IMPORTANT DATES
6th of December 2012

**DECEMBER**
- Tues 11th: Grade 6-7 Transition Day
  Prep Transition Day 4 - 9:30-11am
- Weds 12th: Church Service - Leave at 10:30am for an 11am start
- Thurs 13th: Reports to go home
- Fri 14th: Grade 6 Graduation!!
- Mon 17th-Tues 18th: Whole School Transition Day
- Fri 21st: Queenscliff Bike Ride - Gr 5/6
- Sun 25th: Last Day of Term 4 - EARLY FINISH 1:30pm!
- Mon 31st: Christmas Day!

**January**
- Tues 29th: Staff first day back at work
- Weds 30th: Curriculum Day - No Students at school
- Thurs 31st: New Years Eve!

**BOOK PACKS:** Payment in full can be made and book packs collected from Monday 10th December. There will also be two other payment/collection days prior to the commencement of the school year; **Tuesday 29th Jan & Wednesday 30th Jan between 9am-12pm & 1pm-4pm.** Payments can be made via cash in full at the school office, cheque payable to Manifold Heights Primary School, BPAY, Visa/Mastercard, EMA, CentrePay or a payment plan. If you need anymore information on payment please see the Business Manager (Kylie Roskosch).
I am very excited to announce that our application to be part of the Active After School Communities program has been successful and will be implemented in terms 1 & 2 next year. The program is free to our students and aims to enhance the physical activity of our students through fun activities. It provides opportunities for inclusive participation in a safe environment and gives students a chance to try new things. What we know so far:

The program will run between 3.45 – 4.45pm on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon here at school
A trained sportsperson and a helper (could be a parent) will be in attendance each session
There will be approximately 16 students in each group Prep - 6
Fruit and sandwiches are provided for the students as an after school snack
Term 1 – 7 sessions beginning the week of February 11th
Term 1 activities are: Frisbee (Tuesday) and Badminton (Wednesday )
Term 2 – 7 sessions beginning the week of 29th April
Term 2 activities are: Hip Hop Dance (Tuesday) and Basketball (Wednesday)

We will be looking for a helper for all sessions. This may be one person for both days or two people taking one activity each. It may be for just one term or you may be interested in doing both terms. The helper will be paid $30 per session but must be prepared to complete an online beginner coach module and attend either one full day (Jan 30th 9.30am -4.30pm) or 2 half days (Jan 29th & Feb 4th 5.30-9.30pm) of training at Simons Stadium Geelong. Teachers and people with coaching qualification do not need to complete the online program. This coaching program is free.

If you are interested in any aspect of this position, please come and see me. It will be especially relevant to parents of students participating in the program. If you are going to wait around watching anyway, you might as well help and get paid for it.

At Assembly on Friday, Olivia and Ruby spoke about “Ben’s Bench” – a seat we have bought to celebrate friendship and in memory to Ben Newell, a great friend whom we lost this year. The seat is made from recycled timber and is decorated with Indonesian carvings – a fitting choice for a young man interested in the environment and extremely creative himself. The seat will be fixed into our play area shortly but is currently in the school office foyer if you would like to see it.

Ben’s family would also like to contribute something to the school in line with Ben’s love of art and creativity. They have generously donated a Creativity Award to be presented at our final assembly as a way of encouraging creativity in all our students. The award is being designed by Ben’s sister Katy who is a past student at Mano and is currently at Western Heights. We look forward to making Ben’s Creativity award part of our Award ceremony for many years to come.

All classes are busily involved in organising end of year activities including their acts for our final Whole School Celebration Assembly on the last day (Friday 21st Dec). As usual, our assembly begins at 9.30am in the Multi Purpose room and will run to somewhere close to 11am – depending on how long our acts are! We also have lots of awards to give out. Hope to see you there.

