IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL
Mon 15th - Fri 3rd May
Mon 22nd
Weds 24th
Thurs 25th
Fri 26th
Tues 30th

Bike Ed - Seniors
Parents & Friends Meeting @ 9am in the staffroom
Geelong West District Cross Country
ANZAC Day - No School
Curriculum Day - No School
Regional Rehearsal for Victorian State Schools Spectacular
Juniors YMCA Permission Notes & Money due

MAY
Fri 3rd
Weds 8th
Fri 10th
Weds 15th
Tues 14th - Weds 16th
Tues 14th - Fri 17th
Fri 17th
Sun 19th
Mon 20th - Fri 24th
Weds 22nd
Fri 24th
Mon 27th
Tues 28th
Fri 31st

YMCA Gymnastics - JO & JMB
History Dress Up Day
YMCA Gymnastics - JO & JMB
Preps to IMAX - Melbourne
NAPLAN - Writing, Reading & Numeracy
Grade 6 Maldon Camp!
YMCA Gymnastics - JO & JMB
Grade 5's to Werribee Zoo
Victorian State Schools Spectacular Rehearsal
Working Bee
Education Week!!
Open Day
YMCA Gymnastics - JO & JMB
School Photo Day
North Geelong Divisional Cross Country
Geelong West District Lightning Premiership
YMCA Gymnastics - JF & JB

JUNE
Weds 5th
Fri 7th
Mon 10th
Fri 14th
Thurs 20th
Fri 21st
Fri 28th

Back up day for the Lightning Premiership
YMCA Gymnastics - JF & JB
Queens Birthday - No School
YMCA Gymnastics - JF & JB
Reports to go home
YMCA Gymnastics - JF & JB
Last Day of Term 2 - 2:30pm finish

We are selling ANZAC Appeal badges and wrist bands at the office for the “Poppy Appeal”. Badges sell for $2 each and Wrist bands sell for $3 each.
Welcome back to term 2 everyone! Our final assembly seems so long ago now but congratulations to our Easter Egg Raffle winners (all 20 of you), and to Rachelle Gibson who won the Accommodation Voucher for having her Entertainment Book order in early. I hope you have had a chance to enjoy the night away Rachelle! Congratulations also to the PurrumBeatles who did a brilliant job of the classic AC/DC song TNT. If you missed their performance, have a look for them on YouTube or on our Facebook page.

We were also thrilled to announce that we made $4000 at our Mano Market this year to go towards our new play space. Posters displaying our initial concept for the area are up around the school with places for you to comment on the plan. If you haven’t already done so, have and look and put some thoughts/ideas down. Thank you so much to our PR/Fundraising Committee spearheaded by Kelly Blake and Cath Johnston. Kelly and Cath put in an enormous amount of work behind the scenes sourcing donations, ensuring the market was promoted by various media outlets and enticing various market holders and community organisations to attend the event. Fundraising events like this take a lot of time and manpower and we are fortunate that our support crew at Mano are growing by the year. We hope to have a meeting soon regarding planning the 2014 Carnivale and would love to see a large contingent of our amazing parents there.

**Congratulations to the following award winners:**

**Reach for the Stars Awards**

- Erin Castle
- Isaac Morgan
- Tessa Gamble
- Peighton Wise

**Congratulations to our leaders for Term 2: School Captains**

- Girl – Georgina Atkins
- Boy – Darcy McGrane

**House Captains**

- Strachan – Holden Earl
- Purrumbete – Victoria Jakupek
- Manifold – Kyle Roepke
- Narmbool – Sophie Milsome

**Leadership Team**

- Ashley Hanrahan
- Caitlin Cogan
- Eman Zaid

This year is our Review Year and we will be setting our school’s strategic direction for the next four years. Our primary goal is to provide an excellent education for every student. To do this we will evaluate our progress to date and plan a strategy that is critical to our school’s continued success – improving learning, engagement and wellbeing and successful transitions and pathways for our children and young people. We would like to gather input from student, staff and parents during this process. School Council will be heavily involved in this process.

School self-evaluation provides an opportunity for our school community to reflect on our achievements, our strengths, and areas where improvement is needed. After we have completed our self-evaluation, an external reviewer will work with us to offer independent and expert advice on our progress. With their experience and knowledge of Australian and international best practice they will be able to help identify the most effective strategies for us to continue to improve into the future.

The self-evaluation and the review provide a powerful information base from which we can develop our new strategic directions for the four year school strategic plan.

**We will:**
- review the school’s core purpose and values
- take a ‘futures perspective’ of the needs of children and young people and the context of our school
- agree on the outcomes we are striving to achieve for our students
- choose the few most important strategies that are critical to our success.

Please consider having your say by completing the attached short survey and returning it to the school office via the parent survey box. It is important that we get feedback from as many parents as possible on a whole range of areas important to you and your children.

