# Manifold Heights Primary School

11th October 2012

## IMPORTANT DATES

### OCTOBER

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<td>National Nude Food Day!</td>
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<td>Prep Transition Day - Visit 2!</td>
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<td>Sun 21st</td>
<td>Working Bee @ 9:30am</td>
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<td>Mon 22nd</td>
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<td>Weds 24th</td>
<td>Geelong Cup - NO SCHOOL</td>
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<td>Thurs 25th</td>
<td>Prep BBQ - 3:30-6pm</td>
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<td>Prep-2 Swimming 9-11:30am</td>
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<td>Bike Ride</td>
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We are collecting the Pauls bottle tops with the specially marked Pauls “Collect-a-cap” logo on it. So far we have raised $7.80 for Mano!
Even though our term hasn’t started off with the happy vibe that we all would have liked, there has been an incredible amount of love and support around our school from everyone involved and from the wider community. Ben’s funeral on Tuesday was a wonderful celebration of his “Big Life” and we thank Colin, Liz and Katy for allowing us to be part of it. Thank you to all the students, staff and parents who attended. I’m sure it meant a lot to the family to see us all gathered there in support of them. I would also like to thank Kaye, Kathy and Liz (Network Critical incident staff) who provided support and counselling for our students over two days and to the staff from the following schools who gave up their time to come to our school and release our staff to attend the funeral. Thank you to Little River PS, North Geelong SC, Rollins PS, Northern Bay College, Herne Hill PS, Newtown PS, Lara Lake PS, Lara SC, and Western Heights SC. Most of all I’d like to thank our own staff (teaching and non teaching), who have been strong supports for our students and each other.

If anyone has any cards, notes, photos etc that they would like to pass onto Ben’s family, I have a collection box in my office that you can drop things into. I will make sure they all get to the family.

Congratulations to Molly Driscoll, Kade McKenzie, Holly Miller, Wayne Driscoll and Aimee Miller who are off to the Barwon South Western Athletics Championships today at John Landy Field. We know they will all try their very best and we wish them the best of luck with their events. Thanks to Mr Grant for his organisation.

Our transition program is coming up to its second session (Wed 17th 2.30-3.30) and has proved already to be a great place to start when thinking about sorting students into classes. During the month of October I am happy to received letters or meet with any parent who has an educational based concern/request that they wish to discuss with me regarding 2013 class placements. All letters and conversations will be considered when making our decisions but do not guarantee placements. The process of finding the best fit for both teachers and students across our school is always a difficult one and thus, requires lots of thought. Sometimes the reasons behind decisions made in this area are not always obvious but I can guarantee you they have always been well thought out. Please do not presume that I know/will remember what you told me last year. Each year I shred all letters when the process has been completed and the new year has begun. Please make sure all letters are in a sealed envelope addressed to me and are marked CONFIDENTIAL.

Don’t forget our next Working Bee is on Sunday 21st October. Everyone is welcome. More details to follow.

Remember that Wednesday 24th October is Geelong Cup Holiday.

Appreciations:

- To our wonderful supportive community. It’s great that we can all rely on each other when times are tough.

  Communication is vital – Keep reading the newsletter!

  Be on time, Be at school, that’s the rule!

Let’s keep Unleashing Potential

Marina Keegan
Principal
Congratulations to the following students who have been rewarded for their efforts towards “INQUIRING” and making ‘Mano’ a better place.

**PB** SARA ENGLISH - For making excellent progress with her reading! Great job, Sarah!

**PH** FLYNN ISAACS - For an enthusiastic start to Term 4! Great work during inquiry! Well done!

**PK** FINNA DUTHIE - For fantastic efforts with his reading and writing! Keep up the great work, Finn!

**JF** JAYMEE RHODES - For using ICT tools to produce an excellent presentation to show her understanding of symmetry! Fabulous work, Jaymee!

**JL** KAIRA SHARMA - For starting the new term enthusiastically! Always being warm and friendly to others!

**JO** INDIGO ETHEL - For his magnificent front cover to his Inquiry Learning book! Wonderful work, Indigo!

**JS** SAMI TORKMANI - For her enthusiastic approach to our Inquiry topic! Great start to Term 3, Sami!

**MC** BILLIE HUNTELY-MIROVICH - For demonstrating outstanding Inquiry skills solving the Leap Frog problem and providing documentation to explain the process!

