IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER
Mon 12th - Fri 23rd
Prep-2 Swimming 9-11:30am
Grade 5-6 Blue Light Disco - NO UNIFORM REQUIRED.
Wed 21st
Parent Helpers Morning Tea
Feb 28th
Ball Games Day
Thurs 29th
Grade 6 Parents Dinner

DECEMBER
Tues 4
Teachers Strike between 8:50am-12:40pm
STUDENTS NOT REQUIRED AT SCHOOL UNTIL 12:40PM
Thurs 6th
Life Skills to visit Santa
Tues 11th
Yr 6-7 Transition Day
Wed 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 21th
Whole School Transition Day

We have one “Entertainment Book” left up at the office. Books sell for $55. Get in quick!!
What a wonderful week we have had this week at Mano. We have been busy learning many things and taking on new challenges. Some of us have also built upon our current skills. All of this has been achieved through having an “I can do it attitude”, “having a go” and celebrating our achievements.

The swimming program began on Monday for Preps and Juniors. Children were here early to catch the first bus and nearly everyone remembered their swimming bags. Lots of laughter and fun at the pool and lots of chatter on the bus. Congratulations to everyone, parents, children and staff in their assistance with this program. It is opportune to remind everyone that well named clothing attire is essential as children are trying very hard to keep their belongings in swimming bags but at times they find it difficult to differentiate their uniform items from the person getting changed next to them. Thank you to Lisa Charter for all her organisation of this program. We all appreciate your effort in this.

The Preps have been great in the way they have visited the Junior classes as part of their transition program, whilst the current Prep teachers have welcomed our new 2013 preps to our school for the Kinder to Prep transition. The Preps have also enjoyed an excursion to Sparrow Park where they played together on the equipment and then returned to school to make yummy healthy sandwiches.

The Middles have been really enjoying Bike Education and we are seeing students perfecting some fabulous skills especially riding up and down the ramps in the school yard. Many parents are also helping with this program and our teachers really appreciate your assistance.

Some of the Senior students have been involved on the Kanga Cricket program where three teams went to Kardinia Park to compete against other schools. All our team members had great fun and our Manifold Team 2 won all the round robin matches. They played against St Patricks in the Grand Final. These students received cricket balls, wrist bands and packs sponsored by Milo.

On 28th of November the grade 3-6 students will walk to Herne Hill PS for the annual Ball Games competition. This is a local excursion and teachers will use the Misty Green permission forms for this event. All parents are welcome to attend or walk with us to the event so keep an eye out for more information closer to the date.

Last Friday at assembly Mr Hambrook announced the winners for the Walkathon they are printed on the last page of this newsletter. Congratulations to everyone who participated in this years Walkathon and particularly to those who bought back their sponsorship forms.

We were fortunate to have the school band play at the assembly and we were all very proud of the band members and their individual talents. Thank you to Mr Seeckts and Mr Gibson for all their skills in assisting the band.

A big thank you to Peter Driscoll for mowing the grass around the school, he has done a wonderful job.

Thank you to everyone for all their help and support during Marina’s Long Service Leave. We will be welcoming her back on Tuesday morning so make sure you come past the office to welcome her back!

Thank You,
Mrs Mundine

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**Kanga Cricket** - Three teams from Manifold Heights Primary School competed in the Kanga Cricket - Milo T20 Blast Cricket competition held at Kardinia Park on Monday! Team 2 won their three round robin games and qualified for the grand final. Manifold 2 were eventually defeated by St Patricks in the final. Team 1 won one game and lost two games while Team 3 also won one game and lost two. Congratulations to all children who took part in this day! A fantastic effort by all.

