Mount Beauty Primary School

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 2010 we had 141 enrolled students with 7 classes.

MBPS workforce is made up of one Principal, nine full time Teachers and four Educational Support Staff.

We have an exciting emerging Arts Curriculum, a parent music program with Mount Beauty Secondary College and we deliver a successful 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.

The school is well placed to fulfill its new strategic directions from 2010 to 2013.

In 2011 the school will take the keys for the new BER building where year 5 and 6 students will be housed. We will also relocate the Library to the new building. With Government funding we will refurbish the year 3 and 4 classrooms to cater for 21st century learning.

At MBPS we teach our children to be life long learners. We are part of a fantastic community and our school is highly regarded.

### Student Learning

Mount Beauty Primary School is proud that 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 70% band and mostly above the state median of Government Schools on National Reading and Numeracy Tests.

Our NAPLAN results indicate a need for our school to look at the delivery of writing and spelling. Our results also show a growth and trend in NAPLAN results over the past 5 years, especially in spelling and numeracy.

Improvement in Literacy and Numeracy continues to be a focus in 2011 with the continual development of our Professional Learning Teams and our sharepoint and web based student record data tracking systems.

Student learning will further be supported in 2011 by:

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

### Student Engagement and Wellbeing

Mount Beauty Primary School continues to work towards improving student engagement and wellbeing. Student wellbeing is a priority for our school.

This can be seen in our Student Attitudes to School data which is above the state median for 2010. 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 2011 by:

1. Continual implementation of a restorative justice approach to student behaviour.
2. Revisiting and assessing 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 the past three years.

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:

- Kindergarten to prep transition program.
- Year 6 and year 9 Buddy days at Bogong Outdoor Education Centre.
- Year 6 lunchtime orientation visits to Mount Beauty Secondary College in term 4.