**MH** MAGGIE CAUDULLO - For starting this term on a fantastic note, demonstrating an enthusiastic approach to our Inquiry!

**MK** BELLA DUNCAN - Chosen by her classmates on her return to Mano! Welcome back, Bella!

**MS** KAT IRELAND - For bringing joy and laughter to the classroom every single day! You’re a star, Kat!

**SG** KYAL ROEPKE - For showing persistence in our “Space Workshop” on network diagrams! Well done, Kyal!

**SH** JACKSON GORMAN - For the awesome Inquiring mindset that he’s brought to this term! Thanks, Jacko!

**SLJ** LIANA PELACCIA & MAGGIE WEBB - For their excellent Marketing Inquiry Project on Weddings!

**SS** SENIOR S - For being terrific friends and supporting each other beautifully during a tough week! You are all awesome!

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**Reminder - Please Read!**

Just a reminder to families that it is now Term 4 and all children will need to bring their Mano school hats to school. If your child does not bring their hat to school they will be required to sit in the shade during play time & lunch time. The school cannot give out spare hats to children. If you need to purchase a new hat you can head to Bellarine Uniforms, which is across the road from the Mercure Hotel in Geelong CBD.

We have also been noticing quite a number of kids being dropped off at school just after 8am. We have teachers on duty from 8:50-9am every morning and 3:30-3:40pm in the afternoons. For the safety of your children please avoid dropping them at school before supervision is available. We would like to remind families that we have a wonderful before and after school care program that is run through Camp Australia. You can head to www.campaustralia.com.au or call Esther on 5229 7257

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**Art Award**

Kaisercraft are kindly sponsoring a weekly Art Award this term. Each week one student will receive a $20 Kaisercraft voucher. The nominated student will receive their award at Friday’s assembly, along with the students of the week! This week’s Art Award goes to:

**Katelyn Mulholland** - For creating beautiful artwork!
Gymnastics

Gymnastics is fun and I get excited when it’s Saturday. I walk with my dad and Milli to Gymnastics. My friends are Gemma, Holly, Zoe and Chloe. When I go to gymnastics I play games. My favourite game is fruit salad. I am the apple when I play. I have to warm up and do stretching exercises. When I have stretched I get a drink.

Then I go to the trampoline and do some different jumps. I do star jumps, tuck jumps, rocket jumps and pin drops. After the trampoline I go onto the bars and I swing like a monkey! It is fun. After the bars I go onto the floor. I practice cartwheels, candle sticks, crocodile snaps and crocodile tails. After the floors I do a caterpillar move and a bear walk on the beams. Then we have a drink because I get thirsty.

At the end of gymnastics I play games. We play tiggy with all the girls and it is fun. When we have finished gymnastics it is time to go home! I love going to gymnastics!

By Alexia Woods (JL)

Netball

When Manifold Heights played in the lightning premiership of netball at the Douglass St courts, a number of them were interested in playing in the term 4 Twilight season.

Geelong West Netball Association Twilight season

Where – Douglass St, Herne Hill

When – Thursdays in term 4, 4:15 and 5pm rounds

Who – Netta (beginners) to year 6, mixed teams

Cost - $21 per team registration, $3 per game. All equipment supplied

Inquiries – email davidson.allison.v@edumail.vic.gov.au or SMS: 0400 947 649

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Planet Protectors: Nude Food Day

We are committed to reducing rubbish in our school ground & landfill so we have organised for our school to participate in the National Nude Food Day on Wed the 17th of October.

These pictures show the difference in a rubbish filled lunch box and a ‘nude food’ lunch box:

You can purchase your nude food day supplies online at www.bonzoo.com.au/nudefoodday using our school’s promo code NFD1Z4D074

Your purchase will pledge $1 to Nutrition Australia and $2 in sports school gear vouchers ...it is a win, win!

Start practising now by packing a healthy rubbish free lunch box.

Let’s try to make every day, nude food day.

Taylor and Alyssa (on behalf of the Planet Protectors)