

MOUNT CLEAR PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Principal's News

Newsletter Date
13/11/18
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Upcoming Events

12th - 16th November
Book Fair

14th November
School Tour

14th & 15th November
Year 3/4 golf

23rd November
Foundation speed greetings.

28th & 29th November
Year 5/6 golf

30th November
Library borrowing finishes

3rd December
Year 1/2 Earth Ed

3rd December
Foundies Sovereign Hill

3rd December
Christmas Stall

7th December
Year 1/2 Earth Ed

10th - 14th December
Found - 2 Swimming

10th December
Hot Food day

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 6. We hope that all our families enjoyed the Ballarat Show Day weekend. It has been lovely to see some sunshine over the past few days. We hope you have managed to enjoy the lovely weather.

Outdoor Classroom Day

On Thursday (1st November) our school participated in the 'Outdoor Classroom Day Australia'. What a wonderful day was had by all. Not only did our students complete their normal learning program outside, they also participated in lessons specifically designed for the outdoors. All students completed an outdoor scavenger hunt. It was lovely to see the 3 – 6 students supporting the F – 2 students in this activity. Many other activities undertaken were: students involved in creative play at BOFI (Box of Fun and Imagination), earning 'wheelbarrow licenses' at Environmental Science, using senses to hear/see nature and wildlife, art classes/still art looking at nature. Thank you to all staff for making the day so relaxed and enjoyable and to our wonderful students who enjoyed the day. We are looking forward to next year's Outdoor Day.

Extra-Curricula Activities

Many of our students have been involved in one or more of the many 'extra-curricula' activities that we provide at Mount Clear PS. Some of the activities are invitation only, many of the activities are open to all students. This year we have been able to provide: Lego Club, Balloon Art, Ukelele Club, Drawing Club, Drumbeat, Zumba classes, Learning Club and Library time. We hope to be able to continue with some of these activities in 2019. Watch our 2019 newsletters for information.

Year 2 Sleepover

Congratulations to all of our Year 2 students who participated in another very successful Sleepover. The event went off without a hitch with students participating in a number of fun activities, eating pizza and watching movies before settling in for the night. After breakfast, the students participated in camp activities at school. Thank you to all the wonderful staff that organised and supervised the event, and thank you to parents and guardians for your support in having students prepared with the right gear.

Volunteers Morning Tea

We are very pleased to invite all parents/carers and friends who have assisted the school in a volunteer capacity this year to a celebration morning tea in the staffroom on Thursday 29 November from 11:00am - 11:30am. We acknowledge and thank you for the time and effort you have volunteered during 2018. Your contribution has assisted our students to achieve their personal best and is greatly appreciated by all of our staff.

Attendance

Attendance at school is obviously crucial to success. It is essential that your child/ren are at school as often as possible. Some of our students need to be congratulated on their sensational attendance. However we have some students who have had too many days off. Help your child to build a better future for themselves by making sure that they are at school as often as possible. Currently teachers are in the process of conducting a number of assessments in order to gather a range of information in the preparation of writing their reports.

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. Our final school tour for 2018 will be conducted on this Wednesday, 14 November at 10am. Please register your interest at 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 also.

Student Dress Code

A reminder that we expect all of our students to be in full school uniform at all times whilst at school and on excursions. We have noticed a number of students who are currently wearing jumpers that are not MCPS uniform as well as black leggings/shorts being worn. Students will be reminded to wear correct uniform and will be asked to remove the jumper that they are wearing. Our Parent Fundraising group sells second hand uniforms, if you are in need of uniform items at a reduced cost.

Booklists

Our 2019 booklists were sent home with the students last week. This year 'OfficeMax' is our preferred supplier after a comprehensive tender process. You will notice that the booklists are a reduced price, in comparison to the past 2 years providing a saving to our families. As you can see on the information provided, if booklists are ordered and paid prior to the 2nd December 2018, delivery to your home will be free of charge.

OfficeMax supplies many businesses across Australia, including the education sector for over 40 years. As a school, we purchase regularly from OfficeMax for our classroom supplies. To ensure we have the same quality of items, we have requested most of the same brands as provided in the past.

Have a wonderful week everyone!

Fiona Kerton
Principal

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club Will be finishing in Week 10.
There will be no Breakfast Club in the last week of Term.

IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

Please contact the office if your child is going to be absent:-

Phone: 5330 1844
Email: mount.clear.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
SMS: Absences texts only 0438 701 844

LOST PROPERTY

If you are missing a school jumper, a drink bottle, something your child took to camp, a coat or yes, even a scooter!

Please check lost property in the 1/2 – 3/4 building.



Students of the Week

FYA Tyler Novak

For all your wonderful learning! Your reading and the fantastic owl you drew for our school art project.

F1B Jack Ward & Giselle Clarisse

Amazing, awesome, spectacular reading. Little superstars.

12A Zaid Syed

For his recount of the Year 1 Camp Tea.

