Manifold Heights Primary School
18th October 2012

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**OCTOBER**
- Fri 19th
  - Parents & Friends meeting - 9am
- Sun 21st
  - Working Bee @ 9:30am
- Mon 22nd
  - School Captains & Yr 6 photos
- Weds 24th
  - Geelong Cup - NO SCHOOL
- Thurs 25th
  - Prep BBQ - 3:30-6pm
- Fri 26th
  - World Teacher Day!

**NOVEMBER**
- Fri 2nd
  - Walkathon
- Mon 5th-Fri 16th
  - Middles Bike Education
- Tues 6th
  - Mano Cup
- Thurs 8th
  - Prep Transition Day 3, 11:30am-1pm
- Mon 12th-Fri 23rd
  - Prep Info Night
- Weds 28th
  - Prep 2 Swimming 9-11:30am

**DECEMBER**
- Thurs 6th
  - Life Skills to Santa
- Tues 11th
  - Yr 6-7 Transition Day
- Weds 12th
  - Prep Transition Day 4 - 9-11am
- Thurs 13th
  - Church Service
- Fri 14th
  - Reports to go home
- Mon 17th-Tues 18th
  - Grade 6 Graduation!!
- Fri 21st
  - Whole School Transition Day
  - Bike Ride - Gr 5/6
  - Last Day of Term 4!

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!
It was very remiss of me not to congratulate our award winners from the end of last term in our first newsletter for the term. So here they are:

Reach for the Stars Awards - Emily Foot PH, Amelia Washington JS, Haqiem Husaini Aza MS and Liana Pelaccia SLJ
House Captains - Strachan – Taylor Amiet, Purrumbete – Mitch Sykes, Manifold – Maggie Webb and Narmbool- Ben Weilens
School Captains for term 4 - Ruby Jones and Dom Randall

Congratulations everyone!

Our Walkathon is coming up on Friday November 2nd. Our theme this year is Fluro so wear your fluro socks, headbands, leggings, shoelaces, hats etc. The route this year has changed and we are walking to Elderslie Reserve. We will still have our wonderful BBQ lunch and lots of fun on the day. Thank you to Mr Santilli and Mr Hambrook for all their work in organising the day for us.

As you may have read in the newspapers, the Australian Education Union (AEU) has put in place some bans for teachers to follow across term 4. These include bans on writing comments on student report cards, the use of the Ultranet (online learning network), implementing the new National Curriculum, visits by Coalition MPs visiting schools, reporting student data to the Education Department, participating in staff or parent surveys, employing casual staff to cover classes during stop works, and emailing the Education Department.

The AEU is also implementing rolling half day stoppages across Victoria. The half day stoppage for Geelong will be on: **Tuesday December 4th**. On this day, teachers will strike between 8.50am and 12.40pm so students will not be required at school until 12.40pm. Please put this date on your calendars and start to make arrangements for the care of your child/ren on that day.

Term 4 is a Sun smart term, so remember our rule **NO HAT NO PLAY**. If you don’t wear your hat at recess times you will need to sit under the shade shelter. As the nice weather approaches we will also begin to have our assemblies outside on the middle terrace near the flagpoles. As always, everyone is welcome.

It is getting near to that time of year where we start to look at forming classes. If you know that you will NOT be returning to our school next year can you please let the office know as soon as possible (except if you are in year 6 of course) so that we don’t keep a place for you. During the month of October I am happy to receive 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.

I will be on long service leave this term between Monday October 29th and returning on Tuesday Nov 20th. Peta Mundine will be replacing me for the three weeks so please speak to her regarding any concerns you may have.

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

Remember that Wednesday 24th October is Geelong Cup Holiday and there will be no school on this day.

**Appreciations:**

Our new Kinder buddies who are soon to join us at school. Welcome to Mano!

**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  LUCA PILLING - For giving a great description of where his house is part of our Inquiry! Well done!
PH  RAYAN ZAID - For descriptive and interesting writing and a detailed bird’s eye view of our school! Well done!
PK  RORY NOLAN - For fantastic work in his writing and his map of our community walk! Well done, Rory!
JF  LIAM MUIR - For his accurate recording of observations following the Geyser experiment! Great work, Liam!
JL  MASON MCKENZIE - For always demonstrating his intrinsic learning developments succinctly! You are awesome, Mason!
JO  TOM SWEENEY - For his wonderful writing about why we couldn’t live without the invention of the wheel! Fantastic work, Tom!
JS  ALEX O’SHANNESSEY - For his beautiful manners and considerate actions! His inquisitive nature has been on show this term! You’re a star, Alex!
MC  MIYAH DAGLAS - For showing passion towards her learning and her inquisitive actions during Inquiry! Marvellous, Miyah!
MOHAMED BAIUK - For approaching all tasks with enthusiasm and doing his very best! Magic, Mohamed!
MH  FATIMA IMRAN - For her wonderful efforts in designing an excellent snake catcher for Mr Hambrook and writing a great design brief! Thanks, Fatima!
MK  MITCHELL GORMAN - For his fabulous attitude and efforts in everything, his learning, friendships and in helping out in the classroom!
MS  SARA-LOU GREGOIRE - For being motivated and organised everyday and helping keep the class on track! You’re a star!
SG  TAYLOR COUCHMAN & ALYSSA HARRIS - For their time and effort put into Mano’s Planet Protectors projects! Your enthusiasm is fantastic!
SH  CAM DIGIANDOMENICO - For always approaching his work with a “can-do” attitude and having a red hot go! Good on you Didge!
SS  CARLY SMITH - For looking out for her classmates and for being cheerful and caring! Thanks, Carly!

