

MOUNT CLEAR PRIMARY SCHOOL



Principal: Fiona Kerton
Assistant Principal: Kerry Murrell

Principal's News

Newsletter Date
11/12/2018
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Upcoming Events

10th - 14th December
Found - 2 Swimming

13th December
Year 6 Graduation

14th December
LAST LUNCH ORDERS FOR 2018

17th December
Foundation /Yr 1/Yr 2
Celebration Day

18th December
3/4 Celebration Day

18th December
5/6 Celebration Day

18th December
Christmas Celebration
6pm

19th December
Move Up Lunch

21st December
Last Day - 1.30pm Finish

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 10.

As this is our last newsletter for the 2018 school year, I will take this opportunity to thank the Mount Clear Primary School community for your involvement with the school throughout 2018. Many thanks are extended to our School Council members for their commitment to the school throughout the year. I also thank our Parents Fundraising group for their tireless work throughout the year. Our small band of dedicated parents have managed to raise approximately \$8000, a wonderful achievement! Thank you is also given to our amazingly dedicated staff. We are very blessed to have the community we do, it makes coming to work each day an absolute pleasure.

Staffing Update

We farewell the following staff on the last day of this term and thank them all for their dedication to the Mount Clear Primary School student and parent community:

Renee Read, Tara Mickan, Chloe Farnsworth, Kerrie Demunk and John Williams have all been valued members for our teaching staff throughout 2018. Thank you for your wonderful contributions.

Lucinda Dunne, Scott Campbell and Camie Milne have contributed significantly as Education Support staff with both our students and our school environment. We wish them all the best.

Ryan Stevens and Cynthia Davidson will both be returning to Mount Clear Primary School in 2019 after their leave throughout 2018. Welcome back!

Final School Assembly

This Friday is our last school assembly for 2018. . As we have quite a big assembly agenda, we will be commencing the assembly at **2.15pm**. All parents are welcome!

State-wide Transition Day

Today was the state wide transition day for students transitioning from Year 6 to Year 7 and Kindergarten to Foundation (Prep). We thank the many families who joined us for our information session this morning and we thank our Parents Fundraising Group for the delicious morning tea! We hope the information about uniforms, booklists, parent charges and general information assisted our new families to become familiar with the processes at Mount Clear Primary School. We look forward to you joining us in 2019!

2018 Year 6 Graduation

We are all very much looking forward to our Year 6 Graduation celebration which is to be held this Thursday (13th December) at Mount Clear College. Year 6 students are asked to arrive at 7:00pm with the Graduation ceremony commencing at 7:30pm.

Library Books/ Take Home Books

All library books were due to be returned to the library last week. If you are yet to return books, please do so at your earliest convenience. The process of returning all books, conducting a stocktake and re-shelving takes time. Please assist us in the prompt return of all books. Thank you for your support.

2018 Semester Two Student Achievement Reports

Student reports will be sent home with all students on Wednesday 19th December. Included in the report envelope will be our 2019 classes and staff list.

2019 Enrolments and Exits

We are currently working on our 2019 classes. This is quite a lengthy process, as we consider the allocation of each child very carefully to ensure that we provide the best learning environment we can. For those families that are still to enrol students we encourage you to collect your enrolment pack from the office. It is also important when we come to organise classes that we know of students who will not be at our school in 2019. If your family is moving on, please let us know as soon as possible and if you are aware of a new family moving into the area please ask them to contact the school as soon as possible.

Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) 2018-19

All Victorian schools and early childhood services included on the 2018-19 BARR are required to close on determined Code Red days in their Bureau of Meteorology district. Inclusion on the BARR enables facilities to provide staff, children and parents with certainty about what will happen on determined Code Red days. Mount Clear Primary School is on the 2018-19 BARR.

The following websites are available for our wider community to assist people with planning and preparing for both bushfires and grassfires.

<http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/fire-ready-kit>

<http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/your-guide-to-survival/>

Further information has also been included with this newsletter.

Last Day 2018

Our last day for Term 4 is Friday 21st December with all students finishing at **1:30pm**. Please note the earlier finish time in your diaries or on the fridge!

Have a wonderful week everyone!

Fiona Kerton
Principal

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER 6.00pm

Come and enjoy the fun and celebrate a wonderful year of learning



BYO PICNIC TEA



LOST PROPERTY

There is a **LARGE** amount of lost property sitting in the 3/4 building.

All held property will be disposed of at the end of Term 4.

