**Principal:** Marina Keegan  
**Business Manager:** Kylie Roskosch  
**Assistant Principal:** Peta Mundine  
**Administration:** Anna Clausen

## November

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<td>Last Day of Term 4! 1:30pm finish! (Assembly at 9:30am)</td>
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**Election Day BBQ This Weekend!**

Our Election Day BBQ is on this week - Saturday 29th November 2014! Thank you to everyone who has put their name down to help, it is very much appreciated. It is not too late, if you would like to put your name down to help please do so by contacting the schools office or Cath Johnston on 0413 653 471 or cathmark1@gmail.com.  
*Please see inside the Newsletter for more information*
The weeks are flying by so quickly as we approach the end of the year. Thank you to our staff who have been working hard to finalise assessments and write reports for all our students, whilst still providing a rich program every day in the midst of swimming, transition programs and end of year activity planning. In amongst all of this, we still have to have a great functioning school. Remember to be kind to yourself and everyone around you in this busy month ahead.

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS! Did you know the significance of continual late arrivals to school? Your child’s best learning time is at the beginning of the day. If your child misses just 10 minutes every morning this equates to almost half a year of school over the 13 years. If they miss an hour a day, they are missing two and a half years of schooling over the thirteen years. Unfortunately, we have some students who are missing significant amounts of school due to being late consistently. This is a real concern for us.

Our Prep Transition sessions have been well supported by our incoming Prep families and we hope that this level of enthusiasm carries over to our remaining session on December 9th. Thank you to our current Prep team for all the effort they have put into our program.

Congratulations to our Preps and Juniors on a wonderful swimming program again this year. A big thank you to Miss Schuster for her organisation, and to all our staff for their flexibility around the program.

At assembly last week, Ali from the Active After School program presented our school with a certificate for implementing a wonderful program over many years. This program has now finished but we look forward to the introduction of the “Sporting Schools” program by the Australian Sports Commission. We hope that this program will also offer a range of free sporting activities to our students. Further details will be released next year. Please remember that Assembly now begins at 2:45pm.

Don’t forget our Election Day BBQ and Cake stall. I will be collecting cakes after assembly down in the canteen.

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

Quote of the moment: “Modern Art = I could have done that + Yeah, but you didn’t!”

Appreciations: to…

Alex Ellis and Kim Huntley for taking on our Active After School program this year. On behalf of all the students who participated I thank you for your organisation and commitment.

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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ELECTION DAY BBQ & POLLING BOOTHS
Saturday 29 November 2014

Manifold Heights Primary School

1 VOTE HERE

Manifold Heights Primary School
Booths open 8am to 6pm - Enter via Manifold Street

- Breakfast Egg & Bacon Rolls
- Sausage Sizzle
- Cold Drinks
- Coffee Van
- Home-baked Cakes, Biscuits and Slices available at our Cake Stall (until sold out)

