Manifold Heights Primary School
1st November 2012

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER
Fri 2nd
Mon 5th-Fri 16th
Mon 5th
Tues 6th
Thurs 8th

Mon 12th-Fri 23rd
Weds 21st
Tues 27th
Weds 28th

Walkathon - NO ASSEMBLY TODAY
Middles Bike Education
Walkathon Sponsorship money is due today
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.
Parent Helpers Morning Tea
Ball Games Day

DECEMBER
Tues 4
Thurs 6th
Tues 11th
Weds 12th
Thurs 13th
Fri 14th
Mon 17th-Tues 18th
Fri 21st

Teachers Strike between 8:50am-12:40pm
STUDENTS NOT REQUIRED AT SCHOOL UNTIL 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!

Mano Cup Parade @ 9am on Tuesday 6th November. Remember to dress up in your most fashionable clothes, dresses, racing gear, fascinators, hobby horses, ties etc. for a day at Manifold Heights Primary School for our Annual “Mano Cup”! Races and games to take place at recess. Be sure to dress up as there will be prizes!
Well done to all our students over the past week who have remembered to use the school values within our classrooms and playground. Having an inquiring approach to learning, being motivated, respectful and resilient are wonderful assets for children to develop. Our teachers at Mano create many opportunities to encourage and guide the students to develop these qualities.

All our staff appreciated the acknowledgment many parents gave to them on World Teachers Day last Friday. The School Council President, Ged Sweeney joined the staff for a special morning tea and spoke about the wonderful job our teachers do on behalf of the school community. No doubt the students reported to parents that night after school about the staff dressing up in a variety of school uniforms for the day.

Ibu Walker and myself were fortunate to apply for and gain two days of Professional Development through the Education Department, Studies of Asia Program. We travelled to Melbourne on Wednesday and Thursday last week where we learnt many interesting things linking information technology to student learning with an emphasis on our immediate neighbours in South East Asia.

We both found out how to create a Blog for student learning using Wordpress and how this is now the way many classrooms will operate now and in the future. It is one method of enabling differentiation in the curriculum to suit individual learning needs, using ICT such as i pads as well as parents being able to access what tasks students are completing at school. Many schools already allow students to have an iTunes account, individual students bringing their own personal learning devices such as iPads to school as well as having the use of Youtube and email accounts.

If you are interested Julie and I would be more than happy to show and explain this to any parent who would like to know more about our Blogs.

We have the Walkathon on Friday. Mr. Santilli and Mr. Hambrook have been extremely busy organising this event. We also have a group of very supportive parents who are assisting with the BBQ organization. We all appreciate everyone who is working towards making this event really successful. Thanks to you all.

All parents are welcome to walk with the students as well as joining us for the BBQ lunch. We appreciate the support parents also give in assisting with supporting this by ensuring their child is sponsored on the day. Each dollar counts towards our new playground area.

The preps have enjoyed the annual Prep BBQ fun night that was held last Thursday. There were lots of games and activities including a treasure hunt. Mrs. Bottrell, Mrs. Bath and Mrs. Helmore were very happy to have the assistance of extra teaching and office staff and parents who assisted on the day in the smooth running of this activity for the Prep students. Well done and thank you Prep Team.

Thank you to everyone who has helped me this week whilst I am stepping into Marina’s shoes as she is enjoys a well deserved break for three weeks.

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 accidentally picked up Matthews.

Lola Lear has lost her silver necklace with a plain silver locket attached. Please can you return this to the office or to Lola in JO. Thank you.
Congratulations to the following students who have been rewarded for their efforts towards “INQUIRING” and making ‘Mano’ a better place.