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School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. **Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.**



Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan, reprioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking our website <http://mountclearps.vic.edu.au/> and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.
- You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season see:

- <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook ([facebook.com/cfavic](https://www.facebook.com/cfavic))
- Twitter (twitter.com/CFA_Updates)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)



Students of the Week Week 1

FYA Logan Davis Stones

For your confidence and resilience.

Anthony Meloury

For your all round amazingness! It is so wonderful how you care for our environment and classroom.

Althea Cantillas

For taking on feedback to improve your writing!

F1B Jaxson Foster

Spectacular writing – full stops, capital letters, and interesting sentences – amazing!

12A Abbie O'Brien

For working with with focus on her information report.

12B Brody Norris

When he puts his mind to things, he achieves great things.

12C Ruby Eppingstall

Being a star role model.

12D Drefine Murezeki

For having an amazing start at Mt Clear PS and being a happy member of the classroom

34A Frazer MacPhail &

Audrey Foale Amazing, deep, thoughtful thinking about reading!

34C Zoe Spano

A quiet achiever, who is excelling in reading.

Izabelle Wright

A quiet achiever, who is excelling in writing.

34D Anastacia Bramich

Being a valued and careful team member when working with others.

56A Nicolas Giles

Stepping out of his comfort zone and smashing graduation practise.

56B Rachel Speirs

Her improved confidence and friendly persona.

56C Emily Stone

Your hard work and discussions with the 3/4's.

56D Harry Carroll

Demonstrating great persistence during our 'Nature Fun Park Design' activity.

56E Bianca Doney & Lara Hughes

Being amazing role models.



Students of the Week Week 2

FYA Gaige Fraser

For being an exemplary role model in everything you do!

F1B Alex Horne

For a wonderful week in Foundieland. You have worked hard, listened carefully and been so helpful to everyone!

12A Jai Daniel

Working with purpose and focus on work tasks.

12B Hayley Pegg

For stepping up and giving 100%.

12C ALL of 1/2C

The outstanding way you conducted yourselves at Earth Ed.

12D All of 1/2 D

For their amazing information reports.

34A Imogen Ford

Incredible, deep thinking and dedication to all her work.

Jack Dwyer

Taking the time to make sure he does his personal best.

34B Blake Townsend

Sharing great ideas from our novel study "A Different Boy".

34C William Bamford

For being kind and generous to a younger student.

34D Bella Dwyer &

Dekotah Finley

For your wonderful attitude to learning.

56A Jye Whelan

For being a wonderful class mate to others.

Lanae Goldsmith

Always persisting, always giving 100%, always trying to improve.

56B Seth Letcher &

Ava Crocker

For a wonderful attitude to learning, showing determination and stamina in maths.

56C Zack Fowler

Your enthusiasm to complete work quickly, to the best of your ability.

56D Mustafa Noor

Showing great teamwork and cooperation working on his nature fun park.

56E Cody Ploeger

The fantastic resilience and determination you have shown in your maths.

Wang Wang & Funi



Wang Wang Week 1

Tevita Topui

For applying himself to all his learning and giving everything a 'Red Hot Go'.

Funi Week 1

Eva Finley

For leading by example, both in the classroom and the yard!

Wang Wang Week 2

Mussab Noor

For his positive attitude and 'can do' approach to school.

THE WINNERS

WEEK 1

Milly Aitkin

3/4D

&

Gaige Fraser

FYA



WEEK 2

Audrey Foale

3/4A

&

Paul Reed

5/6C

Parents' Fundraising News

Follow our Facebook page for reminders and more

Upcoming PF events

Teacher's luncheon	Wed 12 Dec
Year 6 Graduation evening	Thur 13 Dec
Celebration evening & Christmas Stall - 6pm	Tues 18 Dec

Contact Us

Email: mcprimaryfundraising@gmail.com

Facebook: [@mount.pfundraising](https://www.facebook.com/mount.pfundraising)

SMS: 0422146384 Hil / 0417073799 Beck

Helpers and donated platters needed for Wednesday please!

- Teacher's Luncheon – Wednesday 12th

Each year we provide a pre-Christmas lunch for staff to thank them for all their hard work and dedication over the school year.

*We need a handful of helpers to set up and pack up.
Donations of savoury and sweet platters can be left in the staff room before school. Please label your platter with your name.*



Year 6 Graduation evening - Year 5 parents work together each year to organise the Year 6 Graduation evening. This involves assisting the coordinators, Eloise Stone and Kathryn Flind, who need your help to prepare food platters, transport tea-making facilities, set up and clean up. *Please contact Eloise ASAP on 0411509915 if you are a Year 5 parent.*

Thank you to the parents who helped run the Christmas Stall on Monday. The lunchtime session was a buzz of excitement. We still have plenty of items left which will be on sale during the Christmas celebration evening from 6pm, Tues 18 Dec.

