                                                                                                                                                                       |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 28/2/20      | <b>'Young Teen Talk' Year 6</b><br>Clean Up Australia Day                                                                                                             |
| 3/3/20       | Regional Swimming Trials<br><br>Parent information for Year 6, transitioning to Singleton High School in 2021 starting at 4:45pm Multipurpose room at the high school |
| 4/3/20       | AECG Meeting, SH School Library 3.45pm                                                                                                                                |
| 5/3/20       | Hot lunch                                                                                                                                                             |
| 6/3/20       | Junior Cattle Judging at Newcastle Show – selected children                                                                                                           |
| 17/3/20      | Whole school excursion to the Australian Reptile Park, Central Coast                                                                                                  |
| 20/3/20      | Hot lunch & Harmony Day                                                                                                                                               |
| 9/4/20       | <b>'Eggstravaganza'</b><br><b>Last day of Term 1</b>                                                                                                                  |
| 25/4/20      | ANZAC Day                                                                                                                                                             |
| Term 2       |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 28/4/20      | Students return for Term 2                                                                                                                                            |
| 12/5–15/5/20 | NAPLAN assessments Years 3 and 5                                                                                                                                      |

### PLEASE NOTE

HOT LUNCH will be on Thursday 5 March instead of Friday due to students attending Cattle Judging.

## Principal's Report

Many thanks to the parents who joined us for breakfast on Friday. It was a great opportunity to catch up and check out what is happening in the school.

### School Planning

Strategic Direction 3 of our 2018-2020 School Plan is: **Strengthening school partnerships and widening student opportunities.** Holding sessions like the information breakfast is one of the ways our school maintains productive partnerships and positive relationships with everyone.

### Reading and maths at home

In line with The Literacy and numeracy strategy, our school is committed to providing parents with clear, regular and timely information about how children learn and their child's progress.

There are lots of ways you can help your child build mathematics skills at home. Mathematics includes noticing numbers, shapes, patterns, size, time and measurement. Incorporating Mathematics into everyday experiences is easy and fun. Mathematics is everywhere – in the playground, at the shops and at home.

Helping children build a love of literature is a very important way you can assist your child to achieve a wide range of skills in literacy. Most importantly, reading with your child regularly will increase your child's vocabulary, expand your child's understanding of the world, and give them confidence when using language.

During the year staff will hold workshops to assist families with developing skills and strategies to help support children in the development of age appropriate skills in literacy and numeracy.

**If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to make an appointment with your child's teacher.**

## 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



## Congratulations to the Merit Award and Citizenship winners Term 1, Week 5



## Good for Kids good for life

### PACKING AN EVERYDAY LUNCHBOX

Packing an everyday lunchbox does not have to contain fancy ingredients.

Make packing an everyday lunchbox easy by adding:

- **Crunch and Sip®:** 1 serve of fruit or vegetables
- **Recess:** 1 serve of fruit or vegetables + 1-2 everyday snacks e.g. rice crackers, yoghurt
- **Lunch:** Sandwich/wrap/roll or leftovers containing everyday ingredients e.g. pasta, fried rice
- **Drink:** Water and/or reduced fat plain milk
- Don't forget to add an **ice brick** to keep the food cool and safe

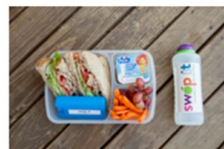
See our everyday lunchboxes below for ideas.



**Crunch & Sip®:** Capsicum sticks  
**Recess:** Mini rice cakes, banana  
**Lunch:** Multigrain wrap with chicken, cheese, carrot and lettuce  
**Drink:** Water



**Crunch & Sip®:** Cherry tomatoes  
**Recess:** Rice crackers, cucumber sticks and hummus  
**Lunch:** Raisin bread sandwich with banana  
**Drink:** Water, reduced fat plain milk



**Crunch & Sip®:** Carrot sticks  
**Recess:** Yoghurt, grapes  
**Lunch:** Whole meal sandwich with tuna, tomato and lettuce  
**Drink:** Water

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# SCHOOL NEWS

You might be aware of the many school build improvements going on. The Office is nearing completion, with smart new benches and cupboards, fresh painting, gutters and cladding. The K/1 room has been newly painted outside, and there is new carpet and a great new learning space. The 2/3 room has received many renovations, including a very flash new door! The toilet block and bubblers have been renovated extensively with new roofing, tiling and painting. The Staffroom looks very attractive with new paint and many of the wooden boards renovated. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Bower who handled selecting the new colour schemes! WOW we are very fortunate to have had so many upgrades to start the new year!



# **HaRMONY WEEK**



**everyONE BELONGS**  
[www.harmony.gov.au](http://www.harmony.gov.au)

**Mt Pleasant Public School will celebrate Harmony Week on Friday 20 March, 2020.**

**More information to follow with details of time, activities, out of uniform, etc.**

# Hot Lunch



## BBQ Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Please return this slip and money in an envelope to the school office by **9am on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

| Menu                                                               | Price  | Quantity | Total Price |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|-------------|
| Chicken Burger (crumbed chicken pattie)                            | \$4.00 |          |             |
| Beef Burger (Hamburger pattie)                                     | \$4.00 |          |             |
| Sausage in a long roll                                             | \$3.00 |          |             |
| Juice Popper (please circle)<br>Apple      Orange      Tropical    | \$2.00 |          |             |
| Long Life Milk Popper (please circle)<br>Chocolate      Strawberry | \$2.00 |          |             |
| <b>Total Amount \$</b>                                             |        |          |             |

Cheese, tomato, lettuce, tomato and BBQ sauce will be provided.

For further details on hot lunches please contact Carmen 0420314176 All proceeds from Hot Lunches throughout the year will go towards the 2020 year book!