

Urgent - send more strawberries

It was all hands to the plums and the strawberries when Mt Claremont Primary School launched its farmers' market.

About 1000 customers turned up, said parent organiser Miranda Smith.

"Customers were standing four deep at the stalls, I just had to dive in and help," Miranda said.

The market is blooming already, with five extra stalls added last weekend to the seven at the first market.

Truck loads of fruit and vegetables sold out in just a couple of hours.



Stone-fruit orchardist Paul Civa brought fruit from his orchard at Karragullen to the farmers' market at Mt Claremont Primary School.

Stonefruit farmer Paul Civa said: "I took only one set of scales because we had no idea what the demand would be - but I really could have done with at least two."

And strawberry seller Louise Dang sent an urgent message back to her farm in the Swan Valley when her stock was low.

Her father loaded up more strawberries and headed for the market.

"He did not know where the market was, so we met in a carpark on Hay Street at Subiaco," said Louise.

"Some people waited about 45 minutes.

"I took about 50 trays because we thought with it being the first market there might not be many customers."

She said she ended up selling more than 100 trays.

"I was very pleased," she said.

Miranda said: "Everyone was so patient and it was a great success."

The market is open in the primary school grounds each Saturday from 8.30am to 12.30pm.

"Some people said it would never work," Miranda said.