Crazy Camel Art - Products and artwork are likely to be handed out Wed 12 Dec.



Parents Fundraising Group is a group of PT working parents who give some spare time to the school. We know that life can get in the way, but there is no obligatory membership, we just help when we can. Our kids love seeing us delivering hot food and selling stall gifts! Please come and chat to us at the Celebration evening about helping in 2019. Our aims are to provide services to our kids and to raise \$10,000+ each year to provide additional needs that fall outside the school's government funding.

Merry Christmas to you all and see you in 2019!

SPECIALISTS

STUDENTS OF THE TERM

	Art	P.E	E.S	Chinese
FYA	Madeline Plevko	Indi Fitzpatrick	James Bell	Catherine Fraser
F1B	Jaxon Foster	Logan Morris	Jack Ward	Seth Wright
1/2A	Zaid Syed	Michael Zeller	Ruby Smith	Elise McKinley-Kippen
1/2B	Jett Cassell	Maisie Frawley	Ella Sapiano	Kieley Delbridge
1/2C	Ben Bell	Lawson Wright	Angus McLean	Rachel Flind
1/2D	Grace Alsop	Sophie Mason	Ujjwal Gambhir	Nate Fitzpatrick
3/4A	Ruby Loader	Logan Field	Lillymae Crawford	Isabelle Cromb
3/4B	Jack Farnsworth	Patrick Meloury	Elizna Cornthwaite	Edward Jordan
3/4C	Luke Gallagher	Nicholas Speirs	Joel Ploeger	Lucy Reed
3/4D	Lily Hunter	Dylan Newell	Lauren Topui	Matilda Fawcett
5/6A	Jack Bamford	Jayda Kentish	Mercedes Hobson	Nicolas Giles
5/6B	Laticia Gray	Riley Godfrey-Roberts	Asha Spark	Hugh Constable
5/6C	Eli Bolt	Kate Littlehales	Millie Taylor	Paul Reed
5/6D	Mollyrose Crawford	Tahlia Dunstan	Ilyssa Vandromme	Lachlan Jew
5/6E	Joel Ferris	Aiden Kula	Bianca Doney	Violet Foale

Catherine King Award

Each year Catherine King (Federal Member for Ballarat) presents an award to a member of our school community who has significantly contributed to the welfare of our school over this year as well as preceding years. This year the award was presented to Nicole Broughton, our wonderful Business Manager. In summary, Nicole has been recognised for her devotion and care for our school community, over and above her duties as our business manager. As Catherine stated at our presentation assembly, "Nicole epitomises the Mount Clear school values of: Care, Respect, Honesty and Personal Best!" Congratulations Nicole!



BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club Will be finishing in Week 10.

THIS WEEK !

There will be no Breakfast Club in the last week of
Term.

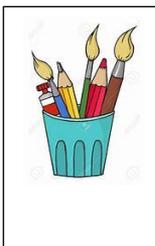
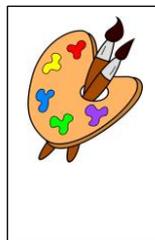
YEAR 5/6 MELBOURNE EXPERIENCE

On Monday and Wednesday of Week 5 this term, the Year 5/6s headed off on the train to the Melbourne excursion, you heard right I said TRAIN! All students met at the train station in Ballarat and arrived safely in Melbourne around 9am. First we went on a guided tour of Parliament house in Melbourne (to tie in with our Civics and Citizenship unit) and then we headed off for a guided tour of the MCG. As a group the 5/6s agreed, we learnt a lot from our experienced tour guides and some of the questions our 5/6s asked were fantastic! We were lucky enough to have some wonderful parent helpers come along and enjoy the experience as well. A great day was had by all!





At the end of Term 3, all students had the opportunity to create a piece of artwork that was entered into the Ballarat Children's Art Award. The theme was 'What is your story? What shapes your past?' The children worked independently to create their own individual pieces of art. Thank you all for your excellent participation. We received some wonderful news that 22 of our students have been selected as finalists. An absolutely fantastic effort, with over 1400 entries this year!



Special congratulations to 3 of our students who received a place at the Award Presentation on Monday evening. Foundation – Althea Cantillas 3rd Place. Year 1/2 - Abi Fraser – 1st Place. Xavier Fotheringham – 3rd Place.