12B Maisie Frawley

Always giving 100% and being such a kind and considerate class mate!

12C Jaylin O'Connor

Being a kind friend and always being respectful of everyone.

12D Ujjwal Gambhir & Te Nawai

For being great role models.

34A Jesse O'Brien

His amazing artistic thinking and attitude towards his learning. Awesome effort!

34B Amelia Bantik

Using excellent adjectives when writing a descriptive story! Top job!



34C Thomas Alsop & Zander Whittle

Really stepping up in their thinking.

34D Lauren Topui

The quality of your work. Really impressive! Keep up your efforts.

56A Emma Walker

For always displaying the Mount Clear values and fantastic writing this week.

56B Angel Bartalotta & Ava Crocker

For doing an excellent job of their poetry reading, embracing outdoor classroom day and always giving everything a red hot go.

56C Nellie Tolliday

Your engagement in reading and your outstanding responses.

56D Corey Langanke

Great maths thinking when working with fractions and decimals.

56E Violet Foale

Being a respectful, amazing role model.

Wang Wang & Funi



Wang Wang

Blake Townsend for being a quiet achiever who is a wonderful MCPS role model!

Funi

Tahlia Dunstan for having a wonderful attitude towards school, outstanding manners and a great smile!

THE WINNERS

WEEK 1

Caitlin N

3/4A



Jai D

1/2A

Parents' Fundraising News

Follow our Facebook page for reminders and more

Upcoming PF events

Crazy Camel orders due (new date)	Wed 14 Nov
Christmas Stall working bee #1	Fri 16 Nov
Christmas Stall working bee #2	Mon 19 Nov
Christmas stall	Mon 3 Dec
Hot Food Day – pizza + icypole	Mon 10 Dec

Contact Us

Email: mcprimaryfundraising@gmail.com

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

SMS: 0422146384 Hil / 0417073799 Beck

Crazy Camel Art Fundraiser - www.crazycamel.com.au/MtClearPrimary



- Students are creating an A4-size artwork at school.
- View artwork by asking teachers before/after school or contacting Hilary 0422146384.
- Parents can order a range of fantastic products featuring their children's art via the link above.
- If you have multiple children, make separate transactions for each child - **no postage or transaction fees.**
- The website also has the option to upload a digital photo.
- Samples of all the products will be on display at school.
- See the accompanying flyer or website for prices.
- Products will be delivered before Christmas.
- **Online orders close TOMORROW (14 Nov - due date has been extended by 3 days)!**

Christmas Stall – Mon 3 Dec – helpers needed!

- The stall will be held at **lunchtime and after school** on Mon 3 Dec in the 5/6 building.
- Students, parents and caregivers are invited to shop for Christmas gifts and decorations for themselves, friends and family.
- We will send home a list of gifts and prices with the next newsletter so that families can plan their spending. There will be Sovereign Hill lollies, plenty of fun crafty gifts, cards and much more available.
- **Helpers needed** for working bees (food provided) from 9am Fri 16 Nov and 9am Mon 19 Nov and to help man the stall from 1:10pm and 3:10pm Mon 3 Dec.



Thank you! To the families who helped contribute to the 60 tickets sold to the 'Small Foot' movie fundraiser. Together we raised \$120 for our school. We are currently fundraising for new posts for the footy oval.

Ballarat-Geelong Entertainment Books

Order Entertainment Books via www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/115d203. You can get a digital membership to use on your smartphone, or order a book to be delivered. Share vouchers with friends and family.

YEAR 1 CAMP TEA

On Monday night all the Year 1 students stayed back at school for the Year 1 Camp Tea. Everyone was so excited to get changed out of their school clothes into their camp outfits. After filling our tummies up with a quick afternoon tea of fairy bread and fruit we set off to start our camp activities. It was a beautiful afternoon, building at BOFI, creating chalk masterpieces on the netball courts, playing Frisbee and most importantly playing safe with our friends. The highlight of the afternoon was playing with the parachute, where all the year 1 students worked as a team to bounce the ball off. We finished the afternoon sitting under the shade sails eating pizza together reflecting on our afternoon.



BOOKS * BOOKS * BOOKS * BOOKS *



BOOK SALE!!

During **November 12th-16th (Week 6 Term 4)** we will have a variety of books on sale in the library.

Stock up for Christmas, birthdays or for your own home library. There's bound to be a book for everyone.

For every book sold the school will receive a book of the same value for our library.

The library will be open

Monday – Friday: 8:30 – 9:00am and 3:20 – 4:00pm

You can use cash or EFTPOS for your purchases.

Library borrowing finishes at the end of November

Please have a look around the house for any library books and encourage your child to return them to the library.



**Last Book Club For
2018**

**Orders due
November 28th**



CONGRATLATIONS
BLUE LIGHT WINNERS FOR
SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER



Hey Kids

“Final Blue Light for 2018”

This is an invitation to all local primary school pupils to attend
Ballarat Blue Light’s next disco on Friday, 16th November.

