# Manifold Heights Primary School Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES

**28th of November 2012**

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Thank you to all our parents and community members who joined us for our traditional Parent Helpers Morning Tea on Tuesday morning. It was a great opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate all the great programs that people involve themselves in throughout the year. This year these have included classroom helpers, bike education, excursions, local walks, swimming, walkathon, Breakfast with the stars, Carnivale, and various sports days. Thank you also to the staff who provided the yummy food!

As we get closer to the end of the year it seems to be getting busier and busier! Congratulations to all the Prep and Junior students, parents and staff who have completed their swimming program for another year. It’s never an easy task to organise students on and off buses, especially when you throw changing clothes into the mix! Everyone has tried really hard to show their resilience even though we are all very tired. Well done.

An amazing job was also done by our Middles team with Bike Education being completed successfully. Lots of new skills have been taught and practiced across our school grounds. All these skills will be invaluable for students to use in their own leisure time as well as a lead up to participating in the near future in the Great Queenscliff Bike Ride and Year 6 camp.

Plans for the Queenscliff Bike Ride are well under way thanks to Mr Gibson and the Senior team. This event is a highlight for our school and our community with students talking about the event way after they have left our school! If you have the opportunity to help out we would love to see you with us.

Well done to our 3/4 and 5/6 students who participated in the annual Ball Games competition at Herne Hill today. Everyone did a fabulous job and had a great time. Thank you to the staff and parents who helped walk the students back and forth toady.

Reminder: Teacher’s strike on Tuesday December 4th between 8.50am-12.40pm. Students are not required at school until after 12.40pm. A separate notice will also be sent home. I have received notification from Out of Hours School Care that they will continue to provide care for those students who are booked into their usual before school care session from 7am until 12.40. Please see Ester for details.

Please make sure that you keep an eye on the newsletter Important Dates as there are so many events coming up over the next few weeks.

Appreciations:
- To Esther and her Out of School Hours Care team for the wonderful job they are doing with our before and after school care.
- Priscilla, Annie and their helpers who set up the Multi purpose room for our special morning tea.

Communication is vital – Keep reading the newsletter!

Be on time, Be at school, that’s the rule!

Let’s keep unleashing Potential!

Marina Keegan

Grade 6 Parents Dinner - Tomorrow Night

All grade 6 parents are invited to a dinner to catch up before our grade 6 children move on to secondary school.

Date: Thurs 29th November @ 6:30pm (tonight)
Venue: Warung Bali, Shannon Avenue. BYO
Please call Sue Harmon on 0410 559 392
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 MADISON SENNETT - For making excellent gains with her reading this term! Well done, Maddison!

PH EDIE GRAHAM - For her outstanding levels of participation in class activities and being an all round lovely classmate!

PK DAMIA MUHAMMAD MAHADHIR - For her fantastic efforts and progress in reading! Well done, Damia!

JF NICOLLE FLEMMING - For settling into Mano and JF so well after moving to Australia from Ireland!

JL LILI RAMSAY - For making a wonderful water vessel at home! Terrific self motivation, Lili! Ships A’hoi!

JO MATTHEW JONES - For his magnificent construction and explanation of how he made his yacht! Well done, Matthew!

JS JED CASTLE - For his amazing work during Inquiry, always taking his designs a step further! Great, inventing, Jed!

MC SOPHIE MILSOME - For her outstanding efforts during her inquiry, always showing elf motivation! Sensational, Sophie!

MH JOSH BARROWMAN - For his outstanding work on his CD cover in Inquiry! Brilliant work, Josh!

MK JULIAN DRISCOLL - For working hard, doing his very best and making good choices!

MS TESSA JONES - For amazing photographs she’s been taking during Inquiry this term! Great focus!

SG JAKIYA RATHGEBER & NYAGAK YANG - For their amazing work with the Planet Protectors! Great work!

SH CONNOR AHPENE - For the awesome way he takes pride in our classroom and goes above and beyond to take care of our learning space! Thank you, Connor!

