

PARENTS & FRIENDS * COMMITTEE *

NEWSLETTER



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CHRISTMAS MARKET: COMMUNITY SPIRIT IN ACTION!

We are buzzing with pride and gratitude as we share the story of this year's Christmas Market—a shining example of what our school community can achieve when we come together with generosity, creativity, and a shared heart.

From the spark of ideas to the final clean-up, every contribution mattered. Thanks to the tireless efforts of parents, families, and community members, the market was more than an event—it was a celebration of our collective spirit. Setting up stalls, coordinating volunteers, preparing food, decorating spaces, and running activities all contributed to a warm, festive atmosphere that brought our school community closer than ever.

A special acknowledgment goes to our **office staff, Karmen, Mahela, and Lisa**, whose steady problem-solving and steady presence kept things moving smoothly throughout the planning process.

A big thank you to **Paul Kalweit & Tash's daughter, Annabelle**, for helping Tash set up the gym on the day- it was a tough job for three people, but we did it!

Music played a central role, thanks to:

- **Miss Rowland and our incredible school choir!**
- **Carol from Orange Tree Music** and her students
- **Monica Cashin** and the **Singers Around the Bay**
- **Kiara Mohammed** from **Kingston Youth Services**
- **Robbie Hendry** from **Windana Youth Hub**
- **Christian Meyer, Keziah and Ramone Hendry, Dominique Rault, Ruby Crpps and Chloe Rodgers** from **Cheltenham Secondary College**

A big thank-you to **Alicia** and **Mark Jasper** for their technical leadership and coordination. **Alicia**, your dedication right through the final stages didn't go unnoticed.



For us, what stood out was the teamwork and incredible commitment from every parent helper who stepped in, bringing leadership, creativity, and care to each task.

The behind-the-scenes planning, hours of preparation, and thoughtful touches highlighted the capability and dedication within our community.

The market raised funds for the school and reinforced connections across our community, with positive feedback from families, staff, and visitors underscoring the impact of everyone's efforts.

Thank you to all partners, volunteers, and supporters for your ongoing collaboration and belief in our school's mission. We're looking ahead to what we can achieve together next.

With appreciation and optimism for the year ahead,

Jaz and Tash
Presidents, Parents and Friends Committee



UPCOMING EVENTS

OUR FINAL COMMITTEE MEETING FOR THE YEAR

FRIDAY 12TH

9AM



Please come to our last Parents & Friends meeting of the year, at 9am in the staff room.

This is an important chance to reflect on what we've accomplished and to share ideas and plans that will shape next year's events and projects.

Your voice and perspective **truly** make a difference. Every suggestion, every conversation, every bit of involvement helps build the strong, connected community that makes Moorabbin Primary so special.

CRAFT SESSIONS- 2026 MOTHER'S & FATHER'S DAY STALLS

We're so excited for our final craft evening of the year — this Thursday from 6pm in the staffroom! 🧵

We know it's already a busy time of year, so this will be a lovely opportunity to get together with other mums and carers, enjoy some downtime, and make a few crafts in a calm, meditative way.

Please book your spot so we can make sure there are plenty of materials for everyone. <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1391091?>

No experience necessary, all instructions and materials supplied.

Come along to meet new people, chat with friends and get some time away from the kids all whilst supporting our sustainable stall vision.

DATES:

- **Thursday 11th December 2025. 6-8pm**
 - Thursday 19th February 2026. 6-8pm
 - Thursday 12th March 2026. 6-8pm
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SHAPE 2026 WITH US

2025 was just the start. Our school community is overflowing with untapped talent and energy—and 2026 is our moment to shine even brighter.

Join us in making a lasting impact. We're looking for volunteers to help in these roles:

- **Class reps for each class in 2026**
- Welcome BBQ organizers and helpers
- P&F members
- Helpers for the second-hand uniform shop
- Grade 6 graduation committee
- Fundraising and event committees

If you're ready to contribute or have a great idea you'd like to lead, we want to hear from you. Email us at mpspandf@gmail.com and let's start shaping a remarkable year together.

NON-TEACHING STAFF GROUP TOGETHER

After the success of this year's efforts from the community, we are opening up next year's Group Together for our wonderful non-teaching staff to celebrate their birthdays in 2026.

There is no pressure to contribute but if you would like to contribute the amount is up to you and whatever you can manage. The gift is from the whole MPS community, not just those who contribute.

The Group Together will remain open until February 20th, 2026 after which we will evenly distribute the funds via gift vouchers to the staff on their birthday (or back date it if they are born prior to this date).

To contribute, simply head to:

<https://app.grouptogether.com/MPSNonTeachingSpecialistStaffBirthdays2026>

The staff have been very appreciative of the recognition this year, so thank you to everyone.



ONGOING EVENTS

YOUR CANS CAN HELP THE SCHOOL!



MOORABBIN PRIMARY SCHOOL IS NOW AN OFFICIAL DONATION PARTNER

with the Victorian Container Deposit Scheme. This is great news and a super easy way for you to help the environment and the school at the same time!

Next time you take your containers to recycle, instead of getting the cash back, simply scan the barcode below, enter the Parter ID or search for 'Moorabbin Primary School' and the funds will be deposited to the school- it's that simple!

Your Zone ID Barcode:

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An easy way to keep the barcode and ID handy is to download the CDS Vic East App on the Apple Store or Google Play and then search for Moorabbin Primary School and the barcode will pop up for you to scan when you are at the deposit location.

The app also shows you where you can deposit items and when they are open.



**TOTAL DONATIONS RECEIVED
TO DATE:
\$76.10 THANK YOU!**