**Important Dates**

**November**
- 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**
- Mon 1st: Geelong Auxiliary of the R.C.H. afternoon tea and songs 1:30-3:30pm - Singing Group
- Weds 3rd: Graduation Parent Helper meeting @ 3:45pm in the Senior Hub
- 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! (Assembly at 9:30am)

**Election Day BBQ**

We are still looking for some more volunteers that can help us on Election Day. Could you please complete and return your volunteer forms to the schools office or alternatively you can contact Cath Johnston on 0413 653 471 or cathmark1@gmail.com.

Wanted: Donations of cartons of eggs, these would be much appreciated for our Breakfast Egg & Bacon Rolls.

Thank you in advance!
The school has recently advertised positions for staff to be taken up in 2015. It is with great pleasure that I announce that after an extensive interview process over the past few weeks, we have provisionally appointed the following people to join the MHPS staff in 2015 – Jennifer Clutterbuck (Music), Sam Valentine (General classroom) and Tom Quinlan (Graduate classroom). The provisional appointment process is not ratified until the 2 week Merit and Equity period has passed. We congratulate and welcome all three teachers and look forward to working with them next year.

Congratulations to our Preps and Juniors for the fabulous work they are doing in their swimming program. It is amazing to see the growth in confidence and ability over just the two week period. Thank you to those parents who are supporting our program to run smoothly. Please remember that we have processes in place which include the necessity to have a Working with Children’s Check if you are helping to change children. This is in place to protect everyone – children, parents and staff. We appreciate the cooperation of parents in this regard.

Well done to all our students who are continuing to gain tokens and “Dazzle Certificates” as they exhibit fabulous behaviour. It is wonderful to hear students talking about the positive behaviour of other students, and noting the changes around the school. In order to get our program established and running well, it is important that we publicly acknowledge students for their achievements even if it does take some time at assembly to do so. To try and help this process, we are starting assembly at 2.45pm for the rest of this year, as we try to work out a system that works well for our school. We thank you all for your patience as we are all learning together.

I found this easy to read graphic recently and thought it would make a really good starting point when talking to your children about social media. Even though children should not have Facebook accounts before they are thirteen, I realise there are other social media sites that they may be accessing. Having a family approach to social media is a great idea.

Appreciations to:
- Parents who are helping to keep our swimming program safe.
- Parents and community members who help to keep our grounds looking good without being asked.

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

Quote of the moment:
“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world” - Nelson Mandela

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
**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

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

| PA  | FELIX RANKIN - For using beautiful manners, such as please and thank you! You’re a legend, Felix! |
| PH  | ESTHER ELLIS - For always demonstrating magnificent manners and being a thoughtful and caring classmate! You’re a star, Esther! |
| PS  | SAMUEL BONGIOVANNI - For being polite and considerate and allowing others to learn! You are a superstar, Samuel! |
| JB  | NICK PSIHOMANIS - For being patient and courteous by putting his classmates before himself! Nice work, Nick! |
| JF  | BRAD TYE - For using his best manners at all times and always working to the best of his ability! |
| JM  | ZAHLIA FOLEY - For settling in so well to JM and for being a polite classmate who always uses her manners! Welcome to Mano! |
| JO  | PEPPA KEARNEY - For showing respect by allowing adults out before going through doors! Well done, Peppa! |
| JV  | GUS DONOHUE - Gus is always showing respect to his elders by constantly allowing them to pass through doorways first! Very Impressive, Gus! |
|     | COOPER WHYTE - Cooper demonstrates respect for his peers by always allowing them to work productively in class! Nice one! |
| MB  | ERIN GORMAN - For always making the best use of her learning time and showing respect for other students in the classroom! |
| MC  | OWEN SEERY - For having such a positive attitude to learning and using his time well - especially in our Bike Ed program! Well done, Owen! |
| MH  | ALEX O’SHANNESSY - For using his time brilliantly in class this week and staying focused on creating an entertaining narrative without any distractions! Fantastic effort, Alex! |
| MS  | RHYS MCWATERS - Rhys puts an awesome effort into every minute in the classroom! You’ve kicked goals this term Rhys, keep up the terrific work! |
| SB  | MATT JAHN - For showing great determination and confidence in leading assembly! Awesome effort, Matt! |
| SC  | MAGGIE CAUDULLO - For being aware of stopping at doorways showing respect and allowing people through! You set a fantastic example, Maggie! |
| SS  | WILLEM HERNI - For displaying magnificent manners by allowing others through doorways! You’re a real gentleman, Willem! |
| SW  | KELSEY RUNDLE - For always being aware if those around her and letting others through doorways before herself! The respect you have for others is admired, Kelsey! |

**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:

**MONTANA MORGAN** - For always creating fabulous Art Work! Well done, Montana!

**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

Congratulations to everyone at Mano for helping the Junior School Council raise an impressive $455 for River's Gift, a charity that supports the research and prevention of SIDS. It was also great that Alex and Hope could be there at assembly to accept our wonderful donation.

Fantastic Mano!

Can you help us?

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!

Barry Plant

Manifold Heights Primary School and Barry Plant Geelong have formed a wonderful friendship so much so that Barry Plant Geelong are offering $500 back to the school from properties listed and sold by them within the school community (includes teachers, parents, friends etc.). We would like to thank Lloyd Moulton of Barry Plant Geelong for proudly supporting Manifold Heights Primary School.

Look at the first cheque we received last Friday from Lloyd!

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
What’s Happening...and an Invitation to Join Us!

We would like to invite you to join us at the Manifold Heights Community Garden, which is situated inside the Manifold Heights Primary School grounds and is accessible from Manifold Street.

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

Letters to Santa

Post a letter to Santa via his special North Pole letter box at the Carousel on Geelong Waterfront! Every child that posts a letter by 18 December will receive a personalised letter from Santa by Christmas. Don’t forget to mention the Central Geelong Christmas Trail while at the Carousel for a two for one Carousel ride!

For those people who can't get into the carousel, you can get a free Santa email addressed to your child. Fill in the online form and wait for Santa special message: http://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/christmas/santaletter.aspx

Friday 28th NOV

Fyans Park P.S.
Camden Rd. Newtown
Christmas Fair
4 -8pm
www.fyansparkps.vic.edu.au

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
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.

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

Joke of the week! **LOL!**

Q. What has a face and two hands but no arms or legs?

A. A clock!

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

**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 1987

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.

**ADD YOUR BUSINESS LOGO HERE**

Talk to Kylie in the office for more details

**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!

**Multipurpose room for rent please contact the school office for more details.**

*(Terms and conditions apply)*