Manifold Heights Primary School
25th October 2012

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER
Thurs 25th
Fri 26th
Weds 31st
Prep BBQ - 3:30-6pm (this afternoon!)
World Teachers Day!
Grade 6 Photos (Change of Date) @ 10:30am

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NOVEMBER
Fri 2nd
Walkathon
Middles Bike Education
Mano Cup
Prep Transition Day 3, 11:30am-1pm
Prep Info Night
Prep-2 Swimming 9-11:30am
Grade 5-6 Blue Light Disco - NO UNIFORM REQUIRED.
Ball Games Day

Mon 5th-Fri 16th
Tues 6th
Thurs 8th

Mon 12th-Fri 23rd
Weds 21st
Weds 28th

DECEMBER
Tues 4
Teachers Strike between 8:50am-12:40pm
STUDENTS NOT REQUIRED AT SCHOOL UNTILL 12:40PM
Life Skills to Santa
Yr 6-7 Transition Day
Prep Transition Day 4 - 9-11am
Church Service
Reports to go home
Grade 6 Graduation!!
Whole School Transition Day
Bike Ride - Gr 5/6
Last Day of Term 4!

Thurs 6th
Tues 11th
Weds 12th
Thurs 13th
Fri 14th
Mon 17th-Tues 18th
Fri 21st
Thank you to all our families, staff and students who attended the working bee on Sunday and helped to clean up our grounds. We are lucky to have such a big space to play in and it's great that families take on the challenge of keeping it looking good – Sears, O’Shea, Howie, Dingley, Stapleton, Sweeney, Mason, Woods, Birley, Walker, Nicola, Liam, Ms Hinch and Mr Seeckts. Our School Council is working with Justin Staggard – Landscape Architect, on some designs for our play space along Narmbool Street. Hopefully we will have some designs for students, staff and parents to comment on in the near future.

I hope that everyone is working on collecting their sponsors for our up-coming walkathon. Mr Santilli has put out a challenge to everyone to raise $1 for each kilometre they walk. If you need more sponsorship forms please come and see our office staff.

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. The number of teachers we have is directly related to the number of students we have at our school on census day so it is vital that we know our numbers for 2013.

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.

Put in your diary: 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.

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.

Appreciations:

- Our senior team who organised themselves today to allow for Nathan Gibson to go to Anakie PS for a while. Anakie staff attended a funeral today and required assistance as we did recently. It’s fantastic that local schools can support each other during these difficult times.

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

SMILE! IT’S CONTAGIOUS!
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!

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

PB ISAIAH HAMMELMANN - For his fantastic work when drawing a plan of his house! Well done, Isaiah!
PH BEN MAWSON - For his fabulous attitude and effort learning his words in class and at home! Well done!
PK RIANNA BLANKLEY - For terrific effort and improvement in her reading and being a caring and helpful class member!
JF EMILY BLISS - For her excellent work in making connections for “Ben’s Amazing Birthday!” Fabulous work!
JL JAKE BIRLEY - For starting to use The Six Thinking Hates when learning to form questions for conquering Cayley!
JO MARLI PENN - For independently completing difficult numeracy counting patterns! Well done, Marli!
JS CHARLOTTE TOMLIN - For always going further when completing tasks! You’re a star, Charlotte!
MC VICTORIA BEE - For sharing her love of music with her Inquiry group!
MH RUSHIL SONI - For demonstrating great use of learning time during our Inquiry workshops! Keep up the great attitude!
MS EMILY GILES - For enthusiastically identifying the important elements of photography during this week’s inquiry rotations!
SG ABI GRIFFITHS - For showing such creativity during our Inquiry writing! A fascinating account of the Ned Kelly story!
SH SAM SMITH - For being ready for learning every day and approaching his work with determination! Keep it up, Sam!
SLJ BRIANNA CONN - For her tremendous focus on researching the famous Australia poem “My Country” and its author, Dorothea Mackellar! Well done, Brianna!
SS LUCILLE FINLEY-MCDONALD - For the amazing effort she put into researching and presenting her Inquiry tasks!

Healthy Eating Tip

Breakfast:
Dieticians Association of Australia encourages Australians to start to the day off with a healthy breakfast. Eating Breakfast contributes in many ways to good health and nutrition.

SLJ went for a focused walk around the Food Forest in Manifold Street and the two student garden beds on the East boundary of our school. We wanted to help design and create our edible school gardens and to find out what other students would like too.

We brainstormed how we could further enjoy our edible gardens, how we would use our produce from them and how we could get students to maintain them (weeding, watering, planting).

We looked at what was growing already - the fruit trees, herbs, berries, passionfruit and vegies and we noticed some were growing vertically. The fruit trees had labels - we thought it would be good if all the plants had labels. There was lots of space left where we could grow more food rather than weeds!

Some plants have been grown to attract bees for pollination and we found that you could put some plant petals in your salads! Mulching (mostly straw and grass clippings) had been used to help retain moisture in the soil.

We discussed how composting is recycling - putting nutrients back into the soil. Our Snack Attack scraps and everything small from the garden can go in our compost bins (and soon the compost bays which are being built from recycled materials) – except oxalis and couch grass! To keep the right balance we need to add a little manure and lots of leaf litter, hay, shredded paper and sawdust. The top is covered but the bottom is open to allow access to worms. The heap should be in a sunny position but kept moist and it needs to be turned over to aerate. We also have a worm farm (housed in the dungeon where it is cool) and the worms turn our fruit and veg scraps into casts and liquid manure which is excellent food for plants and soil!

We found out a lot about edible gardens and some of us will join in the Monday lunchtime edible garden group.

What are some of your ideas?

The Geelong Head lice Service will have a stall set up for this Saturdays Geelong Baby & Children’s market. They will be selling treatments and preventers and giving advice about how you can stop the spread of head lice! This would be a great opportunity to buy some products and help stop the spread of head lice in the school.

Where: Vines Rd Community Centre @ 9am-1pm

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

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’s Organic Edible Gardens

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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 last 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.

Below is the route we will be taking for the “Walkathon”