Manifold Heights Primary School
8th November 2012

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER
Thurs 8th
Friday 9th
Mon 12th-Fri 23rd
Weds 21st
Tues 27th
Weds 28th
Thurs 29th

Prep Info Night Tonight @ 7:30pm in the Prep Building
Rix Street Kinder Twilight Market - 4:30-7:30pm
@ Western Heights Uniting Church Hall, Herne Hill
Prep-2 Swimming 9-11:30am
Grade 5-6 Blue Light Disco - NO UNIFORM REQUIRED.
Parent Helpers Morning Tea
Ball Games Day
Grade 6 Parents Dinner (more information to come)

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

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!

Scan this code into a ‘QR application’ on your smart phone and the top code will take you to our website while the bottom will take you to our facebook site! You can download the free app: Bakodo in the iTunes store.
What a wonderful day we all had last Friday at the Walkathon. The weather was great and everyone, children, teachers, parents, grandparents and family friends had big smiles as they arrived at the reserve to join the rest of the school for a BBQ lunch and a big play on the playground equipment and the oval.

Events such as these require lots of organisation and cooperation. We are very fortunate at Mano that we have people who are able to prepare and assist in many ways to make these events so successful. There are many people to thank for all their efforts. Mr. Hambrook and Mr. Santilli for all the organising, Alex Ellis, Kim Huntley and Yvonne Jarrett for leading all the food preparations from purchasing through to cooking and cleaning up, Sam Ellis and Steve Randall for all the cooking of lots and lots of sausages, Ralph Hatton who transported the two BBQs and Kylie Roskosch for assisting with the shopping. A big thank you to all the parents who also assisted with the distribution of lots of fruit, bread and sausages to everyone. A great team effort. Thank you.

Prizes for the Walkathon will be announced at our assembly on Friday. We all appreciate the sponsorship and money the students have collected already. Please extend our thanks to all their sponsors.

Today we held our third Prep 2013 orientation session. We have over 60 Preps for next year and are running three Prep classes. Mrs. Bottrell, Mrs. Helmore and Mr. Santilli will be our Prep teachers and they will be presenting at the Prep Information session tonight. As we all know having a successful and positive Prep year is such an important start to school life and we are very proud of the calibre of our Prep teachers here at Mano. The current grade four students have met with their new Prep Buddies and new friendships have been formed. This is a strong part of our successful transition program from Kindergarten to school and our new parent and children appreciate the care and thoughtfulness the older students take with their Prep Buddy.

There are often extra programs for students at Mano and this week the Bike Education Program for Middles is currently running. A big thank you to the parents who have volunteered to assist with this program over the next two weeks. The children love to have their parents at school and involved in activities.

Mrs. Bath has cleaned and sorted the Reading Resource room. We will soon be commencing an audit of the Take Home books and Guided Reading books so we are looking for parents who can spare a few hours to count and sort books for us. Please let Mrs. Bath know if you can help out.

A big thank you to Vanessa Brearley (Liam JS) who has spent time in the Resource Room cleaning a large black paint spill off the walls and books. It has been a time consuming job so her assistance has been very much appreciated.

On Tuesday we held the Mano Cup where all of us dressed up in our finery for the Mano Cup Parade. We saw lots of beautiful outfits, suits, ties, bow ties, fascinators, frocks, horses and jockeys. Prizes and certificates were awarded for many wonderful varieties of fashion attire by Mrs. Helmore and her helpers from the Seniors.

The School Captains and House Captains organised games and races at playtime and lunchtime. These were held in the Multi Purpose room and the children cheered each race with great excitement. Well done to everyone who enjoyed the day, who organised the activities and to the parents who supported this fun day by attending the parade or by helping their child/children with their outfits. The Geelong Advertiser attended and lots of photos were snapped. Watch the Advertiser for one of them. Many thanks to Kelly Blake (Mahlia PK) for organising this publicity on behalf of the School Council.

As Marina has mentioned in previous newsletters, the Department of Education and the AEU (Australian Teachers Union) have not resolved the issues around the next Agreement. As part of the Union bans, teachers in the Union have been asked not to complete the comment section of the reports. Our reports to families will consist of judgement against the Victorian Essential Learning levels as indicated by the achievement dots.