***If you are planning to take off on your holidays early and are leaving straight after our assembly, please remember to sign out at the office, as we don’t officially finish until 1.30pm on this last day.***

Also coming up:
Dec 11th Year 6 Transition to Secondary School and our final Prep transition day at 9.00-11am
Dec 12th Church Service RE Celebration – Uniting Church Douglass St Herne Hill at 11am. Please note that students who have not participated in RE this year will be catered for at school.
Dec 13th Year 6 Graduation Ceremony. Doors open at 6.40pm in the Multi Purpose Room
Dec 14th Whole School Transition Day - 9.30am-1.30pm Visit your 2013 class.
Dec 17th & 18th Great Queenscliff Bike Ride
Dec 21st Whole School Celebration Assembly at 9.30am in Multi Purpose Room Last Day Dismissal at 1.30pm

Appreciations:
- To Olivia and Ruby who spent the morning with me looking in numerous shops for the perfect piece of furniture for “Ben’s Bench”. Thank you girls.

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
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.

How the Cheetah got it's spots (continued)

By Elke Nolan JL

Zoe thought of throwing pepper up Batman’s trunk. Summer thought of tickling Batman’s trunk with an eagle feather. “Eagle feathers are very, very ticklish!” said Summer as she gave Isabel an eagle feather. After three minutes of thinking of what to do, suddenly Isabel shouted excitedly “I know! We’ll squirt them on that cheetah” Everyone agreed and set off without five year old Zoe because she wouldn’t have been able to swim two miles down the river. When they got to Pawprint’s island home, they searched the whole thing but they couldn’t find Pawprint anywhere. That’s because his spots had hidden him in the yellow bush that grows black fruits. “Maybe these spots aren’t so bad after all” thought Pawprint to himself “Anyway those silly elephants can’t see me hiding here!” Finally, Pawprint was happy to like every other cheetah. “I love my spots just the way they are and now I don’t have to worry about being teased or chased by all those lions anymore. I like having spots like all the other cheetahs!” Batman tried really hard to squirt the blackberries out of his trunk. He trumpeted so hard that the blackberries flew out of his trunk and splashed all the other cheetahs. Pawprint just giggled in the bush.

The End

Yarn-Work Club

The middles are doing workshops on different subjects for Inquiry. Myself (Yuvraj Singh), and some other students from the gardening workshop will be starting a Yarn-Work group. Some people know it as “Yarnbombing”.

If you would like to help us decorate some trees at Mano, bring your wool and join us under the shade sails at the front of the canteen either for the first half of lunch times or recess for the next week and we will be there working away.

Next week, all together, we will decorate a tree in the school grounds.

Thank you,
Yuvraj Singh

Help Wanted: We need help from parents with sorting out the lost property and/or our spare uniform cupboard in the sick bay cupboard. It would be much appreciated! Please see Anna & Kylie in the office if you can help.

Thank you in advance,
Your Lovely Office Ladies!

7 minutes to healthier kids

Set the timer to seven minutes and send the kids outside to vigorously exercise. Apparently that’s all they need to stay fit and healthy, says a Canadian study. However the researchers add, it seems most aren’t even getting that - at least not the beneficial higher intensity type of exercise.

Children in the study were found to spend almost 70% of their time doing very little; nearly 23% doing light activity; and just 0.6% doing vigorous activity. The more vigorous the physical activity, the less likely the children were to be over weight.

*Taken from the Sunday Herald Sun, December 2nd 2012*
Congratulations to the following students for successfully completing the Premiers Reading Challenge 2012! Louisa Bath, Rianna Mackay, Libby Riviere, Aimee Miller, Ella Lauder, Sara-Lou Gregoire, Ashley Wilson, Holly Miller, Ally Sears, Jake Birley, Harold Walker & Joanna Ivey.

A terrific effort!

Also a big reminder to all students to return all Library Books as we are in the process of re-shelving all our books!

Thank you for all you support this year!

Mrs Mundine & Mrs Bencic

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Manifold Heights Primary School

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