Manifold Heights Primary School Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER
Thurs 13th
Grade 6 Graduation - TONIGHT!
Fri 14th
Whole School Transition Day
Mon 17th-Tues 18th
Queenscliff Bike Ride - Gr 5/6
Thurs 20th
Middles to Eastern Beach & Village Cinemas
Fri 21st
Seniors Bare Foot Bowling
Mon 24th
Last Day of Term 4 - EARLY FINISH 1:30pm!
Tues 25th
Christmas Eve!
Mon 31st
Christmas Day!
Tues 1st
New Years Eve!

JANUARY
Tues 29th
Staff first day back at work
Wed 30th
Curriculum Day - No Students at school
Thurs 31st
First Day back at school for everyone!

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Thank you to all our parents and community members who joined us for our traditional RE Christmas Celebration at the Uniting Church in Douglass St. Reverend Isabel Greenall welcomed us warmly and helped to remind us of the important things in our lives – respect, resilience, forgiveness and being thankful for the things we have, rather than just wishing for more. Thank you to Jan, Judith and Suzie for all their hard work throughout the year in taking our RE program.

Congratulations to all our Preps who made the most amazing cars for the Prep Car Rally this morning. WOW what an effort! Amazing work, also, from our Middle Students who acted as Traffic Wardens and created fun obstacles for our cars to negotiate. The rally was enjoyed by students, teachers and all our parents who stayed to watch. Well done everyone.

Tonight our Year 6 students will be celebrating the end of their primary school years with their Graduation ceremony. We wish all our graduates the very best for their special night tonight, and thank all leaving families for their wonderful support over the years. Best wishes from all of us for your secondary school years ahead.

Tomorrow morning we will hold our Whole School Transition day between 9.30am-1.30pm. It’s a fabulous opportunity for students and staff to get to know each other in their class groups before the beginning of next year. We have invited all students who have enrolled at our school in other year levels too, so hopefully we will meet some new friends too.

A huge thank you to all the staff and parents who are working hard to make the Great Queenscliff Bike Ride a huge success. Not only do we have parents riding with us, but they are also manning the drink stops, road crossings, buying supplies and acting as support vehicles. The bike ride is a great tradition for our school and has been enjoyed by many of our families in the past.

Just a reminder that we are looking for a helper for all sessions of our Active After School communities program. We have two interested people so far for individual activities but still need two other activities covered. 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.

The activities are:

- Term 1 activities are: Frisbee (Tuesday) and Badminton (Wednesday)
- Term 2 activities are: Hip Hop Dance (Tuesday) and Basketball (Wednesday)

Also coming up:

Dec 13th  Year 6 Graduation Ceremony. Doors open at 6.40pm in the Multi Purpose Room **TONIGHT**!
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. **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.**

Last Day Dismissal at 1.30pm

Beginning of 2012 school year.

Jan 29th  – First day for all staff members to attend staff and team meetings..
Jan 31st  – First day for all students. Don’t forget to bring your book packs with you.

Appreciations:

All our parents who continuously put up their hands to help with school events. It means a lot to both the staff and students at our school.

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
**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  PREP B  - Congratulations on all your achievements in your first year of school! Well done!
PH  PREP H  - For a fabulous first year at school! Congratulations, you are all stars!
PK  PREP K  - For a fantastic first year of school! Congratulations on all your achievements!
JF  JUNIOR F  - For a great year and for the many achievements you have made!
AL  ALLY SEARS  - For always ‘rising to the occasion’ no matter what was requested of her
JO  KIERA LLOYD  - For her magnificent persistence in all her work! Well done, Kiera!
JS  JUNIOR S  - For being a superstar class! Well done on a year full of hard work!
MC  BILLY HUNTLEY-MIROVICH & JAYDE JARRETT  - For going above and beyond to help out with the Prep Car Rally!
          Boys, you are stars!
MH  MOLLY DRISCOLL  - For continually being motivated in all class activities and being the loudest and funniest hippo in our assembly performance!
MK  JOSHD WILLIAMS  - For the brilliant work habits and ‘getting along’ skills he has developed over the year! Well done!
MS  COBY DUNN-JOHNSON  - For demonstrating great listening and getting along skills! What an outstanding improvement this year! You’re a star!
SG  PHOENIX SWEETEN  - For all his help in the lead up to Graduation! Great dance moves, Pheono!
SH  SARAH BROWN & GRACE BARCLAY  - For their tireless efforts in pulling together our class multimedia item!
          You are a pair of angels!
SL  BRAYDEN MOFFATT & ROMAYNE CUIFETELLI  - For their fantastic initiative shown in cleaning up the school’ sport storeroom last week. Great job boys
SS  DARCY MCGRANE  - For ALWAYS being helpful, kind and thoughtful! You are an awesome kid, Darcy!

**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.

**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!

**Missing**

Matthew Jones from SG is missing his Grade 6 jumper.
Could you please check your child’s jumper for Matthew’s name as this has been missing for a while now.

Tiahaiere in JL is missing his Monster Truck, could you please return to the office if found.

Thank you.

**Library News**

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
Music Lessons at School -

Enrol now for Term 1 2013....

Piano/keyboard, Guitar (acoustic, electric, bass) & Singing

During &/or After School Hours at School

hire instruments available -

- Experienced, qualified, trained and Registered teachers, specifically chosen for primary aged students
- A modern & traditional curriculum designed by primary school & music teachers specifically for primary school-aged children,
- Learn to play for fun and/or as a pathway to VCE music
- Classes available for Prep - adult, beginners to advanced.
- A trusted provider of music lessons to Geelong, Surfcoast & Peninsula schools for over 25 years.

To enrol or to obtain an information package please contact:
Meagan Burch Music Tuition - mbmt@bigpond.com

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