**IMPORTANT DATES**

**FEBRUARY**

**Fri 22nd**  
Indigenous Garden Opening Ceremony at the Whole school assembly 2:30pm

**Mon 25th**  
Seniors Information Evening 2:30-3:30pm in the Library

**Tues 26th**  
Geelong West District Tennis Championships

**Wed 27th**  
Preps Information Session 2:30-3:30pm in the Library

**Thurs 28th**  
Middles Information Session 2:30-3:30pm in the Library

**MARCH**

**Sat 2nd**  
Mano Food Swap in the Food forest, access from Manifold Street - 9:30-11am

**Mon 4th**  
Juniors - Young Australia Incursion

**Tues 5th**  
Parents & Friends Meeting in the staffroom @ 9am - everyone welcome

**Wed 13th**  
Divisional Swimming Championships at the Kardinia Pool

**Fri 15th**  
Labour Day - No School

**Sat 23rd**  
Drumbeat Performance @ 9am in the Multipurpose Room

**Tues 26th**  
School kids Red Cross Day! Wear Red—gold coin donation  
**Assembly at 9.00am**

**Sat 23rd**  
Mano Market

**Thurs 28th**  
**Last Day of Term 1 - 2:30pm finish**

**APRIL**

**Mon 15th**  
Start of Term 2!

**Thurs 25th**  
ANZAC Day - No School

**Fri 26th**  
Curriculum Day - No School

**Sun 31st**  
Easter Sunday

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Please remember to telephone the office and speak to one of our lovely office ladies when your child is absent from school. Our procedure is to write it up in the Absence book so this can then be reconciled with the teachers’ Roll and entered into our system.
During the week you would have received information indicating that we are in the process of School Council Elections. We have 3 Parent positions for 2 years each, and 1 Community member position for 1 year. Please consider putting your hand up to be part of our School Council. It is extremely important that parents have a voice on Council and it’s a great way to learn about how school’s operate, and generally what is going on around our school. If you would like to talk about the role of School Councillors, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Tomorrow we are holding our assembly at the special time of 2.30pm where everyone is invited to celebrate with us the opening of our indigenous food garden. Uncle David, an elder from the local Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative will provide a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony to mark the occasion. Thank you to Mrs Hines for all her work in organising this event. I’m sure she would love to see lots of families there to celebrate with her.

Don’t forget our Information Sessions on next week in the library. See below for information related to your child:

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It’s a great chance to meet the staff, hear about the year’s program, learn about new routines, and ask any questions. We hope you can make it.

In last week’s newsletter you received a flyer regarding the Red Cross Appeal Launch. Our school has had a long association with the Barwon Zone Red Cross and we are thrilled that we have been chosen to help launch this worthy cause. We will be hosting this special assembly at 9.15am in the Multi Purpose Room next Thursday, 28th Feb. We are also lucky to have Richard Colman, a local Geelong athlete and current World Champion and Paralympic Gold Medallist address us at this launch. Born with spina bifida, Richard has always wanted to do the very best in everything he sets out to achieve. It turns out his very best is world beating, and the track specialist has spearheaded the Australian athletics team for the past ten years. What are fantastic example of our school values – Resilience, Motivation, Respect and Inquiry – in action!

WANTED! – We need a kitchen/dining table and a bookcase for our newly renovated OHSC room. This space will be great for our Before and After school care program which is constantly growing, and also a space for our classes to use during the day. If you can help by donating either of these items please see me as soon as possible.

Appreciations: to…

A huge thank you to the following families who came and helped me with our working bee on Sunday morning: Lock, Birley, Syafizwan, O’Shea, Currie, Howie, Foot, Hatton, & Dimovski. Also to Graeme Castle for the daily gardening/weeding that he has been doing around the 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

Date: March Mon 18th - Fri 22nd Time: 3:30 - 4:15pm Where: In the Library

It’s full steam ahead for the market, with our PR/Fundraising Team lead by Kelly Blake & Sharron Colls–McKenzie working hard to ensure we have a fabulous day! BIG thank you to Cath Johnston who has volunteered her exceptional organisational and baking skills to take on the role as Cake Stall Co-ordinator. We also have 2 other brave volunteer parents—Anita Elliot and Lynne Foot—taking on the role as Second-hand Book Stall Co-ordinators. No doubt you will be seeing Cath, Anita & Lynn at school as they hunt for their team of helpers (please don’t try to hide—they will still find you)!. This leaves us still looking for a BBQ/Drinks Co-ordinator, Set-up Co-ordinator and Pack-Up Co-ordinator. Mano Market Site Application Forms are available at the office for those families interested in securing a site for the market. Sites will cost $20 and will need to be paid for upon booking.
Notes home: We have sent home several notes with your child which need to be addressed ASAP. The Cases 21 Student Information document will need to be read thoroughly and checked for any changes that may be required (i.e. new contact numbers, change of address etc). Please ensure that you child’s Misty Green/Religious Education, Internet Agreement, Asthma Action Plan, Allergy plan & Anaphylaxis plans have been handed back to the teacher by the 21st February (today). It is vital that these be returned to the school by this date - if you need another form please see the office.

EMA: The closing date for EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance) applications is 28th February. Late applications cannot be accepted.

Excursion Permission Notes/Payments: Just a reminder to ensure that when returning signed permission notes (for excursions etc) that your payment is also enclosed in the payment envelope. It can be very confusing for teachers and office staff if the payment and the permission note are returned separately.