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 do not give out spare hats.

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.

Congratulations to Molly Driscoll, Kade McKenzie, Wayne Driscoll, Holly and Aimee Miller who represented Manifold Heights Primary School at the Regional Athletic Championships last Tuesday!

The Manifold Heights students should be congratulated on their efforts and level of co-operation. To reach this level of competition is a great achievement and the manner in which they conducted themselves throughout the day was excellent.

We wish Molly, Wayne, Holly and Aimee all the best when they compete in the state championships in two weeks!

Results:
Molly Driscoll 2nd - 9/10 Girls Discus
Aimee Miller 1st - AWD Shot Put 1st AWD 200m
Holly Miller 1st AWD Long Jump 1st AWD 100m
Wayne Driscoll 3rd AWD 100m 2nd AWD 200m

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 on the week! This week’s Art Award goes to:

Hayley Matczak & Georgina Atkins - For working well as a team to create a wonderful Disney Castle!

Matthew Jones in SG is missing his Grade 6 Senior jumper. Could the grade 6 parents please check their children’s jumpers to make sure they haven’t accidently picked up Matthews.
Mano Parents & Friends

“Mano parents and friends” are starting up as a group for parents interested in helping build the Mano community. The first meeting on Friday Oct 19th (tomorrow) at 9am in the staff room will be about identifying activities the group can undertake, or support staff and the Council with- so please bring along any ideas you have, or have heard of happening at other schools, that you think would be worth trying at Mano!!! If you can’t make it and have ideas, or are interested in being involved please just email gwynfish@yahoo.com and notes will be circulated from the meeting. We will also discuss how, when and where the group should meet to allow for as many parents as possible to be involved.

Multicultural Festival

Friday, October 26, 2012
10:30 am – 2:30 pm
Market stalls
- Food
- Music
- Dance
- Activities
- Entertainment
- Fun activities for all ages
Come and Celebrate Cultural Diversity with us @ North Geelong Secondary College

Walkathon

Its that time of year again when our yearly Mano Walkathon is to take place! On November 2nd we will be walking from Mano to Elderslie Reserve (5km) and this year our aim is to raise $1 for each 1km walk for every student! If everyone meets this goal we will raise an AWESOME amount to go towards our new playground!

A sponsorship form was sent out on Tuesday of this week to all students in the school. Our theme for this years walk is FLURO! Feel free to wear fluro socks, headbands, leggings, bracelets, shoe laces and whatever else you can think of, the only thing you must wear is your Mano school top.

The sponsorship form is due back by November 5th. Further forms are available at the office and from class teachers.

Rix Street Kindergarten
Free Family Fun Day!

To celebrate Childrens week is on this Saturday the 20th Oct from 12pm-3pm. There will be free face painting from 12pm-2pm and “Magic and Mr Ree” free magic show from 1.30pm. The local community is invited to come along and explore our amazing outdoor play space and have some fun.

Planet Protectors

Hi – I am Ruby from the Mano Planet Protectors team. Thankyou for supporting our Nude Food Day yesterday! We would like to make every day a Nude Food Day because we know that our actions can help our planet by reducing landfill, using less resources, and creating a safer environment for all creatures. We also think we will learn to eat more nutritional food (especially if it is home grown) and we can save a lot of money too! Have you gone on the website we gave you last week? This week we are going to help you think of more ways to avoid single use plastic bags.

Did you know that landfill is growing every year in Australia? Every minute 7,150 plastic bags are thrown away! Planet Protectors suggest using recyclable bags (some supermarkets provide them for about 99c each), reusable bags/boxes or a backpack. Australians currently use 3.9 billion plastic bags each year – that’s over 10 million new bags used every day! Shoppers worldwide are using approximately 500 billion single use plastic bags per year – about a million bags every minute!

“Whilst the plastic bag has a short useful life, it has a substantial environmental impact. Production is energy intensive with 0.48 MJ of energy required to make one HDPE plastic bag. Fossil fuels are extracted and processed to provide the energy required for production, contributing to climate change. The plastic bag persists in the environment for up to 1000 years, representing a significant waste impact. The combination of long life and high levels of consumption mean that plastic bags can place pressure on landfill capacity. The lightweight properties of the plastic bag allow it to escape from rubbish bins and landfill and if littered, to move around the natural environment causing a variety of problems. On land, the bag can clog stormwater drains, entrap wildlife, create visual pollution and represent a safety threat to children. Marine species including mammals, fish and seabirds mistake plastic bags for food. They may die from starvation from the false sense of being full after ingestion, choke during ingestion itself or die from entanglement. The plastic bag may break up in 450 years in the sea water, with its smaller pieces representing an ongoing threat to wildlife mistaking the pieces for food, and eventual degradation compromising water quality.” We hope you will help us to make our environment cleaner and make every day a Nude Food Day!

Thanks, from Ruby and the Mano Planet Protectors

Date: 5th Nov- 16th November
We need your help! Parent helpers are still needed and we would love as much assistance as we could get. We appreciate those who have brought back their note already and have checked that their bike and helmets are in good working order.

Thanks,
Mr Hambrook