Mount Beauty Primary School is approximately 350 kilometres from Melbourne and 85 kilometres from the regional centre of Albury/Wodonga. MBPS is considered a remote and rural school.

In 2009 we have 136 enrolled students with 7 classes.

We have an exciting emerging Arts Curriculum, a parent music program with Mount Beauty Secondary College and in 2009 we trained a Reading Recovery Teacher. We also run literacy intervention for year 2 to 6 students called MultiLit.

The school relies heavily on the goodwill of parents to volunteer their time in a range of activities from reading in the classroom to making lunches and fundraising.

All classes are staffed with registered teachers with varying experiences. From 2007 to 2009, the schools staffing profile has changed dramatically. Up until 2007 the school had a very stable and long serving experienced staff. The school has employed six new graduate staff over the past three years. A new principal was appointed in 2007.

Mount Beauty Primary School is completing its school review and strategic directions documentation in term 4 of 2009. The school is well placed to fulfill its new strategic directions from 2010 to 2013.

### Student Learning

Mount Beauty Primary School is proud that overall our students continue to perform above the Victorian median in student learning.

The level of performance from our students is similar to what is expected given the background and characteristics of our school.

Our students on a whole are achieving in the middle 60% band and mostly above the state median of Government Schools on National Reading and Numeracy Tests.

While the results from the NAPLAN indicate year 3 were lower than the state median we are confident that this will change in 2010.

Improvement in Literacy and Numeracy continues to be a focus in 2010 with the continual development of our Professional Learning Teams and our sharepoint student record data tracking web system.

Student learning will further be supported in 2010 by:

1. Developing a whole school Literacy and Numeracy plan.
2. Staff training in data record management.
3. Analysis of pedagogy and teaching.

### Student Engagement and Wellbeing

Mount Beauty Primary School has been working hard towards improving student engagement and wellbeing over the past three years.

This can be seen in our Student Attitudes to School data which is above the state median for 2009. We have concentrated on a common student engagement policy that staff, students and parents understand and know.

Our attendance rate is lower than that of other schools after accounting for the background characteristics of our students. While this trend has historically been blamed on local tourist characteristics of our town, the school has changed the way it collects information from parents to gauge the reasons why children are absent.

Student engagement and wellbeing will be further supported at our school in 2010 by:

1. Training all staff in restorative justice practices (a common approach to student engagement).
2. Finalising the student engagement policy.
3. Increasing our communication to parents regarding school absenteeism.

### Student Pathways and Transitions

Mount Beauty Primary School continues to be a leader in providing innovative transitions from Kindergarten to Prep, and from year 6 to year 7. Data on parent surveys indicate a high level of satisfaction with transition programs in 2008 and 2009.

In saying this, Mount Beauty Primary School feels there are several areas that need immediate development. These include:

1. Developing stronger relationships with Kindergarten staff in regards to the new Early Years Framework.
2. Engaging with year 7 and 8 staff at the Mount Beauty Secondary College and sharing student data.
3. Holding regular Professional learning Team meetings with the Mount Beauty Kindergarten and Mount Beauty Secondary College staff.

Our school will continue to fund and run:

a) Kindergarten to prep transition program.

b) Year 6 and year 9 Buddy days at Bogong Outdoor Education Centre.

c) Year 6 lunchtime orientation visits to Mount Beauty Secondary College in term 4.

For more detailed information regarding our school please visit our website at [http://www.mtbeautyps.vic.edu.au/](http://www.mtbeautyps.vic.edu.au/)