## Important Dates

### November

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<td>Grade 5/6 Blue Light Disco - Geelong West Town Hall</td>
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<td>Prep-Grade 2 Swimming Program</td>
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<td>Queenscliff Bike Ride Parent Helper Meeting @ 3:45pm in the Senior Hub</td>
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<td>State Election - BBQ &amp; Cake Stall from 8am until sold out!</td>
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<td>Bunnings BBQ @ North Geelong Bunnings!</td>
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<td>Prep Transition Day #4 9:30-11am</td>
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<td>Grade 6 Graduation!</td>
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<td>Queenscliff Bike Ride - Grade 5/6's</td>
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<td>Last Day of Term 4! 1:30pm finish!</td>
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### Rivers Gift, Casual Dress Day Tomorrow!

**Remember to bring along a gold coin donation!**
This time of year is extremely busy for all schools - ours included. With new preps enjoying their transition sessions and our wonderful Year 6’s preparing for graduation, there are lots of things still to come. Report writing is on the go, an intensive swimming program for our Preps and Juniors is about to begin next week, orientation and transition programs for many families, our Queenscliff bike ride, Blue Light disco and, of course, our River’s Gift Casual dress day tomorrow. All these events don’t just happen. They take planning, preparation and time. Our staff dedicates an enormous amount of their time to ensure our students get these opportunities and events run smoothly. Thanks to the staff for making these things happen. These experiences continue to build our strong reputation as a great school.

We are also working hard behind the scenes to establish our staffing profile for next year. Interviews are currently being held for a Music teacher position and two classroom teacher positions. I hope that in the coming weeks I will be able to announce who has been appointed to join our staff team in 2015. Placing our staff is complex process and final decisions on staff placement for next year cannot be made until these appointments are finalised. As you can appreciate, it is extremely important for the operation of our school and needs to be considered carefully. This will allow us to go onto placing our students into classes for next year, a process which also takes a considerable amount of thinking, juggling, revising and consideration. Parents are advised that not all requests can necessarily be met, however, where possible we will take the requests into account. Students have been asked to list friends that they would like to have in their 2015 grade, with the expectation that each child will get at least one of their selections.

Congratulations to our students who continue to “DAZZLE” us with their wonderful behaviour. It has been impressive how our PBS program has been implemented and embraced by our school community. Students are continuing to be awarded with tokens and certificates to celebrate their successes. We thank all our parents who continually use the language from our PBS Matrix to reinforce the values and behaviours of our school. Well done everyone!

We have lots of lost property accumulating near the office and we would love parents to please check for any missing items. However, please remember to do so doing school hours. Our cleaners get quite a surprise when they turn around and see people they don’t know approaching them after hours. Obviously the safety of all staff (teachers and cleaners) and school resources is paramount. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Reminder: Hats must be worn this term – No Hat, No Play!

Quote of the moment: If you do not change direction, you may end up where you are heading. (Lao Tzu)

Appreciations to:

- Volunteers for our Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall.
- Our mystery Soft fall spreaders. Thank you to our community member who spent time spreading soft fall around the senior playground.

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

| PA  | ALFIE HURST       - For including others and showing great leadership skills! Awesome, Alfie! |
| PH  | TAYLOR COLLINS    - For being a kind, caring classmate and working hard to be the best she can be! Great stuff, Taylor! |
| PS  | SOPHIA HOOD       - For being a great friend and including others in games! Well done! |
| JB  | ASHER COUCHMAN    - For being a kind friend by always looking out for others! Nice work, Asher! |
| JF  | TILLY MCCLURE     - For working well with her best friends and always doing her best! Well done, Tilly! |
| JM  | DEON GARCIA       - For his terrific video on water safety rules he made for his homework! Great job, Deon! |
| JO  | ISLA NIX          - For being helpful and considerate to everyone in the classroom! Wonderful work, Isla! |
| JV  | IMOGEN O’SHANNESSEY - For the way she has been a super friend in JV! Imogen is kind and friendly to everyone where she takes extra pride in playing with her friends outside! Outstanding, Imogen! |
|     | NOAH LE NOBLE     - Noah has shown a great work ethic in class! He settles quickly and productively to his work and completes it to the best of his ability! Super, Noah! |
| MB  | OLIVIA PLATT      - For working well with her friends in class to achieve a great standard of work and playing fairly with her peers outside! |
| MC  | JED CASTLE        - For always being considerate and helpful with others and for putting full effort into everything he does! Well done, Jed! |
| MH  | ROSA LANGRIDGE    - For always following instructions and demonstrating safe riding during Bike Ed! Ripper! |
| MS  | JULES BURROWS     - For excellent organisation skills and presenting a terrific news report on her weekend to MS! Way to go, Jules! |
| SB  | ALEX BOUTHOORN    - For her persistence and hard work to achieve success! You’re a star, Alex! |
| SC  | TENEAL RICHARDS   - For showing respect to her fellow classmates and all teachers all the time! You rock! |
| SS  | MIYAH DAGLAS      - For greeting each school day with an enormous smile and a cheerful hello! Thanks for making each day a little brighter! Magnificent, Miyah! |
| SW  | JACK WIRATA & TANNER MERMER - For taking on our SWPBS matrix whole heartedly and being great senior role models! |

**ART AWARD**

Kaisercraft are kindly sponsoring a weekly Art Award this term. Each week one student will receive a $20 Kaisercraft voucher. This week’s Art Award goes to:

LIAM SHERIDAN - For doing such a great job in Art!