**Appreciations to:**

- Maureen Fisher who has put in a big effort to cover our new library books so that we can all enjoy them.
- Our School and House Captains for the great work they did in Term 1.

**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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**Would you like to help us?**

- We need grass clippings and soil to help our compost bins work, please leave this next to the compost bin so we can make the layers!
- We need a person to ‘mix’ our compost and make sure it is damp once a week, please contact the office if you would like to do this for us.
- We still need containers to place under the drinking taps to collect water for the garden.
- Please remember; Nude Food Mondays - No plastic please
Congratulations to the following students who have been rewarded for their efforts towards “MOTIVATION” and making ‘Mano’ a better place.

PH  NICHOLAS LLOYD - For asking great questions and being a switched on learner! Fabulous effort, Nick!
PS  THOMAS AIREY - For being an organised, independent learner! You have made a great start to Term 2!
Well done, Tom!
JB  RIANNA BLANKLEY - For being a motivated learner and achieving fantastic results in her work! Keep up the great work, Rianna!
JF  MATTY JONES - For his positive attitude to school life and for being such a great role model! What a star!
JMB  JAYDEN CAROBBO - For very good work in all activities this week! Well done, Jayden!
JO  JAMES FURLONG - For demonstrating initiative about the Inquiry Learning topic for term two! Great work, James!
MB  KADE LAITY - For his fantastic thoughtfulness and caring towards other members of the class! Congratulations, Kade!
MC  AME MCLEAN - For the fabulous motivation shown in her writing this week in developing a procedural text on ‘How to wash a dog’ a terrific recount of her holiday with grandad! Well done, Ame!
MH  MITCHELL MCLEAN - For showing great initiative in finishing off his procedural text during our writing time! Fantastic use of time, Mitch!
MS  KELSEY RUNDLE - For arriving in Term 2 with such a great attitude to learning and for motivating those around her! You’re a champ, Kelsey!
SB  JARED DAVIS - For being a caring and respectful classroom member by always offering to help support peers!
SN  MAGGIE CAUDULLO - For being switched on to learn during each session this week! Great job, Maggie!
SS  ROMAYNE CIUFFITELLI - For taking pride in our school and for always being well mannered! Thank you!
SW  AMY THORNTON - For her amazing effort and motivation with her learning, trying her best on her place value test! Awesome, Amy

**District Cross Country Timetable:**

The Geelong West District Cross Country will be held on Wednesday 24th April at the Fyansford Common. Listed below are the starting times for the respective age groups.

12:00pm  Boys 9/10 years  2000m
12:20pm  Girls 9/10 years  2000m
12:40pm  Boys 11 years  3000m
1:00pm   Girls 11 years  3000m
1:20pm   Boys 12/13 years  3000m
1:40pm   Girls 12/13 years  3000m

**School Sport Victoria Team Selection**

A number of Manifold Heights Primary School Students were nominated to trial for School Sport Victoria Team Selection. We congratulate the following students on being nominated and for attending the trials:

- **Netball:** Paige Suter, Tomeka Stewart, Chloe Lauder & Hayley Matczak
- **Football:** Bradley Jepson, Brayden Moffatt, Zachary Moore & Wolf Erlacher
- **Soccer:** Peighton Wise, Kade McKenzie & Hugh Steele
- **Basketball:** Bradley Jepson & Jake Burgess

*We look forward to more information about the results for the trials at a later date.*

**History Dress Up Day!**

Wednesday 8th May! I hope everybody is prepared for our dress up day next month. The children have been asked to come to school dressed up as someone from their family tree. It would be great if they can talk about who they are. It can be a living person, as long as they are over 50. Please see me if you are having trouble finding anything to wear.

Many thanks
Lisa Charter
History Specialist
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 second meeting for the year will be on Monday April 22nd 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.

The School Banking program includes an exciting Rewards Program designed to encourage children to get into the habit of making regular saving. Every time your child makes a deposit at school they receive a silver coloured Dollarmites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once your child has individually saved 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive Dollarmites reward item. School Banking is also a great fundraiser for the school and a commission on every deposit made to the program.

**Taking part in School Banking is easy**

- If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week using their Dollarmites deposit wallet. If your child has misplaced their Dollarmites deposit book or deposit wallet, they can request a new one from either the local branch or contact the School Banking Co-ordinator.

- If your child does not have a Youthsaver account, you can open one at any Commonwealth Bank branch, no forms to fill in! Alternatively, if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer with access to NetBank you can apply online. Another option is to download a paper-based application form from commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. Please note this option may take up to 2 weeks before a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book is sent to your home address to start banking at school.

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**Manifold Heights Parents & Friends Group**

We have recently been notified that a case of headlice has been detected in various year levels. We ask that you regularly (at least once a week) check your child for any evidence of headlice. If you do find any eggs or adult lice, please treat immediately and then notify the school office. By doing this you will help us to keep our school “a nit free zone”.

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