



# NEWSLETTER

Our School Leaders and Student Voice Representatives did an excellent job with hosting the **ANZAC Day Ceremony** last Friday. They had prepared speeches, made small poppies to place in the remembrance garden and encouraged classes to each make something special to place under the flag poles. It's an important tradition to commemorate occasions such as ANZAC Day where we can educate students about events of significance that have all contributed to shaping our country and its people. Showing respect is a key Moolap value and it was certainly on show during the ceremony. Congratulations to our students, staff and visitors for marking ANZAC Day in such a special way this year!

Last Thursday we held our first community meeting to discuss ideas for our **150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations in 2027**. Whilst we didn't have any parents attend, we had a small number of parents complete the online survey (thank you!) and a group of SVR students provide some ideas for different activities and events that could take place. During the meeting we shared some of the artefacts that the school has collected over time, including some photos and even the old school bell. Here are some of the ideas listed so far:

- A school fair- stalls, student performances, rides
- A photo trail
- Bricks installed in a path with family names as a fundraiser
- A time capsule to be buried in the yard
- A whole-school mural completed by students
- Commemorative t-shirts/ school uniform item
- History learning in classrooms
- A whole school photo, everyone dressed in 'olden day' clothing
- Visits to the old school building at the tennis club

There are probably lots more ideas out there, but this is a start. The ideas above are fairly typical of the activities other schools have done for their 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday. There would probably be a formal ceremony involving DET dignitaries/ members of Parliament/ School Council at some stage as well. For anything to be ultimately successful, we will need a band of parents and helpers to make it all work. We have plenty of time at this stage, so will keep thinking of ways to make the year a special one and form an official committee soon to get things in motion.



**Congratulations** to each of the 31 Year 3-6 students who represented the school in the District Cross Country on Wednesday. You may recall that the students were selected during our whole-school cross country trials in Term 1. Students competed in their age groups and ran either a 2 or 3km race. There are 6 students who will be moving on to the Division level, which is an extraordinary effort, and they should be very proud of themselves: Nash Palmer, who came first, Jaspar Berry (3<sup>rd</sup>), Leigha Tilson (5<sup>th</sup>), Jack West (8<sup>th</sup>), Kieran Anderton (8<sup>th</sup>) and Jayce Bennett (8<sup>th</sup>). Thank you to all parents for supporting the students on the day.



We are gearing up for a week of celebration next week with the annual **Mother's Day** stall on Thursday, conducted by the MCG, a special Mother's Day Breakfast on Friday morning before school and then a community event on Friday afternoon. It's a small way for us to celebrate all the mums, step-mums, grandmas and other special female role models that have such an important influence on Moolap students. Cost of gifts are \$7 (charge will be added to Compass for those participating). Students will visit the stall during the day Thursday; additional sales will be held Friday in Canteen. Don't forget to send a bag to take the gifts home in.

MPS will be celebrating **Education Week** this year in the week beginning Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May. On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May, we will invite all of our families into school during the last session of the day (including straight after school) to see some of the amazing work that students have been doing in our classrooms. During the open afternoon, families will be encouraged to visit all classrooms (not just their own children) to celebrate achievement. Further information will be sent home shortly. Our community event at the end of week 5 will also have an Education Week theme.

**Upcoming Dates in May (see Compass calendar for regular updates):**

- Baker's Delight Lunch Order Day- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May
  - Mother's Day Stall: all classes visit on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May
  - Mother's Day Breakfast Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May
  - Mother's Day Community Event Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May @ 2.30 p.m.
  - Division Cross Country: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May
  - **NO LUNCH ORDERS THURS 14 MAY**
  - Education Week: Begins Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May
  - District AFL and Netball: Wednesday 20 May
  - Planned Half-Day staff Stop-work: Tuesday 26 May
  - **Curriculum Day:** Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June
- Assemblies this term on: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 29<sup>th</sup> May, 12<sup>th</sup> June, 26<sup>th</sup> June

**Peter Knight  
Principal**





**DIGITAL TATTOO: SUPPORTING CHILDREN + AI**

**FREE FAMILY FORUM**

7.00PM - 9.00PM TUESDAY 19 MAY  
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This practical forum explores life online and with AI, supporting families to navigate screens, relationships and digital boundaries with confidence.

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**STAYING CONNECTED TO YOUR TEENS**

Join Lael Stone for a practical and reassuring session on understanding adolescence and staying connected with your teen through the ups and downs.

This session explores the teenage brain, healthy boundaries and communication strategies that support strong relationships during this important stage.

Regional Parenting, along with Meli invite you to this FREE family forum.

This forum supports our ongoing commitment to strengthening family wellbeing, empowering parents, and building connected communities.



**WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE**  
7.00pm - 8.30pm

**VENUE**  
Norlane ARC  
1/9 Cox Rd, Norlane

**BOOKINGS**  
Scan the QR code or visit  
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This is a FREE event but bookings are essential.

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**Year 7 2027 enrolment applications now open.**






**DISCOVER YEAR 7 & BEYOND**

**AT OUR OPEN EVENINGS**

**Bellarine Campus**  
May 5<sup>th</sup>, 6pm - 7pm

**Highton Campus**  
May 6<sup>th</sup>, 6pm - 7pm

**Surf Coast Campus**  
May 7<sup>th</sup>, 6pm - 7pm



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- Covers parenting challenges such as communication, managing strong emotions, boundaries, conflicts, and staying involved in your teen's life while they navigate their independence

### You will:

Receive **one of two versions** of Partners in Parenting:

- **Self-guided version** (explore the online program at your own pace)
- **Peer-guided version** (paired with a 'PiP Coach' who has lived experience of caring for a teenager with mental health challenges)

### You may be eligible if you:

- are an adult caring for a teen aged 12-17 years
- are concerned about your teen's anxiety or depression
- can read, write, hear, and speak English
- have regular internet access
- live in Victoria

### You will be asked to:

- Complete some surveys at 3 time points over 12 months
- Complete up to 10 online modules, weekly
- If you receive the peer-guided version of the program, complete up to 10 online coaching sessions with a PiP Coach
- All parents and teens who complete surveys will receive e-gift vouchers (up to \$80 for parents, up to \$45 for teens)



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TIME: 3.00PM, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2026  
LOCATION: R.W GIBSON CENTRE,  
CHRISTIAN COLLEGE SENIOR SCHOOL

TICKETS

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2026

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**One Instrumental Scholarship**  
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### Criteria

- ✓ The person is under 18 years of age
- ✓ The person demonstrates a keen interest in developing their musical, vocal and/or performing ability
- ✓ The person's participation in musical lessons will provide a much needed kick start to their musical journey

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