Entertainment Books—The 2013/14 books are coming soon and have some fabulous new offers in them! Staff from Entertainment Books will be at the Mano Market on 23/3/13 taking pre-orders.

Kylie, Anna & Kim

Art/Indonesian

Thank-you to all those families who have organised Art Smocks so far this year. All students in Prep, Junior & Middle classes must have an Art Smock. The ideal smock has long caught in sleeves and an opening at the back. Senior students can choose to have their own smock or use one of the spares in the art room. Thank you to those families who are keeping up our supply of meat trays. We use flat polystyrene trays for pain trays. Please keep them coming!

If we need specific items I will let you know via the newsletter.

Thank you,
Julie Walker

Congratulations to the following students who have been rewarded for their efforts towards “RESPECT” and making ‘Mano’ a better place.

PB LACHLAN ARNEL - For being incredibly kind to his classmates; helping out whenever he can! Well done, Lachlan!
PH TOBEY LINGUEY - For being a fabulous listener and an enthusiastic worker! Well done, Tobey!
PS SEAN FLYNN - For being a great worker with beautiful manners! You’re a star, Sean!
JB MASON MCKENZIE - For being a wonderful leader to his classroom peers by always working hard and producing beautiful work! Well done, Mason!
JF CHARLOTTE TOMLIN - For being a kind class member and for her positive approach to school!
JMB MAHLIA BLAKE - For being a courteous and friendly class member and for trying her best! Keep it up, Mahlia!
JO ALEXIA WOODS - For always trying to do her very best work! Great work, Alexia!
MB CHARLOTTE STACEY - For being an excellent role model in the classroom, being organised, contributing to class discussions and always trying to do her best!
MC MILLI WOODS - For her brilliant approach to learning and her helpful contributions to discussions and classroom organisation!
MH JACOB DOBSON - For being a fantastic classmate and showing excellent empathy towards fellow students! Top work!
MS OWEN SEERY - For putting his mind to work and producing some terrific writing! Awesome, Owen!
SB JAKE BURGESS - For being an excellent role model to his peers and always being positive when approaching all new tasks! Well done, Jake!
SN BLAKE D’ARCY - Welcome to Mano Blake! We look forward to getting to know you!
SS JAKIYA RATHGEBER - For being courteous, organised and friendly at all times! A great start!
SW GEORGINA ATKINS - For her brilliant attitude to all tasks and being an excellent class member!
Could parents of any Grade 5 or 6 students (boys and girls) who are interested in playing Netball at Douglass St on Thursday afternoons this term please contact Lee Suter (Paige, SS) on: 0447 023 954

**Indigenous Garden Opening Ceremony**

You are invited to celebrate with us the opening of our indigenous food garden. Uncle David, an elder from the local Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative, guided us in plant selection and will provide a Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony at the School Assembly on Friday 22nd February at 2:30pm. A musical component will also be included!

**Garden Club**

CAN YOU HELP? Many students have enjoyed learning and sharing gardening skills during lunchtime breaks. Some enjoy working in the edible gardens, others enjoy maintaining our compost bays and worm farm while others enjoy maintaining gardens with ornamental plants. Although all students from Prep to Year 6 are welcome, we require additional adult assistance to keep group numbers small – perhaps a couple of lunchtime sessions can be organised.

**Planet Protectors**

WANTED - Please send clean, empty ice cream tubs to place under drinking taps! Also clean empty straight sided 750mL PET bottles with lids!

**BELL PARK AUSKICK PRE-SEASON LAUNCH**

**When:** Friday 1st March  
**Time:** 5.30pm - 7.30pm  
**Place:** Hamlyn Park, 60 Calvert Street, Hamlyn Heights

**Auskick Registrations and payments are to be made online.** Go to the AFL Auskick website www.aflauskick.com.au and follow the prompts. Don’t forget to print your registration form, sign it and bring it with you to the pre-season launch or the 1st day of Auskick. The cost of membership is $65.00 which includes a backpack containing lots of goodies (including a football) for your child. The season will start on Sunday 21st April from 10.30am-11.30am and finish on Sunday 18th August. Auskick sessions will be held at Hamlyn Park.

For more information please contact one of the Auskick team: Scott McLean: 0408 571 767  
Cindy Jones: 0400 579 040

**Manifold Heights Parents & Friends Group**

In 2012 we started the Manifold Heights Parents and Friends group to help build the school community and support connections amongst Mano parents and between families and the school. This group is open to any parent that has an interest in being involved; we will meet about two times a term. We are still in the early stages of building up a list of activities or tasks that the group could undertake or assist with. All contributions are welcome!!!

The first meeting for the year will be on Monday March 4th after drop off (9am) in the staff room. Come and join us for a cuppa. If you would like to be involved but can’t make the meeting time we can send you the meeting notes so please let us know you are interested by emailing gwynfish@yahoo.com

**STUDENT BANKING - Opening accounts for School Banking**

School banking accounts can now be opened at any Commonwealth Bank branch. Just go into any branch and ask them to open a youth saver account for School Banking. Remember to take in identification for you and your child (such as a drivers license and birth certificate), you will receive a Dollarmites wallet and a deposit book in the spot and be able to start banking on the next business day! It’s that easy! If you are a commonwealth Bank customer with Netbank you have the option to open an account online as well! When your child make’s their first deposit they will get their first token and our school will also receive $5 commission!