

PARENTS & FRIENDS * COMMITTEE * NEWSLETTER



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WE APPRECIATE YOU!

FAMILY PAINT AND SNACK

What a night! Our recent Family Paint and Snack Night was a wonderful celebration of community, creativity, and connection.

With laughter echoing through the room and paintbrushes in hand, families worked side by side—parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, and uncles—to create vibrant paintings of Australian animals. Kangaroos, koalas, cockatoos, and more came to life!

It was awesome to see everyone—young and old—sharing stories, learning new painting tips, and cheering each other on. New friendships were formed, and old ones strengthened over colourful paints and tasty snacks.

Thanks to everyone's generosity, we also raised \$200, but the real reward was the joy of coming together as a school community. The smiles, the masterpieces, and the fun memories made it an event to remember.

A huge thank you to all the families who came along and made the evening so special. We can't wait to do it all again—stay tuned for the next Family Paint and Snack Night!



PREP FAMILY PLAY NIGHT

Absolutely fantastic news from last week's Prep Playcentre Night!

A massive thank you to **Alicia** for her amazing effort and organisation — the night ran so smoothly and the kids had an absolute blast. As your P&F, we're thrilled to share that we've received loads of wonderful feedback from families. And to top it all off, the event raised over \$300 for our school! Thank you so much, Alicia, and thanks to everyone who joined in and made the night so special!



FUNDRAISING UPDATE



After the fabulous efforts of our crafters, Mother's Day stall volunteers, the wonderful Mother's Day Luncheon*, the Grill'd fundraiser*, and the Election Day BBQ, our fundraising tally has already soared past \$15,000. What an amazing effort by everyone!

But the fun's not over yet! Our goal for the year is \$50,000, which will go directly toward upgrading our play areas, including the basketball court. There are still plenty of ways to get involved and make a real difference—coming up we have the Father's Day Stall, our Parents Night in Term 3, and Book Week Book Adoption. If you'd like to help out or just find out more, start by joining the Zoom meeting this Wednesday 18th June! Let's keep the momentum going and reach that target together!

*We want to make a correction and shout-out—our last newsletter accidentally left out two fantastic events: the Mother's Day Luncheon and the Grill'd fundraiser!

EVENTS THIS WEEK

SCHOOL WORKING BEE

Saturday 14th June 1pm start, to conclude around 4pm.

Roll up your sleeves and be part of something special! Our school's next Working Bee is happening this Saturday, and every helping hand will make a real impact in transforming our shared spaces.

There will be tasks for everyone—no experience needed and all ages welcome. Whether you're keen to flex your muscles or lend a creative touch, your time will help make our grounds welcoming and bright for students and families alike.

Here's just a taste of what we'll tackle together:

- Teamwork Time: Move Benches & Tables

Join the "muscle crew" as we place new benches and tables around the school, helping create inviting rest spots across campus.

- Roll On the Colour: Paint Our Park Benches

Paint and accessories supplied! Whether you fancy yourself an artist or just want to help out, we'll be finishing the painting of our park benches—no previous painting skills required.

Of course, there's plenty more to do—gardening, tidying, mulching, and sprucing up playgrounds—so there's a job for every interest and ability. We'll provide all tools and equipment!

Come along for the whole morning or just an hour—every minute and every pair of hands count. Let's work together, have some fun, and show our kids the true power of community spirit. We can't wait to see you there!



P&F ZOOM MEETING!

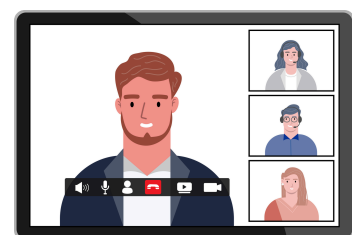
Wednesday 18th June 7:30 -8:30

We're excited to announce that this month's Parents & Friends committee meeting will be held on Zoom! We've heard your feedback—sometimes it's tough to make it in person. **Now, you can join us from the comfort of your own home!**

Whether you're a long-time P&F member or just thinking about getting involved for the first time, this is the perfect chance to connect, share your ideas, and be a part of our vibrant school community. Everyone is welcome, and we'd love to see new faces!

Our agenda will include planning for Father's Day, Book Week, and the adventures of Term 3! Got something else you'd like to discuss? Please email us to have it added to the agenda.

