## Important Dates

### OCTOBER

- **Fri 3rd**: WALK-A-THON!

### NOVEMBER

- **Sat 1st**: Manifold Heights Food Swap - 9:30-11am (1st Saturday of every month)
- **Mon 3rd - Fri 13th**: Middles Bike Education
- **Tues 4th**: Mano Cup!! (see page 2 for more details)
- **Mon 10th**: Prep Transition Day #3  11:30am - 1pm Prep Parent Information Evening - 6:45pm in the Prep Room (future preps)
- **Fri 14th**: Rivers Gift, Casual Dress Day - JSC Fundraiser (gold coin donation)
- **Tues 18th**: Grade 5/6 Blue Light Disco - Geelong West Town Hall
- **Mon 17th - Fri 28th**: Prep-Grade 2 Swimming Program
- **Weds 26th**: Queenscliff Bike Ride Parent Helper Meeting @ 3:45pm in the Senior Hub
- **Sat 29th**: State Election - BBQ & Cake Stall from 8am until sold out!

### DECEMBER

- **Sat 6th**: Bunnings BBQ @ North Geelong Bunnings!
- **Tues 9th**: Prep Transition Day #4 9:30-11am
- **Thurs 11th**: Grade 6 Graduation!
- **Fri 12th**: Whole School Transition Day
- **Mon 15th - Tues 16th**: Queenscliff Bike Ride - Grade 5/6’s
- **Fri 19th**: Last Day of Term 4! 1:30pm finish!
Get your CRAZY Legs ready for our walkathon on Friday!

If you require another Sponsorship form you may find one on our schools website or alternatively from the schools office. This year it is our aim to raise $1 for every km walked from every student! The theme for the Walkathon is Crazy Legs! Students are to wear their school uniform as normal, however they may wear something crazy on their legs for example bright shoelaces, fun socks, bright tights etc.

You may remember from a previous newsletter that I attended the SAFEMinds session dealing with mental health issues in children. SAFEMinds offers parents and carers a series of information forums which will focus on helping them understand their role in supporting their child’s mental health and wellbeing; and connecting them with school and mental health resources within their local community.

Headspace will soon be presenting a SAFEMinds: At Home forum in Geelong; please find details of the event below:

**Time:** 7pm to 9pm  
**Date:** Monday 3rd November, 2014  
**Venue:** Barwon Medicare Local Office  
131 Myers St, Geelong, 3220


In addition, families also have access to a targeted version of SAFEMinds Online and Toolkit resources which can be accessed by visiting [http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/health/Pages/mentalhealth.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/health/Pages/mentalhealth.aspx)

To our teachers – HAPPY WORLD TEACHER’S DAY on FRIDAY!!  
Reminder: Hats must be worn this term – No Hat, No Play!

**Be on time, Be at school, that’s the rule!**  
**Communication is vital – Keep reading the newsletter**

Let’s keep Unleashing Potential!  
Marina Keegan  
Principal

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**Mano Cup!**

Next week, the 4th of November the Junior School Council will hosting the Mano Cup. Students can come to school dressed as either a horse, jockey, trainer, strapper, in their finest race wear or anything else related to the Melbourne Cup. In the morning there will be a fashions on the field parade and at lunch a few celebratory activities. We look forward to seeing everyone dressed up.

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**Art News!**

Congratulations to all the students who had their Artwork displayed at this year’s Royal Geelong Show. Well done to the following Individual Entry prize winners:

- **1st Prize** - Poppy Carmichael, Astrid Watters-Sansom, Irena Rakatau, Charlotte Tomlin, Shayla Romeyn, Sophie Ritchie-Crichton and Jared Davis.
- **2nd Prize** - Angus Cooper, Asher Couchman and Katelyn Mulholland.
- **3rd Prize** - Maeve Benson, Leah McMullan and Marli Penn.
- **Highly Commended** - Indigo Ethell

**Participation** - Callum Johnston, Kiera Lloyd, Heidi Tarka, Willem Herni, Nathan Platt and Shania Romeyn. Presentations will be made at Assembly on Friday.

A special mention goes to Sabine Chappell who made it on the final 15 list!
Sports Report

School Sport Victoria State Athletic Championships:

Last Monday three students from Manifold Heights Primary School completed in the State Athletic Championships held at Lakeside Stadium in Albert Park.

Congratulations to Ebony McLean, Wayne Driscoll and Julian Driscoll on reaching this level of competition as it is a great achievement! All of our athletes performed extremely well and we congratulate them on their outstanding results.

Results:

Ebony McLean 5th Girls 9/10 Years High Jump 1.27m
Wayne Driscoll 2nd Boys AWD 100m 18.10 sec
Julian Driscoll 2nd Boys AWD 200m 39.32 sec

Congratulations to Wayne Driscoll who has been selected to represent Victoria at the Australian Championships in Penguin, Tasmania in November!