PB  CHELSEA SEARS - For her amazing work in reading sessions this term! Fabulous work, Chelsea!
PH  BJORN DELIEGE - For the brilliant attitude he shows in his learning and for being a great helper!
PK  JESSICA STENTON - For fantastic efforts with her story writing! Keep up the fabulous work, Jessica!
JL  ZOE O’SHEA - For using appropriate materials from her environment to design and make a see saw! A knockout, Zoe!
JO  JOSHUA JOVANOVSKI - For the excellent design and construction of a see saw! Fantastic work, Joshua!
JS  SHAYLA ROMEYN - For her magnificent attitude towards all her classwork! Keep it up, Shayla!
MC  LIBBY RIVIERE - For her enthusiastic approach to her inquiry workshop! Fabulous, Libby!
MH  LIAM SHERIDAN - For his wonderful enthusiasm during our technology workshop and demonstrating great skills on the iPad and sharing with others! Keep it up, Liam!
MK  TESSA GAMBLE - For the brilliant attitude and effort she shows in her learning and all class activities!
MS  MADELINE COMBRIDGE - For bringing in her birds for the day and sharing all of her amazing knowledge with the whole class! What a tweet!
SH  MADDY SCOTT - For the great research she has been undertaking and sharing during inquiry! Great stuff, Maddy!
SS  DOM RANDALL - For using many resources to research his Inquiry topic! He presented an excellent report with enthusiasm! Great job, Dom!

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education related costs. You need to hold a valid Health Care Card or Pension Card and complete the application form at the school office by 28 February 2013. Application forms are now available at the school office.

Schoolkids Bonus—From January 2013 a new payment called the ‘Schoolkids Bonus’ will be introduced by the Commonwealth Government. The Schoolkids Bonus will be paid by Centrelink in January and July each year to help families with school costs. Families receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A will receive up to $410 for each child in primary school and up to $820 for each child in secondary school.

School Council will shortly set the Essential Education Items charges for 2013. These charges are not voluntary and are required to be paid by all families.

In the past, the EMA payment has been enough to cover all of the Essential Items charges. From 2013 the EMA payment will be $200 for prep students and $150 for grades 1-6 which means there will be a slight shortfall that you will need to pay for Essential Education Items for grades 1-6.

If you are not eligible for EMA, there are other means by which you can pay for your Essential Education Items: Centrepay application or Credit Card Direct Debit authority. Please consider these options before you head to the office to pay for your child’s Essential Education Items. Should you require any further information, please contact our Business Manager, Kylie Roskosch.

Kaisercraft are kindly sponsoring a weekly Art Award this term. Each week one student will receive a $20 Kaisercraft voucher. This week’s Art Award goes to:

Cameron Lewis (PK) - For being an enthusiastic and creative worker in Art! Well done!

Woolworths Earn & Learn

We earned a massive 47,700 points to spend by collecting the Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers last term! The following items were purchased with the points:

- 6 Floor drum kits
- 6 Low Colourful Floor Drums
- 6 Tall Colourful Floor Drums
- 6 Junior Cajon Boxes
- 6 Tambourines
- 6 Triangles
- 6 Double Tone Blocks
- 2 Wooden Xylophones
- 2 Metal Xylophones
- 6 Kokiriki Wooden Music Instruments
- 1 Gong with a Beater
- 2 Wooden Cabasas
- 1 Tubular Bell Windchime
- 10 Frog & sticks
- 10 Wild Men Clacks
- 3 Heavy Duty 80L Containers
- 3 Jumbo Bin Containers

As you can see this is a massive amount we have been able to purchase for our school. A big Congratulations to everyone that helped the school collect these stickers.
First we had afternoon tea. Then we had some games and then we had some free play with balls and Frisbees. Then we had sausages and hamburgers. I had both. Then we had some frogs in a pond. After that we had a disco, then we had icy-poles.
By Rory

We had fruit snack for afternoon tea. We ate it. We played games and we had a disco. It was fun and we had the BBQ. Then we had jelly with a Freddo. It was fun.
By Maliha

The preps had plenty of fun at their bbq last Thursday. There were lots of games, including Scarecrow Tiggy, Princes and Princesses, and Steal the Treasure.
We had yummy snacks and a bbq dinner, followed by the highlight for many...a mini-disco! There are some real groovers in the prep classes!
Thanks to Mrs Roskosch, Mr Gibson, Mrs Keegan, Mrs Orford and particularly Anna, who stayed to cook for us on her birthday!

Plant fruit and veg in your lunchbox!
Fruit and vegetables are an important part of healthy eating. They are simple, easy and healthy snacks for children. Fruit and vegetables are excellent sources of vitamins, minerals and fibre required for healthy bones, teeth, skin, eyes and digestion. All Australian children and adults are recommended to eat two serves of fruit and five serves of vegetables each day.