SLJ ANNALEE MAPLESON - For her fabulous enthusiasm put into her assessment tasks this week and her mapping of Mrs Hines journey in the Great Victorian Bike Ride! Well done, Annalee!

SS LILY ROBINSON - For the fantastic attitude she demonstrated when given advice to improve her promotional poster!

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:

Molly Driscoll - For completing tasks creatively and cheerfully!

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

Tips for Healthy Eating

By Elke Nolan JL

Why is physical activity important?

Children between 5 and 12 years of age greatly benefit from being physically active! It can:

- Promote healthy growth and development
- Build strong bones and muscles
- Improve balance and develop skills
- Maintain and develop flexibility
- Help achieve and maintain a healthy weight
- Improve cardiovascular fitness
- Help relaxation
- Improve posture
- Provide opportunities to make friends
- Improve self-esteem

Baby rabbits for sale

$15 each - selected colours.

Please contact Alistair Mclean 0438 241 034

How the Cheetah got it’s spots

Once there was a cheetah who had no spots. His name was Pawprint. Pawprint was always chased by the lions because they thought he was a lioness. He was being chased by a lion and he was running so fast towards the cliff when... WHOOP! Pawprint ran straight over the edge! He landed with a huge splash in the sea below. Paddling for two miles, Pawprint swam over to Blackberry Island. Pawprint put his wet paws on land. A few hours later as Pawprint’s paws were still drying, he spied a huge blackberry bush. Pawprint ate about nine blackberries while four elephants used their trunks to squirt blackberries at Pawprint! All the purple stains on his fur were making him very annoyed so he jumped into the water.... SPLASH!!! Two purple spots came off but the rest of the spots became stained black on his fur. Later that day, Pawprint looked just like the other cheetahs now that his spots were really black. But still he wasn’t happy. He didn’t like his spots. He liked to look a little different. Just then, one of the elephants realized that when he had been squirting blackberries with his sisters Zoe, Isobel and Summer he had four blackberries blocked in his trunk!

Stay tuned for the next chapter....
We made it through prep!!
So let’s celebrate it with a night out!
When: Wednesday 12th December
Where: The Kennel @ The Barking Dog,
Pakington Street, Geelong West
Time: 7:30pm
All prep parents welcome!

Please RSVP to Gwyn Morrison (Arlin PK), Anita Elliott (Zara PB) or to Anna in the Office.

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DITCH THE PAPER!!!
Help us slash our photocopy costs and help the environment! Sign up to have your NEWSLETTERS, FAMILY STATEMENTS & OTHER PIECES emailed to you today!!

Student Name: _______________________________________
Email Address: _______________________________________

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Bell Park North P.S.

TWILIGHT FAIR

Friday 30th November 3.00pm - 7.00pm

Barton Street Bell Park

Silent Auction: Items include a football signed by 2011 Geelong premiership side, Whipper Snipper, Sheraton Voucher, Market Square Voucher and much, much more!
Pirate Jumping Castle, Petting Zoo, Basketball Competition
Devonshire Tea, BBQ, Hot Potatoes, Coffee, Ice-creams, Fairy Floss, Soft Drinks, Donuts
Raffle, Chocolate Bed, Jewellery Stall, Lucky Jars, Helium Balloons, Face Painting, Show Bags, Lucky Dip, Teacher Revenge Throw, Money Board, Art Show
Entertainment includes: Music, Dancing, Didgeridoo and more

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Help Needed
We are looking for parents who may be able to help with a stock take/counting of our Guided reading Books. Please see Karyn Bath or Peta Mundine if you can spare a few hours during the day to help us.

Take Home Books
All take home books will be required to be returned by the 12th December ready for us to sort and prepare for the new school year.

Library
We would love everyone to look for any overdue Library books and return these to the Library. Overdue notices have been distributed to the children. If you are having a problem finding these over due books please contact us and let us know.

Next week is the last week when the children can borrow from the Library. Friday December 7th.

Thank you for your support. Sue Bencic and Peta Mundine