We welcomed visitors to our school on Monday from Pyramid Hill Prep – 9, who arrived with our former Regional Network Leader, Pam Tooze to look at the learning environment in the Prep area and to see the students working on the ipads in the classroom. Children in Junior F were able to show how they were looking at division and recording their findings using the ipad app Chalkboard. Preps were playing a Barrier Game using the ipad app Drawfree and Middles were working on their Inquiry with Mr. Hambrook recording and presenting using the ipad app, iMovie. Our visitors were very impressed with our use of ipads at Mano.

It has been a great week with lots of positive behaviours observed within the playground and classrooms. Well done to everyone for all their efforts throughout the week. If anyone has any egg cartons could you please drop these into the Art room.

Mrs Mundine

Sports Report:

Congratulations to Molly Driscoll, Holly & Aimee Miller who competed in the State Athletic Champs last Monday in Melbourne. It is a great achievement to reach this level of competition and we congratulate them on this fine achievement! This is the fifth level of competition that they have competed in this year and we congratulate them on their amazing efforts and co-operation.

Mr Grant
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 HARIZ AZAMAN - For being at outstanding member of our class, always working to the best of his ability and encouraging others! Super effort, Hariz!
PH KATELYN MULHOLLAND - For terrific efforts with her writing this term! Fantastic, Katelyn!
PK KAYLA MACKAY - For being a caring friend and terrific efforts with her reading! Well done, Kayla!
JF JOANNA GRIFFITHS - For writing a creative list of inventions which could make her life easier.
AVYN CAMPBELL - For sharing his ‘owl’ PowerPoint which was created at home! Very interesting work, Avyn!
JL TAYLA STEWART - For her wonderful playground that demonstrated her understanding of how see saws work!
JO EMILY SUTER - For her magnificent explanation and construction of a bridge! Fantastic design, Emily!
JS ZAC MCMINNESS - For his brilliant boat design! Very innovative! Great work, Zac!
MC MAX DONOHUE - For his fabulous efforts and hard work in Numeracy Rotations! Magnificent, Max!
MH LEVI HILL - For helping his classmates off his own bat and showing an excellent attitude towards his own and others work!
MK AMELIA SWEENEY - For always caring and helping her classmates and presenting excellent classwork!
MS HAQUIEM HUSAINI AZA - For sharing his wonderful knowledge about iPads & apps with the whole class! We appreciate it!
SG JOSH RITCHIE-CRICHOTON - For the creativity and attention to detail shown in his inquiry presentation!
   An amazing video quiz!
SH SARAH BROWN - For her ability to maturely and eloquently mediate with her peers! You’re terrific, Sarah!
SLJ ELLA SENKANS-HEATCOTHE - For her great research and careful work presentation!
SS INDI UTOMO - For displaying fabulous research skills during our Inquiry Sessions!

Art Award
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: Matthew Jahn - For really trying his best and producing creative artwork!

Did you know??
Did you know that our school has a registered School Building Fund? Donations to this fund are TAX DEDUCTIBLE! The funds in this special account are to be used specifically for building projects and you can make a donation at any time. See the flyer attached to the Newsletter for more information.

Walkathon Soccer Match
It was fantastic to see parents and staff get involved in a friendly game of soccer at the ‘Walkathon’. The game started off with a few fiery shots on goal until the experience of the parents up front kicked a great goal. However, the teachers, with some help from the children, snagged the next goal in quick succession. The game was played with great spirit and sportsmanship, even though it turned competitive! With the game almost ending, the parents kicked, what they thought, was the sealer….until an amazing cross pass from Mr Hambbrook to Mrs Charter evened the scores. This capped off an amazing day and demonstrated what an awesome community we have at ‘Mano’.
Regards,
Mr Hambbrook

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.
We are organising each class to join us in raising awareness and money to support TEAR AUSTRALIA (www.tear.org.au). Each class will be able to choose an item from the following educational and agricultural options. The class will then raise the amount as designated through voluntary donations from class members to reach their chosen target. We are encouraging the children to bring along 5 and 10 cent pieces. Gifts that support good food and support learning are as follows we have decided to purchase with funds raised are: Tree seedlings $10, Fish Farming $10, Education $25, School Supplies $5, Chickens $5, Primary Schooling $45 & Vegetable Garden $30

TEAR Australia is a relief and advocacy organisation responding to global poverty and injustice in partnership with another Christian organisation. When we purchase our gift as a class we are making a donation to the important work that supports poor and marginalized communities in Australia and overseas. All gifts are integrated into long term community development programs. If you would like to know more please visit the above website. If you have any questions please call in for a chat. Prue Koolen (School Chaplain) and Peta Mundine