IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH
Sat 2\textsuperscript{nd} Mano Food Swap in the Food forest, access from Manifold Street - 9:30-11am
Mon 4\textsuperscript{th} Juniors - Young Australia Incursion
Tues 5\textsuperscript{th} Parents & Friends Meeting in the staffroom @ 9am - everyone welcome
Fri 8\textsuperscript{th} Regional Rehearsal for Victorian State Schools Spectacular
Mon 11\textsuperscript{th} Labour Day - No School
Weds 13\textsuperscript{th} Drumbeat Performance @ 9am in the Multipurpose Room
Fri 15\textsuperscript{th} School kids Red Cross Day! Wear Red — gold coin donation \textbf{Assembly at 9.00am}
Mon 18\textsuperscript{th} - 22\textsuperscript{nd} Book Fair in the Library
Tues 19\textsuperscript{th} Western Region Swimming Championships
Sat 23\textsuperscript{rd} Mano Market
\textbf{Thurs 28\textsuperscript{th}} \textbf{Last Day of Term 1} - 2:30pm finish
Fri 29\textsuperscript{th} Good Friday
Sat 30\textsuperscript{th} Easter Saturday
Sun 31\textsuperscript{st} Easter Sunday

APRIL
Mon 15\textsuperscript{th} Start of Term 2!
Mon 15\textsuperscript{th} - Fri 3\textsuperscript{rd} May Bike Ed
Weds 24\textsuperscript{th} Geelong West District Cross Country
\textbf{Thurs 25\textsuperscript{th}} \textbf{ANZAC Day} - No School
\textbf{Curriculum Day} - No School
Fri 26\textsuperscript{th} Regional Rehearsal for Victorian State Schools Spectacular

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.
Thank you to all our parents who attended our information sessions this week. All levels have prepared an information document to go with their sessions so if you were unable to make it, please make sure you have a copy of the information document. Please see your child’s teacher for this document or if you have any questions or concerns.

This morning we were thrilled to have been chosen to help launch the Red Cross Appeal. Richard Colman, a local Geelong athlete and current World Champion and Paralympic Gold Medallist spoke to us about his life and highlighted how he demonstrates our school values – Resilience, Respect, Motivation and Inquiry. We will hold “Children’s Red Cross Day” on March 15th. We will ask everyone to wear Red and bring along a gold coin donation for the Red Cross.

Over the past few years we have had record numbers of students wanting to participate in The World’s Greatest Shave and to have their heads shaved at school. These students aim to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. This year the date coincides with our “Children’s Red Cross Day” on March 15th so we will combine the two events at our special assembly at 9am. So far I have two students who wish to shave their heads on the 15th. If students wish to have their heads shaved at this special assembly, they must do the following:

- Go onto the Leukaemia Foundation website and enrol in the program asap.
- Organise for a parent/adult to come to the school at 8.30am on March 15th to shave them. The adult must provide the appropriate hair clippers.
- Ask your parents to write to me giving you permission to have your head shaved at school. I will need to work out the best way to organise the event and also tell everyone in our school community who they can sponsor online.

The City of Greater Geelong has asked our P-2 students to participate in a discussion group aiming to develop a new Municipal Early Years Plan. Consultants for firm Semann & Slattery will be asking students to share their opinions on what children need. The students will be asked questions such as, “If you were Mayor for the day what would you do?”, “What kinds of things do you like about your neighbourhood?”, and “What sorts of things would make your neighbourhood a better place for children?”. Permission notes to participate in the discussion have gone home today and the first 30 students to return the forms to the office will be invited to join the group.

**Excursion/Incursion notes:** Everyone gets one – Everyone only needs one!

Please take a minute to think about the impact you are having on the environment and our school when notes are repeatedly lost. Continuous reprinting of notes (which have to be done individually at the office due to private information contained on the note), is a waste of paper and time. Take responsibility for your own notes. Take them home, get them signed and return them by the deadline stated, otherwise you might find yourself missing out on things!

**Appreciations:** to…

- Mrs Hines for organising the Opening ceremony for our Indigenous food garden. A big thank you also to Uncle David, an elder from the local Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative who led the smoking ceremony.
- A big thankyou to the parents who have put up their hands to help organise parts of the Mano Market. We are looking forward to a great day on Saturday March 23rd.