OUR FINALISTS

Foundation:	Year 3/4:
Althea Cantillas	Matilda Fawcett
Kalaveti Dawson	Isabella Silvey
Giselle Clarisse	Tayah Thomas
Declan Birthisel	
	Year 5/6:
Year 1/2:	Jayda Kentish
Corey Stone	Sophie Chequer
Bayden Horne	Kayla Cini
Skye Sheard	Olivia Crocker
Jaylin O'Connor	Akarsha Rose Oakes
Rachel Flind	
Ruby Smith	
Sophie Brown	
Abi Fraser	
Xavier Fotheringham	

COMMUNITY NEWS

Beleza SCHOOL UNIFORMS

BALLARAT

END OF YEAR TRADING 2018

DECEMBER 2018						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9 th CLOSED	10 th OPEN 9:00am - 5:00pm	11 th OPEN 9:00am - 5:00pm	12 th OPEN 9:00am - 5:00pm	13 th OPEN 9:00am - 5:00pm	14 th OPEN 9:00am - 5:00pm	15 th OPEN 10:00am - 1:00pm
16 th CLOSED	17 th OPEN 9:00am - 5:00pm	18 th OPEN 9:00am - 5:00pm	19 th OPEN 9:00am - 5:00pm	20 th OPEN 9:00am - 5:00pm <small>LAST DAY OF TRADE</small>	21 st CLOSED	22 nd CLOSED
23 rd CLOSED	24 th CLOSED CHRISTMAS EVE	25 th CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY	26 th CLOSED BOXING DAY	27 th CLOSED	28 th CLOSED	29 th CLOSED
30 th CLOSED	31 st CLOSED					

JANUARY 2019				
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
CLOSED NEW YEARS DAY	OPEN 9:00am - 5:00pm	OPEN 9:00am - 5:00pm	OPEN 9:00am - 5:00pm	OPEN 10:00am - 1:00pm

BUNINYONG PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

VACATION CARE PROGRAM

\$55 PER DAY LESS OGS

14 - 30 JANUARY 2019
MONDAY-FRIDAY 8AM TO 6PM

PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- BAKING
- LAWN BOWLS
- X-TREME BOUNCE
- SWIMMING
- SCIENCE DAY
- MOVIES
- TALENT SHOW
- and more!

CALL US TODAY 5341 3560 or visit

www.buninyongps.vic.edu.au/after-school-care/

Summer Holiday Program

Ballarat Venues

SUMMER FUN!
& Boredom BUSTERS

2nd - 25th January 2019

Full program and booking forms available at www.ballarat.ymca.org.au

BOOKINGS OPEN 3RD DECEMBER 2018

- Bowling
- Swimming & Water Games
- Canoeing
- Dinosaur Diggers
- Cricket Clinic
- Kids in the Kitchen
- Marine Show with the Rookeepers
- Sensational Summer Craft
- Movies

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

YMCA Ballarat
7 Lyons St North, Ballarat
www.ballarat.ymca.org.au E ballarat@ymca.org.au T 5329 2800

1st Mount Clear Scout Group

PREPARE FOR ADVENTURE PREPARE FOR LIFE

Enrolments are now open for 2019.

We currently have places available in our Joey Scout Section for 6 and 7 year old boys and girls, who are looking for adventure, and who want to learn and discover new things through fun and friendship.

Visit our website or Facebook page to submit an enquiry.

www.sites.google.com/view/1stmountclearscouts

1st Mount Clear Scout Group

gl.mtclearscouts@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

Kelly Sports December School Holiday Program

Where: Eastwood Leisure Complex (20 Eastwood St, Ballarat 3350)

When: Monday 10th December 2018 - Friday 21st December 2018 (excluding weekends and Public Holidays)

Time: 8:00am-5:00pm

Cost: \$44 per day (\$38.50 if you enrol for 5+ Days)

Ages: Kinder - Grade 6

How to Enroll: Please enrol via www.kellysports.com.au and search for the program.

January School Holiday Program:

Monday 7th - Friday 25th January

If you have any queries or need help with enrolments feel free to contact either of the following.

Dominic Winton: dom@kellysports.com.au
or 0417 967 621

Zac Pullman: zac@kellysports.com.au
or 0418 597 493



2019

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LIVE THE OUTDOORS

LUNCH ORDERS

2018

The last day for lunch orders this term will be Friday 14th December.
There will be NO LUNCH ORDERS in the LAST week of school.

2019

Lunch orders will be offered on Wednesday and Friday in 2019.
(2018 was Tuesday and Friday – note new days!)
The first lunch order day will be Wednesday 13th February (Week 3)