Plus… Performances by some of our very talented students

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

| PA  | MONET RICHERT - For using beautiful manners, she always says please and thank-you and always allows others to pass through doors first! Wonderful, Monet! |
| PH  | MAEVE BENSON - For being a wonderful role model for her classmates, displaying fabulous manners! Well done, Maeve! |
| PS  | OSCAR RIXON - For always using manners and being polite and considerate! Thanks for always greeting the teachers in the morning! |
| JB  | LEAH MCMULLAN - For consistently using beautiful manners! You’re a wonderful role model to your peers, Leah! |
| JF  | TOBEY LINGUEY - For working consistently to improve his skills and for always being polite and considerate of others! |
| JM  | KATELYN MULHOLLAND - For always showing great respect towards her teachers and classmates and displaying beautiful manners! You’re a star, Katelyn! |
| JO  | EMILY DRISCOLL - For displaying beautiful manners by allowing others to go through the door! Well done, Emily! |
| JV  | JET ROYAL - Jet has improved greatly over the past week where he has made a considerable effort to show respect to everyone around him! Outstanding, Jet! |
| PH  | PHOEBE JOHNSTON - Phoebe uses her vast knowledge of manners to always show respect to everyone in JV! Superb, Phoebe! |
| MB  | SAM HICKS - For modelling excellent manners and respect for others in the classroom! Keep up the fantastic work, Sam! |
| MC  | JAKE BIRLEY - For showing brilliant application to his work and consistently modelling excellent behaviour! Well done, Jake! |
| MH  | AIMEE WHYTE - For consistently being safe inside the classroom and using the middles hub with respect by cleaning up after herself and others! Fantastic work, Aimee! |
| MS  | LILI RAMSEY - Lili has improved out of this world during Term 4 in making the most of her learning time! Sensational, Lili! |
| SB  | MITCH GORMAN - For his beautiful manners and consistently working hard to achieve success in his learning goals! Awesome, Mitch! |
| SC  | RAYHAAN QADRI - For his quintessential English manners! Have an awesome time in Pakistan with your wonderful attitude! |
| SS  | NICKY CHRISTIE & TESSA GAMBLE - For supporting each other to be organised and ready for each session! Great teamwork girls! |
| SW  | HUGH STEELE - For his consistent hard work ethic in the classroom, and for demonstrating great leadership skills across the year! Fantastic work, Hugh! |

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:

Olivia Hines - For always doing her best following instructions and for creating great work! Well done, Olivia!

Book packs are now available for collection at the school office. Packs may be picked up once paid for or you have organised a payment plan with Kylie.
**Distric Cricket Carnival for Grade 5 & 6**

Last Monday the grade 5 & 6 students participated in the District Cricket Carnival at Kardinia Park. All students are to be congratulated on the way they participated and their sportsmanship. A special thanks to Mrs Jarwood, Mrs Huntley, Mr Robertson, Mr Mirovich and Mr Seeckts for coaching and supervising teams on they day! Congratulations to the Manifold Heights Boys Team 1 who won the Boys Final and will now play in the Region Finals.

**Results:**

**Boys Team 1**
- Manifold Heights (1) 200 d. St Anthonys (1) 90 Fyans Park (3) 119 d. Manifold Heights (2) 73
- Manifold Heights (1) 221 d. Newcomb Park 55 Fyans Park (1) 166 d. Manifold Heights (2) 76
- Manifold Heights (1) 143 d. Nazareth (1) 137 Manifold Heights (2) d. Newcomb Park 91

**Boys Team 2**
- Manifold Heights (2) 11 d. St. Anthonys (2) 86 Manifold Heights (1) 116 d. St. Anthonys (1) 115
- Manifold Heights (3) 146 d. St. Johns (2) 123 Manifold Heights (1) 209 d. Newcomb Park (1) 44
- Fyans Park (1) 262 d. Manifold Heights (3) 121 Nazareth (1) 130 d. Manifold Heights (1) 116

**Girls Team 2**
- Manifold Heights (2) 111 d. Fyans Park (3) 86
- Fyans Park (2) 188 d. Manifold Heights (2) 55
- Manifold Heights (2) 119 d. Newcomb Park 94

**Boys Finals**
- Manifold Heights (1) 207 d. Fyans Park (1) 97

**Region Cricket Finals**

Congratulations to the Boys Cricket Team who competed in the Region Cricket Finals last Wednesday at Kardinia Park. The boys who 2 games and lost 1—just missing out on the final! A special thank-you to Mrs Povey for coaching and supervising the team. Well done boys!

**Results:**
- Manifold Heights 109 d. Geelong College 105 Manifold Heights 126 d. Geelong Grammar 106
- Ocean Grove 190 d. Manifold Heights 70

**ART NEWS**

Our schools Christmas Tree is on display in the Mall in Little Malop street. Well done to the Middle and Senior students who helped decorate it. If you are in the city it is worth having a look.

A number of schools were given the opportunity to paint and decorate the trees on behalf of the City of Greater Geelong. To show his appreciation the Mayor Darryn Lyons invited the Art teachers and 2 student representatives from the schools involved to be part of the official proceedings at the lightning of the Christmas tree on the Bay.