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

**Book Fair**

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

Just a reminder that sites are available to the public for $20 and are selling fast. The PR/Fundraising Team met on Tuesday night and came away with some really great new ideas for our market. All we need now is some motivated parents to join in the fun and help organise the day! BIG thank you to Cath Johnston who has not only put her hand up to be co-ordinator of the Cake Stall but has also taken on the role as BBQ/Drinks co-ordinator! Cath and Kelly have also been very busy behind the scenes sourcing donations from local businesses and drawing up promotional materials/information flyers etc. As previously advised, Anita Elliot and Lynne Foot have taken on the role as Second-hand Book Stall Co-ordinators and are asking for donations of books/CD’s/ DVD’s (there is a donation box up at the office. We also have a roster up at the office for help on the day so please come and put your name down for and hour or two. Many hands make light work!
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!

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

PB  BAILEY BISSILL - For using beautiful manners at all times in the classroom! Spot on, Bailey!
PH  HUNTER CARMICHAEL - For choosing to sit away from others so that he could concentrate and be a good listener in class!
PS  SIENNA MCINNES - For the wonderful confidence she brings to school every day! She makes the classroom a happy place for all! Great work, Sienna!
JB  BELLA LEAR - For being an attentive, hard working class member! Well done, Bella!
JF  ZAR FRIEDRICH-ERLACHER - For listening carefully and being willing to ‘have a go’ when the activity is a difficult one!
JMB GRACE LANGLEIDGE - For being a responsible and diligent classroom participant! Well done!
JO  ARLIN BENSON - For being a wonderful listener and totally focused on completing the task!
MB  MONTANA MORGAN - For being an excellent example in the classroom! Always listening and completing her work to a high standard!
MC  KAT IRELAND - For thinking hard about all her learning and sharing great ideas with the class!
MH  OSCAR POOL - For demonstrating fantastic listening skills during our direction task! Keep it going, Oscar!
MS  MARLI PENN - For the huge effort she's made in demonstrating respect for her classmates this week! You’re terrific, Marli!
SB  MEKEELY WILLIAMS - For demonstrating outstanding resilience and seeing change as a positive opportunity!
SN  LILY IRELAND - For being switched on to learning during each sessions! You’ve consistently shown respect for yourself as a learner!
SS  SAALIH DALIPI - For being courageous and resilient when faced with challenging situations!
SW  TESSA JONES - For being a fabulous class member, always on task and completing her work to a high standard! Terrific Tessa!

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). Your child’s Misty Green/Religious Education, Internet Agreement, Asthma Action Plan, Allergy plan & Anaphylaxis plans should have been returned by the 21st February! It is vital that these be returned to your child's teacher ASAP.

EMA: The closing date for EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance) applications is 28th February (TODAY). 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

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! The you for supporting our school and teacher your child good savings skills!

Remember; banking day is on Thursdays. So make sure your school banking is in by Wednesday at the latest.
Hi Guys! Just some news about what's happening in the canteen! First of all - after 2 years without any price increases, I have regretfully found it necessary to make some adjustments.

Now for the good news!!
I have an awesome prize for a student to win for their class! Details will be in next week's newsletter, make sure you check it out! I am also looking for some mums and dads who might be able to help me out on Fridays in the canteen 12pm-1:30. As a gentle persuasion your child (children) will receive a free lunch order on the day you are able to assist. If you are interested in helping out, just either call by the canteen or give me a call.

Many thanks, Gus - 0401 452 781

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BELL PARK JUNIOR FOOTBALL & NETBALL SIGN UP NIGHT AND AUSKICK PRE-SEASON LAUNCH

FRIDAY 1ST MARCH  5.30pm - 7.30pm

Meet the Mascots ‘Half Cat & Foxy Vixen’ between 6 - 6.30pm.
Come along and sign up as a member of the Bell Park Sport & Recreation Club and receive your free show bag & sausage sizzle & free activities on the night.

Auskick Registrations and payments are to be made online.
Go to the AFL Auskick website www.aflauskick.com.au and follow the prompts. The Auskick season starts on Sunday 21st April from 10.30am - 11.30am.

For further information please contact:

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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

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