

Mount Pleasant Road Kindergarten & Primary School

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Online Learning Grades 3-6

Dear MPRPS Families,

Welcome back to Term 2! It will look very different but we are excited about the online learning opportunities that we have set up.

Zoom

To help stay connected with students in Years 3-6 we will be using the video chat platform 'Zoom Cloud Meetings'. Teachers will connect with their students each morning at 9:00am via Zoom to discuss the day's tasks and expectations. These meetings will run for approximately 20-30 minutes depending on the tasks and discussion. We will be spending time during the first week to discuss the expectations when participating in an online group that. Teachers will be available during the day via Zoom (and Google Classro



online group chat. Teachers will be available during the day via Zoom (and Google Classroom) to assist students with their learning, if needed. The tasks have been designed for students to work independently and we encourage parents/carers to check in with their child to see how they are going but do not require parents to 'teach' their child each lesson. If they require any assistance please direct them to message their teacher on Google Classroom. Alternatively parents/carers can message their class teacher on Sentral.

In order for your child to be ready to participate they will need:

- Download the Zoom Cloud Meeting app from the App Store. (This will require an email account to sign up, either their school's email or their parents).
- Each Zoom meeting will have a unique code and password (for additional security) which the teacher will share with their class via Google Classroom.
- Before students enter the room, teachers will confirm and approve participants through the 'Waiting Room' feature. This allows teachers to be aware of who is participating and ensures that the class conference is held within safe and supervised parameters.

The Zoom class check ins will be a great way for students to connect with their teacher and peers.

Google Classroom

Google Classroom helps students and teachers organise and assign assignments, boost collaboration, and foster timely and efficient communication. We will be using Google Classroom to assign learning to students and to assist with any queries that relate to their learning tasks and general wellbeing.



The aim of Google Classroom is not to be a 'chat room' but to be used for educational purposes. Teachers will be able to respond to students' inquiries and comments between 9 and 3:30pm each weekday. We ask that parents email teachers (if required) through Sentral and not Google Classroom.

All students already have their username and password for accessing Google Classroom and are already familiar with how to navigate the platform. Please contact your child's teacher if you require their login credentials. Any additional documents that need to be downloaded will be attached to Google Classroom. Students will need to check in to Google Classroom each day for any updates. All set work is expected to be

completed in their Term 2 Journal for 5/6 or on the daily slide for 3/4 students (on Google Classroom) but all portfolio tasks will still be uploaded to SeeSaw.

Seesaw

Students in Years 3-6 will continue to use Seesaw in the same way. Portfolio tasks will be uploaded to Seesaw and parents are encouraged to comment on their child's work and celebrate their accomplishments. You will be notified through the Seesaw Parent App when work has been uploaded and commented on by your child's teacher.



Weekly Schedule

Each morning at 9:00am a 'daily check-in' will be conducted by your child's teacher via the Zoom Cloud Meetings App. During this time teachers will go through the daily agenda and discuss any relevant items for the day. This will also be a great way to keep up regular communication and to check on the welfare of students.

The weekly tasks will be uploaded to Google Classroom for students to make a copy of and then complete. Each day your child's teacher will assign three main lessons. One lesson will focus on literacy, one on numeracy and the other on either Guided Inquiry, STEM (Science /Technology/ Engineering/ Mathematics) or Wellbeing. One lesson from each Specialist area (Physical Education, Visual Art, Performing Arts and Indonesian) will be allocated per week.

You will also receive a weekly schedule of lessons through the school newsletter.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding throughout this time. If you have any questions, teachers can be contacted between the hours of 9am and 3:30pm Monday to Friday via the Sentral Portal. We look forward to teaching your children from tomorrow.

Kind Regards

The Senior School Teachers