We have plenty more prizes to local attractions to give away this disco, including
family passes to Sovereign Hill, Ten Pin Bowling & the Ballarat Wildlife Park.
So don’t forget to ask your parents if you can come along.

**Friday 16th November.
7PM to 9PM**

At Sebastopol RSL Hall, Beverin Street, Sebastopol.

Entry is only \$7 Per Person.

Blue Light Disco is drug, alcohol and weapon free.
It’s fully supervised and there are No Pass Outs.
Children must be dropped off and picked up by a Responsible Adult.

For more information call Leading Senior Constable Des Hudson 0409 865 093
Don’t forget to watch out for your photos in 2018 on
[facebook.com/ballaratbluelightdisco](https://www.facebook.com/ballaratbluelightdisco)
You can also follow us on Snapchat at bbluelight.

We can’t wait to see you there!



YEAR 2 SLEEPOVER

Last Tuesday night our Grade 2 students began their camping experiences with a school sleepover. Students loved coming back to school and setting up their beds near friends, before playing games and having pizza for dinner. The favourite game for all was a smarties challenge the teachers had planned for them. After this it was time to watch the movie 'Sing' and then off to sleep. After waking up early all students enjoyed having breakfast together before playing and having the rest of their class mates join them at school. Well done to all students that came along and enjoyed everything that was organised for them. They all did a great job.

HEAD LICE POLICY

Purpose:

To minimise outbreaks of head lice.

Implementation

Mount Clear Primary School will:

- obtain informed written consent of parents/guardians prior to students being inspected for head lice
- exclude infected students until the day after treatment has commenced.

Parent / Guardian Consent

A pro forma consent form will:

- be provided to obtain parent/guardian consent to conduct head lice inspections
- be provided to parents for completion as part of enrolment
- be provided to when:
 - guardianship or custody arrangements change for the student
 - parents/guardians no longer wish to consent to inspections
- apply for the duration the child is at the school.

Head Lice Checks

- visual checks conducted without physical contact:
 - do not require parent/guardian consent
 - are made by people authorised by the principal, e.g. classroom teachers.
- head lice inspections involving the examination of a student:
 - require written parental consent, usually obtained at enrolment
 - are made by people authorised by the principal.

Exclusion of Students

Students identified with live head lice should be:

- provided with a note to take home to inform the parent/carer that their child may have head lice at the conclusion of the school day.
- excluded from school until the day after treatment has commenced, as set out in the *Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 2001, School Exclusion Table*.

Mount Clear Primary School will attempt to notify parents upon detection of live head lice.

The principal has the overall responsibility to exclude a student from school.

The presence of eggs in the hair is not a cause for exclusion. There is no requirement for a general practitioner or local council to issue a clearance certificate in order for the child to return to school.

Detection and Treatment Responsibilities

Responsibilities for managing head lice are shared between: parents/guardians, schools and principals.

Parents/guardians have primary responsibility for detection and treatment of head lice

Parents/guardians should regularly, preferably once a week, check for lice or eggs in the hair of:

- their child / children and all household members
- notify the school if their child / children is affected and that treatment has commenced
- return their child / children the day after treatment has commenced
- not send their child / children to school with untreated head lice

Mount Clear Primary School will:

- exercise sensitivity towards students and families with head lice
- maintain student confidentiality to avoid stigmatization
- support and provide practical treatment advice to parents/guardians.

The Principal of Mount Clear Primary School will:

- alert parents/guardians of an infestation, particularly the parents of other students in the same class as the affected child/children
- use discretion about informing the school community about an infestation.

(Note: The Department of Human Services indicates at any one time there are likely to be cases of head lice in most schools, so it is not advocated that the principal informs the whole school community each time head lice are detected)

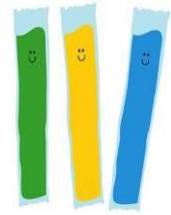
Evaluation:

This policy to be reviewed as part of the school's annual Policy and Program Review cycle

This policy was last ratified by School Council in November 2017



Hot Food Day Order Form Monday 10th December 2018



Order form & correct money due back by 9AM Wed 5th December

Please **do not cut form** as small forms can be easily lost, Thank you.

Student Name _____ **Class** _____

Slices of Cheese Pizza @ \$1.50 per slice x _____ = \$ _____

Slices of Ham & Pineapple pizza @ \$1.50 per slice x _____ = \$ _____

Total Price \$ _____

Gluten Free Option (tick here)

Student Name _____ **Class** _____

Slices of Cheese Pizza @ \$1.50 per slice x _____ = \$ _____

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Total Price \$ _____

Gluten Free Option (tick here)

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

PLEASE NOTE: Orders cannot be accepted after 9am Wednesday 5th Dec 2018

Hot Food Day Helpers - Monday 10th December 2018

Yes, I would like to help distribute lunches from 12:50pm - 1:20pm!

Name _____ Contact Number _____

You must provide the office with a copy of your Working with Children check*

*see www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au