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  LIAM O’SHEA - For his fabulous effort and great listening at swimming lessons! Well done, Liam!
PH  MERCAEDES WISE - For her terrific work during maths ‘sharing’ tasks this week!
PK  JAYDEN LOCK - For his “I can do it!” attitude when undertaking all tasks in and out of the classroom! Keep it up!
JF  MARA ELLIS - For recording detailed observations for ‘Make and Test a boat’ activity! Great ideas, Mara!
JL  MICHAEL FISHER & RYDER KEARNEY - For rising to the challenge to make a bridge able to hold the weight of a massive pyramid! Great collaboration, boys!
JO  CHARLOTTE STACEY - For her creative ideas and detailed explanation about her car! Terrific thinking, Charlotte!
JS  TOM THORNTON - For being a caring student who shows enthusiasm in his learning! Well done, Tom!
MC  LUCA ELLIS - For being a wonderful classmate! You’re a legend, Luca!
MH  TOM MORGAN & ASHLEY WILSON - For looking out for their fellow classmates and responding honestly and with integrity! Brilliant work, guys!
MK  MORGAN TORKMANI - For showing fabulous work habits and doing her very best in all activities!
MS  SHANIA ROMEYN - For showing off her amazing artistic skills during our numeracy session on lines of reflection!
SG  PARKER GRAYLAND - For his enthusiasm and commitment during the Kanga Cricket “Dance Off” bringing our school to Victory!
SH  LIAM SLAIVEN - For the awesome attitude he’s brought to the classroom this term! You really are a star, Liam!
SLJ  FINN BAPTIE - For his enthusiastic contributions to collaborative group work and senior assembly!
SS  BEN WIELENS - For being flexible and resilient in all classroom activities!

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:

Joanna Griffiths - For her talent in all areas of the Art program!

Did you know??

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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. Please see the office if you would like another flyer.

Tips for Healthy Eating

Snacking doesn't have to be bad for you—healthy options are available. If you eat a well balanced nutritious diet and regular meals, the odd snack is not a problem.

Keep a stocked fruit bowl and put it in plain sight. You’re more likely to snack on healthy options if they’re on hand. Make your own. Prepare and eat your own snack using fresh ingredients.

Fete/Market/Car Boot Sale!!

Invite you to their “Fete/Market/Car Boot Sale!!” on Saturday November 24th from 9am-2pm.

68 Calvert Street, Hamlyn Heights.

- Sausage Sizzle - Lucky Dips - Kids Train (toddlers)
- Scout Activities - Market Stalls - Records/Books
- Car Boot Sales - Cake Stall - Tools/Collectables

If anyone interested in holding a stall please call Patricia on 0409 411 454

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.
Mano Gardening Club
Last week we formally commenced a gardening club which meets on Mondays at lunchtime. A large group of interested students from across the school met in the Senior Hub. We have introduced ourselves to each other, shared our skills, knowledge and ideas for our edible gardens. We have also begun weeding and watering our gardens. Interested parents are welcome to join us! Also, if anyone has some seeds/seedlings we can plant (edible only please) that would be fabulous too!

On Monday we showed the Mano Gardening club the video we produced called The Rubbish Monster. We also showed a video of a guy singing a song called There's no such thing as waste. They really enjoyed watching and talking about these videos. We think they are going to be future Mano Planet Protectors!! Well done too everybody for trying to make everyday a waste free lunch day - we think Mano is working hard to make every day a Nude Food Day!

Thanks to SLJ for preparing the future native edible plant garden (between the old Library & the new Prep building). Due to their efforts in the heat the garden began last Wednesday afternoon. There were admirable displays of persistence and resilience shown by many!

Liz Hines

Walkathon: The numbers are in for the classes/students who raised the most money for this year's 'Walkathon'!

Grades:
JO - 1st overall with $462
JS - 2nd overall with $450
MS - 3rd overall with $410.90
JL - 4th overall with $354.50
PB - 5th overall with $322.20

Students:
Emily Foot PH $110
Charlotte Tomlin JS $102
Izak Pankhurst PH $90
Zara Elliott PB $90
Jake Birley JL $85
Alyssa Harris SG $77.50

Most Raised by Siblings:
Jonah, Bella & Lola Lear - $168
Peighton, Jorjia Rae & Mercaedes - $102
Kristen & Michael Fisher - $100
Kade & Mason Mckenzie - $90
Nathan, Ben & Olivia Platt - $69

All up we were able to raise over $3000 that will be going towards our new playground! Congratulations to everyone that handed in their sponsorship money, this is the most we have raised ever during our Walkathon! Everyone, including staff and parents, deserve a pat on the back for such a wonderful day!