Let's get together, have some fun, and make a real difference for our kids—see you online!





<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/83032499391?pwd=0beluFTjab8LyvBqaTE8Yl0nUNv2tY.1>

Meeting ID: 830 3249 9391

Passcode: 1234

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES





MOTHER'S/ FATHER'S DAY STALL LEADER

We are looking for a fearless, creative, sustainably-minded person/s to take ownership of the 2025 stalls (& beyond)

FATHER & KID DISCO CREW

Help us put together a fun Father's Day event for dads/carers and their kids in Term 3.

BOOK WEEK CREW

Help us between 3 & 3:30 in the library during August to stick labels into books for Book Week.

PARENT NIGHT CREW

Help us create a fun, adult-only event to celebrate the opening of the new gym in Term 3- think bingo or comedy or similar.

CHRISTMAS MARKET CREW

Help us plan and coordinate a fundraising Christmas market in Term 4.

If you are interested in helping us in any of the above roles, please email mpspandf@gmail.com

YOUR CANS CAN HELP THE SCHOOL!

\$27.50 donated already.

Thank you to those of you who have kindly donated your funds to the school when recycling your containers as part of the 10c Container Deposit Scheme. This is an ongoing scheme that not only helps the school, but the environment as well- two very worthy causes.

If you would like to donate your funds, simply scan this **barcode** at the return location or download the **CDS VIC East app** and use that to scan.

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FOOD DRIVE

WED 11 JUNE-THUR 19 JUNE
PLACE IN THE TUB IN YOUR CLASSROOM

THE SRC ARE COLLECTING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS AND TOILETRIES FOR BAYCISS & ASYLUM SEEKER RESOURCE CENTRE.

SUGGESTED ITEMS:

- CANNED MEALS- STEWS ETC
- CANNED SOUPS
- CANNED SPAGHETTI & BAKED BEANS
- DRIED/TINNED LEGUMES & BEANS
- CANNED FISH
- CANNED HAM
- PASTA SAUCE
- DRIED PASTA
- INSTANT NOODLES
- CANNED VEGETABLES
- PEANUT BUTTER
- VEGEMITE
- JAMS
- COOKING OILS
- INSTANT COFFEE
- TEA BAGS
- LONG LIFE MILK VARIETIES
- COCONUT CREAM/MILK
- BREAKFAST CEREALS
- MUESLI BAR VARIETIES
- DEODORANT
- RAZORS
- TOOTHPASTE/BRUSHES
- SHAMPOO

NO OUT OF DATE OR PERISHABLE ITEMS PLEASE

THE CLASS THAT CONTRIBUTES THE MOST, WINS A PIZZA PARTY!

SHOPPING BAGS TO TRANSPORT & DISTRIBUTE ITEMS WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

IF YOU CAN HELP DELIVER THE ITEMS ON THUR 19 JUNE TO DANDENONG FROM 2-4PM, PLEASE EMAIL THE SCHOOL OFFICE.



CURRENT EVENTS

Parents and Friends

Upcoming Events

June 2025

9 & 10	KINGS' BIRTHDAY & CURRICULUM DAY No students at school.
14	WORKING BEE 1:00-4:00PM approx. RSVP: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/wbee1406
19	NIGHTTIME P & F MEETING 7:30-8:30PM approx. VIA ZOOM
July 4	Last Day of Term School finishes at 2:30PM

→ FOR QUESTIONS, CONSULT YOUR CLASS REPRESENTATIVE FIRST, THEN EMAIL US AT MPSPANDF@GMAIL.COM.

NOT CRAFTY? WANT TO HELP? WE NEED DONATIONS.



Donations of the following items would be greatly appreciated for the Father's Day Stall.

- FLAT SQUARE LEGO PIECES (ANY COLOUR)
- OLD CUFFLINKS
- CORK OR CERAMIC COASTERS
- OLD COMIC BOOKS OR WHERE'S WALLY BOOKS
- CLEAN JARS
- BAGS OF LOLLIES (LONG USE-BY DATES PLEASE)
- WOOL- ANY COLOUR
- WINE CORKS
- 420G TIN CANS

Deposit Location

P & F BOX IN THE MAIN OFFICE

Email With Questions etc

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