**GRADUATION**

Graduation is quickly approaching for our Grade 6 students. If you are able to assist after school the week of graduation and/or on the day Thursday 11th, it will be greatly appreciated. A graduation parent helper meeting will be held for you to offer your time and designate jobs. Thank you Amy Barr and the Senior Team.

**HEADLICE**

We have been notified of a few cases of head lice throughout the school. We ask families to regularly check your child for any evidence of head lice. If you do find any eggs or adult lice, please treat immediately and then notify the school office. A second treatment is essential 7 days after the initial treatment to ensure the head lice are completely removed and the cycle has stopped. By doing this you will help us to keep our school a ‘nit free zone’!
RIVERS GIFT, A JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDRAISER

As part of tomorrow's Casual Dress Day for River's Gift, our students have all been practicing hard and looking forward to another Whole School Sing-along. This week's song is entitled 'Hope the Elephant' and speaks of Hope, the River's Gift mascot and her aim to 'Stamp out SIDS'.

The song is available for download ($1.69) at http://www.themikmaks.com.au/shop/, with a percentage of all sales going to River's Gift.

Please remember to bring along a gold coin donation and help us to raise awareness for SIDS.

SPORTS REPORT

District Cricket Carnival for Grade 3 & 4
Last Wednesday the grade three and four children participated in the District Cricket Carnival at Kardinia Park. All children are to be congratulated on the way they participated and their sportsmanship. Special thanks to Mrs Erin Stapleton, Mrs Jarwood and Mr Robertson for coaching and supervising teams on the day.

Results:

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Girls Volleyball:
The Senior Girls Volleyball Team playing in the Western Metropolitan Region Finals at the Werribee Sports & Fitness Centre last Wednesday. The team qualified after winning the District and then Division Finals.

Although the girls were unsuccessful last Wednesday they are to be congratulated on reaching the Region finals. Special thanks the Mrs Hanrahan, Ms Dieguez and Mrs Wakeman for transporting and coaching the girls.

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A small number of people have donated a large amount of their time and effort to create this beautiful space for the school which also provides us with local, seasonal fruit, vegies and herbs (without the ‘food miles’).

Over the past couple of years, in addition to holding a range of gardening related workshops, we have held our enjoyable and successful first Saturday of the month ‘food swaps’ from 9.30am - with several families from both the school and local neighborhood attending and benefitting. In addition to bringing fresh or preserved produce from their gardens to swap (or donating a gold coin to take some of these goodies), many help for an hour or so to maintain the chemical free garden. We might weed, feed, plant, water or mulch as needed, then harvest our produce together. We also enjoy sharing ideas, recipes and knowledge!

We are also very proud of our small Indigenous Food Garden by the path at Entrance 2. Recently we had some re planting, but it is in need of some more helping hands. If you’d like to join in, you can call Vicky: 0402 932 207. She’s a local community member and ‘auntie’ to one of the Prep children. Vicky has learnt about these plants and enjoys teaching those of us who are unfamiliar with them how to plant and eat them. The salt bush berries are delicious! Tools can be provided, or you can bring your own gardening tools and gloves and join in. We are very appreciative of anyone who can help!

Any other questions - just come and join us on the next 1st Saturday of each month, or contact us through our Facebook page or email.

**Facebook:** Manifold Heights Community Garden

**Email:** manifoldcommunitygarden@gmail.com

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**Mayor Darryn Lyons, Cordially invites you, your family and friends to the lighting of the iconic floating Christmas tree!**

Please join us for this historic moment as Geelong’s iconic floating Christmas tree is lit for the first time, marking the beginning of our Christmas celebrations for 2014!

**When:** Friday 21st November 2014  
**Time:** 8:15-9:15pm  
**Where:** Near the Carousel, Waterfront Geelong

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**WANTED**

The Senior students are keeping an eye out for a big tub to store all of their lovely, new sports equipment in. Measurements: 2m x 1/2m x 1/2m would be perfect!

Can you help them out? Please contact the school office or have a chat with one of the Senior teachers. Thank you in advance!

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

Thank you to all the students who have been organised in returning Library books in the allocated time.

At the end of November students will not be allowed to borrow books as there will be a stock take to check that all books have been returned. Everyone’s co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Bencic
Please note - books are now sold out...

But did you know:
Digital Entertainment Book are available for purchase online on the Entertainment Book website! Digital memberships can allow you to connect up 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.

Joke of the week! LOL!
q. What did one toilet say to the other?
A. You look a bit ‘flushed’!

Watch your thoughts; they become words.
Watch your words; they become actions.
Watch your actions; they become habits.
Watch your habits; they become character.
Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

- Frank Outlaw

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

Music Lessons at school
Piano, keyboard, guitar, ukulele, drum or singing lessons
During &/or after school hours at school
To enrol in, or to obtain more information please contact Meagan: mbmt@bigpond.com
Providing music lessons in local schools since 1985.

If you are paying for an excursion, please remember that we require your child's permission note and payment at the same time. If you know you have a credit on your account please write “Credit” or “EMA” on your child’s permission note and we will offset the money against that excursion.

Multipurpose room for rent please contact the school office for more details.
(Terms and conditions apply)

River’s Gift
Stamp Out SIDS
Friday 29th November
Casual dress day for Rivers gift
We will be fundraising to help stamp out SIDS
Gold coin donation
Junior School Council Fundraiser

Skoolbag
Have you downloaded our Skoolbag app from the app store?
Search ‘Manifold Heights Primary School’ in the app store and keep up to date with news, alerts, events etc at the click of a button!

Bellarine Uniforms
Proud suppliers of the Manifold Heights Primary School uniform
Open: Monday – Friday 9.00am – 5.30pm
Saturday 9.00am – 1.00pm
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