Have you thought about some form of volunteer work? Do you think you can give a few hours of your weekend once a month? We would like to have you as a part of our Interchange Program at Gateways Support Services. We work with young people with disabilities, and as a host we would match you with one of our clients to connect with them once a month to share some fun activities and friendship. If you think you may like to be involved or if you have any questions please contact Toni Wilson at Gateways Support Services on 52212984.

Attention Past Committee Members of Bond Street Kindergarten

At the end of this year long-serving Director Maree Merlo will be retiring. We are looking to get in touch with all past committee members. If you served on the Bond Street Kindergarten Committee and would like to be a part of the farewell celebrations please email your details to: mareesswansong@outlook.com.

A family day for past and present students will also be held on Saturday 6th of December for others wishing to farewell Maree (Details to Follow).

Regards,
Belinda Kennedy

School Concert Photos

The date to view the School Concert photos online has been extended until the 1st of November. If you haven’t do so already the photos will be available for purchase until Monday 3rd.

Concert photos are $3 each and you may order as many as you like! Please fill in the order form that was sent home and return with exact money (no change will be given as photos are printed by a company outside of school).
WRITE FOR FUN - Congratulations to all our Mano students who entered a story or poem in the Write4fun Competition. At least fifty-eight of our authors were successful in going through to the second stage of judging in the competition and being invited to publish their work in a book of childrens’ stories – *The Text Generation*. Congratulations to:

**Preps and Juniors:**
Kaira Sharma, Angus Cooper, Alyssa McSween, Jessie Rhodes, Quinn O’niell, Poppy Carmichael, Mamnuun Mahbub Haquee, Makin Jeffrey, Koby Byron, Jorjia Keen, Taylor Collins, Lukas Young, Thomas Moore, William Nolan, Cara Greville, Mahalia Davys, Maeve Benson, Layla Retallick, Isabella McDonald, William Fletcher, Chloe Miller, Ariella Chappell, Rory Nolan

**Middles:**
Violet Hurley, Rhys McWaters, Charlotte Stacy, Josh Jovanovski, Riley Hanrahan, Grace Langridge, Johanna Ivy, Ryder Kearney, Brodie Digiandomenico, Zoe O’Shea, Lil Ramsay, Jaymae Rhodes, Shayla Romeyn, Esther Ellis, Heidi Tarka, Montana Morgan, Ally Sears, Riley McArthur, Erin Gorman, Keira Lloyd, Olivia Platt, Avyn Campbell, Kate Savage, Liam Fletcher, Emily Bliss, Sam Hicks, Riley Johnston, Lexie Christie, Ame McLean, Rosa Langridge

**Seniors:**
Louisa Bath, Jorjia-Rae Wise

Parents may have received a letter this week informing you of your child’s success. If you wish to have your child’s work published, send the signed permission form back to the Write 4 Fun competition in the addressed envelope. It costs nothing for your child to be a published author. Please do not feel pressured to buy the book or pay extra money to have your photograph in the book.

The School will purchase a copy of ‘The Text Generation’ which will be available for borrowing from the Library next year, or you can view students work and competition results on the Write4fun website after 22nd October. ([www.write4fun.net](http://www.write4fun.net)) Students poems are also on display on the windows near the Prep Room. Here's a few samples of the students writing to enjoy!

### Marvellous
Always a star
Magnifique
Nice friend
Unreal
Unbelievable friend
Never ever naughty!

By Mamnuun - Prep

### Perfect
Obedient
Pretty
Polite
Young

By Erin Gorman - MB

### Icecream
Yummy, cold,
Melting, freezing, dropping,
Icecream is cold and yummy,
Nice

By Poppy – Prep

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**Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?**

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:
- school uniforms and textbooks
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Amanda Vernon, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(03) 5278 8122
or avernon@bethany.org.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in Geelong and surrounding areas by Bethany. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

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It is now Term 4 - hats **must** be worn – **No Hat, No Play!** If your child does not have a hat, they must sit in the shade. The school does not give out spare hats.
Entertainment Books are for sale at the school office!
Books sell for $55 and the school makes $11 profit per book sold.

Did you know? Digital memberships are also available for purchase online on the Entertainment Book website. Digital memberships allow you to connect to 4 different devices!

Mano Mini’s Playgroup!
Come along and join us for a ‘cuppa’ and a play!
Friday morning after drop off (9am-11am) in the After School Care Room.
Gold Coin Donation, more information at the office.

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-Joke of the week! LOL!
Q. What is a crocodile’s favourite game?
A. SNAP!

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-Frank Outlaw

Would you like to share your joke with everyone? Write it down and hand it in at the Office!

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River’s Gift
Stamp Out SIDS
Friday 29th November
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