Well done to Caitlin Cogan and Molly Driscoll who were our representatives.

On Friday 21st of November, Caitlin and I went to a special function celebrating the lighting of the Christmas Tree on the Bay. We went to the Carousel where we were on the guest list, yet my Dad and Caitlins mum somehow got in as well. There we had a five star view of the shimmering attraction. At the Carousel there were delicious sweets, soft drink and the most amazing hot chocolate. I think I liked it so much I spilt it on myself. A stilt walker dresses as a candy cane handed out yummy candy canes. Caitlin and I must have been magicians because all our food had disappeared quickly. Later on, Santa Claus and the Mayor of Geelong, Darryn Lyons arrived on a lit up tug boat, almost stealing the show off the Christmas Tree! We took many photos and had an amazing time. The Christmas Tree was absolutely mesmerising for Caitlin and I and the thousands of other people who were there!

- By Molly & Caitlin SW
FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES

The Commonwealth Government provides a range of payments and services to help families look after their children’s education, health care and other family issues.

Family Tax Benefits A and B
This is a two-part payment to help with the cost of raising children. To be eligible for Family Tax Benefit Part A, the parent must care for a dependent child who is:

- aged 0-15 years, or
- aged 16–19 years, paid until the end of the calendar year in which they turn 19, and:
  - undertaking full-time education or training in an approved course leading towards a Year 12 or equivalent qualification
  - with an acceptable study load, or
  - has been granted an exemption from education or training requirements

Parents also need to satisfy an income test, meet residence requirements and be caring for the child at least 35 per cent of the time. The amount paid for Family Tax Benefit Part A depends on family income, the number of children in the family, and how old they are.

Family Tax Benefit Part B gives extra help to single parents and families with one main income. An example of this may be where one parent stays at home to care for a child full-time or balances some paid work with caring for a child. To be eligible for Family Tax Benefit Part B, the parent must have care of a child for at least 35 per cent of the time who is:

- a dependent child under 16 years of age, or
- a dependent full-time secondary student up until the end of the calendar year in which they turn 18.

The rate of Family Tax Benefit Part B is based on an income test and the meeting of residence requirements.

If a parent/family qualifies for Family Tax Benefit Part A or Part B, they may be entitled to other payments and services such as the SchoolKids Bonus (see below), Parenting Payment, Child Dental Benefits and many others.

SchoolKids Bonus
The Schoolkids Bonus is a Commonwealth Government payment to assist eligible families with education costs. The Bonus is automatically paid by the Commonwealth Department of Human Services in two instalments each year. Parents do not need to make a claim for this payment.

To be eligible for the Schoolkids Bonus, the parent/carer must:

- receive Family Tax Benefit Part A for a dependent child in primary or secondary education
- have a primary or secondary student turning 19 years or younger in the calendar year, who receives certain government payments
- satisfy an income test (applicable from 1 January 2015)

From 1 January 2015, eligible families will receive the Schoolkids Bonus in:

- 2 instalments of $211 for each child in primary school - a total of $422 each year
- 2 instalments of $421 for each child in secondary school - a total of $842 each year.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Bond Street Committee extends an invitation to past and current families of Bond Street Kindergarten to an open gathering for our long serving Director and 4yo teacher Maree Merlo.

This farewell event will be held on Saturday 6th December from 1 - 2.30pm at Bond St Kinder.

We would love as many past and present families to come along and celebrate Maree’s career in early education, her community contributions and wish her well in her retirement.

Meagan Burch Music Tuition

Music Lessons AT school

$10 Trial lesson

Piano, keyboard, Guitar, or Singing Lessons

During &/or After School Hours at School

Would you like to try a music lessons at school, without committing to the full term? Trials will be held during the last 2 weeks of July.

To enrol or for more information please contact Meagan:

mbmt@bigpond.com

Providing Music Lessons in local schools since 1985.
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!

Knock knock
Who’s there?
Cow goes
Cow goes who?
NO! Cow goes MOO!

- Erin Castle

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!

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.

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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.

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!

(Terms and conditions apply)