IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH
Fri 8th  Regional Rehearsal for Victorian State Schools Spectacular
Mon 11th  Labour Day - No School
Weds 13th  Drumbat Performance @ 9am in the Multipurpose Room
Fri 15th  School kids Red Cross Day! Wear Red—gold coin donation Assembly at 9.00am
Mon 18th - 22nd  Book Fair in the Library
Tues 19th  Western Region Swimming Championships
Weds 20th  House Cross Country—Middles & Seniors @ Fyansford
Sat 23rd  Mano Market
Mon 25th  Adolescent Education—Grade 6
Weds 27th  Adolescent Education—Grade 6
SSV Swimming Champs
Thurs 28th  Last Day of Term 1 - 2:30pm finish
Fri 29th  Good Friday
Sat 30th  Easter Saturday
Sun 31st  Easter Sunday

APRIL
Mon 15th  Start of Term 2!
Mon 15th - Fri 3rd May  Bike Ed
Weds 24th  Geelong West District Cross Country
Thurs 25th  ANZAC Day - No School
Fri 26th  Curriculum Day - No School
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.
Congratulations to our Manifold Heights Parents & Friends Group who have generated enormous interest in our community to get involved in our school and the education of our students. I know that not everyone can make it to the meetings but we are happy to have suggestions left at the office to pass onto the group at any time. Minutes can be emailed out to you and please let our grandparents and community members know that they are very welcome to join us too.

**Kids Busking for the Kids Good Friday Fundraiser.** "Kids Busking for the Kids" is a street busking event at which young buskers perform to raise money for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. The 2013 Kids Busking for the Kids event will be held on Friday 29 March 2013, from 10am – 3pm. It is a family-friendly, community event facilitated by Queenscliff Lonsdale Business Tourism Association (QLBTA) with the support of the Borough of Queenscliff and local businesses. The event also includes a range of supporting activities that complements the busking and music experience, thereby providing a great opportunity for kids.


After having Richard Colman speak to us at the Red Cross Launch about sustaining effort and really setting yourself challenging goals, I came across this interesting quote on the Positive Psychology website: “The best moments in our lives are not the passive, receptive, relaxing times… The best moments usually occur if a person's body or mind is stretched to its limits in a voluntary effort to accomplish something difficult and worthwhile. Optimal experience is thus something we make happen.” (Csikszentmihalyi, 1992, p.3)

A letter has gone out this week from the Manifold Heights AEU Sub Branch explaining their position in relation to the current industrial climate. The sub branch has informed me that they are participating in the bans recommended by the AEU and that these actions will impact on some of our programs unless there is a resolution prior to the event that give sufficient planning time. I apologise for any inconvenience or disappointment that this may cause our community but I do believe that our staff are participating in the ban in the belief it will have long term benefits for our students and school. Our staff are working hard to reorganise alternative events so that our students continue to have a great program at our school.

Reminder: Students wanting to participate in **The World’s Greatest Shave** by having their heads shaved at school to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation 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.
- Don’t forget next Monday 11th March is the Labour Day holiday. Have a great long weekend!

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

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**Manifold Heights Primary School Cross Country**

The Manifold Heights Primary School House Cross Country will be held at the Fyansford Common Running track on Wednesday 20th March, commencing at 11am. If any parents are able to help as an official on this day could they please fill out and return the notice below. Thank you in anticipation!

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**Manifold Heights Primary School Cross Country**

Name:________________________________________________ Phone Number:________________________________________________

Child’s name:________________________________________________ Grade:________________________________________________

I am able to act as an official at the Manifold Heights Primary School House Cross Country on Wednesday 20th March at the Fyansford Common.

Signed:________________________________________________

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

| PB  | JACINTA FURLONG - For showing incredible levels of support for her classmates during P.E. sessions! |
| PH  | JESSICA BURROWS - For being a hard worker and a caring classmate! Great job, Jessica! |
| PS  | SARAH IVEY - For showing respect for her learning by listening! Keep up the great work, Sarah! |
| JB  | LILY MCDONALD - For being a responsible and respectful class member who is always willing to have a go! Keep up the fantastic effort Lily! |
| JF  | BAXTER REYNOLDS - For being an excellent role model and for his enthusiastic participation in everything and for not letting his broken leg hold him back! What a champion! |
| JMB | MERCEDES WISE - For being a respectful class member who always tries her best! We appreciate your kindness! |
| JO  | HUDSON BALLIS - For making excellent choices to improve his writing! Good work, Hudson! |
| MB  | LIBBY RIVIERE - For always showing respect for others and setting an excellent example in the classroom and striving always to do her best work! Congratulations, Libby! |
| MC  | ZERIN DALIPI - For being quick to offer help around the classroom and showing particularly kind and caring support for a classmate! |
| MH  | CAMERON STAPLETON - For his amazing effort for being a conscientious “plant protector” and demonstrating respect for other classrooms! Keep it up, Cameron! |
| MS  | JAMES CHILCOTT - For having a red-hot go at everything he does in the classroom! You’re showing great respect for yourself and your mates, James! |
| SN  | VICTORIA JAKUPEK - For being a fantastic listener and assisting other students when they’re unsure! You’re such a superstar! |
| SS  | TYLER LENOBLE - For his amazing effort with his learning goals, working independently and attending workshops! Great job Tyler! |
| SW  | ZAC MOORE - For showing amazing leadership and being a huge help for Mrs Walton and Miss Schuster! You are awesome, |

From the Office

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. We are now sending home notes to students who have not returned them.

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.

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.

Art/Indonesian

A reminder that Prep to 4 students must have an art smock! It is recommended for the 5/6’s or they can use the larger spares.
Uniform Screen Printing

Do you have plain school uniform items that need to have the school logo put on them? There will be a screen printing service run this month.

Drop off shirts, jumpers etc to the office by 9am on Friday the 15th of March. Pick up will be at 9am on Monday the 18th.

$2.50 per item to be included with clothes in a named bag (exact change only please)

Enquiries to Jenny 0434 390 054 or dkw4jjt@optusnet.com.au

Number of items: ______________________
Total cost: _______________________

Can You Help Us Please?

1. Have you got any ice-cream containers we can place under the drinking taps to collect the water to put on our gardens?
2. We would like to create a spiral herb garden using bricks – if you have any (whole or broken) please place them in a neat pile in the food forest.
3. Our compost needs grass and plant clippings – please leave beside (not in) the two compost bays so we can layer our fruit scraps daily.
4. Lots of us want to work in the garden during our lunch playtime – can you spend 30 minutes a week (or more!) to help us?

Appreciations

Huge thanks to:
- Members of the Manifold Heights Community Garden who watered and weeded our food forest over the hot summer break and continue to maintain it!
- Trish Cullen for donating an hour every week to assist students in maintaining our student garden beds
- Vicky Grosser for her weekly watering and weeding of our new edible indigenous garden
- Mitre 10 for their generous donation of eleven buckets, a wheelbarrow and two bags of organic potting mix!

Thank you, Mrs Hines

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