## DECEMBER

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The year is rapidly coming to a close but there is still soooo much to do!!

A huge thank you needs to go to the members of the Principal Selection Panel led by our School Council President Gwyn Morrison. The panel engaged in a very long and rigorous process to select the best candidate for a great school. We welcome Mr Barry Rowland to the Principal position from January 27th 2015. As outlined in the letter that went home yesterday, Barry comes to us from Northern Bay College – Hendy Campus. I hope that Barry will have the opportunity to visit our school soon so that I can introduce him to our fabulous students, parents and staff.

Congratulations to Mrs Orford and the Mano Singing Group for their fabulous Christmas carol performance to the Royal Children’s Hospital Geelong Auxiliary group. They were lucky enough to share in afternoon tea and to sing to a very appreciative audience. Our Singing group were so good they have been invited back next year! Well done everyone.

On Friday our Yrs 3-6 are competing in Ball Games Day at Herne Hill PS. Good luck to everyone involved.

We hope that lots of our volunteer parents, friends and community members are able to join us next Wednesday 10th Dec at 11am in the staffroom for our Parent Helpers Morning Tea. It is an opportunity for the staff to express their thanks for the time and effort you all put into the programs that we offer here at Mano.

Just for fun - Can you guess which children’s books these quotes come from?

1. “Promise me you’ll remember, you are BRAVER than you believe, STRONGER than you seem and SMARTER than you think”.
2. “A person’s a person, no matter how small”.
3. “No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted”.
4. “If you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely”.
5. “There’s no place like home”.
6. “How do you spell love?” “You don’t spell it, you feel it”.
7. “Why did you do this for me?” he asked. “I don’t deserve it. I’ve never done anything for you”. “You have been my friend”, she replied. “That in itself is a tremendous thing”.
8. “The moment where you doubt whether you can fly, you cease for ever being able to do it”.
9. “It’s no use to go back to yesterday because I was a different person then”.
10. “In every job that must be done, there is an element of fun. You find the fun, and the job’s a game”.

***Answers in next week’s newsletter

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

Quote of the moment: “How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard”
Mrs Keegan with a little help from Winnie the Pooh

Communication is vital – Keep reading the newsletter!

Appreciations to:

- Our parents who came and helped out at the Election day BBQ and cake stall. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes for us to sell too. We made $1700 on the day. A great effort to put towards our new play space!
- To Mr Gibson and our band members who entertained the crowd on Election Day. Another fine performance!
- To Jorjia-Rae and Willem for taking on the role of assembly sound system co-ordinators for 2015. I know they will do a fantastic job.

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

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

PA  JAYDEN BROWN - For being very brave in the pool! You showed a lot of courage, Jayden!
PH  JESSIE RHODES - For always displaying excellent manners and showing respect to her classmates! You are a star, Jessie!
PS  WILL LLOYD-JOHNSON - For making the most of his learning time! Well done!
JB  AMELIA RICHARDSON - For using beautiful manners, taking turns and sharing with her peers! Well done, Amelia!
JF  ZARA ELLIOTT - For always showing respect and beautiful manners! What a great classmate you are, Zara!
JM  RAYAN ZAID - For always showing respect for her teachers and classmates by patiently waiting her turn, sharing and saying please and thank you! You set a fantastic example, Rayan! Well done!
JO  ANNABELLE STACEY - For displaying respect by being willing to share and take turns! Nice work, Annabelle!
JV  BEN DIMOVSKI - Ben has shown great maturity this week where he has allowed others around him to have their first during activities in JV! You’re a star, Ben!
ALEX TYE - Alex constantly shows respect to his peers by sharing his belongings with everyone in JV! Awesome, Alex!
MB  ERIN GORMAN - For setting a fantastic example of manners in the classroom and making excellent use of her learning time!
MC  CHARLOTTE TOMLIN - For her brilliant, consistent effort and achievement all year! You’re a star, Charlotte!
MH  MIA PILLING - For writing a creative and touching message for Ms Cook on her retirement! Your English expression is outstanding, Mia!
MS  CHARLI MEEHAN - Charli shows great responsibility in caring for our shared spaces and resources! We all appreciate the effort you go to and the care that you take, Charli!
SB  SUMMER BAILEY - For consistently demonstrating positive behaviour through our school values! You’re a great role model, Sam!
SC  JASMINE EVERETT - For being a role model throughout the year by displaying respect and courteousness. Fabulous effort, Jazz!
SS  FATIMA IMRAN - For going out of your way to help keep our classroom tidy! Thank you so much, Fatima!
SW  JOSH BARROWMAN - For always being kind to others and sharing his belongings with his fellow classmates! You are a star, Josh!

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:

MAKLIN JEFFREY - For trying his best and completing some great work lately!

WE NEED YOU!

We are kindly asking our families for some help at this Saturday’s Fundraising BBQ which will be held at the Bunnings in North Geelong.

At this stage we only have one family volunteering their time and we are desperately seeking some more help – if you are able to volunteer could you please contact Cath Johnston on 0413 653 471

PREP TO GRADE 2 SWIMMING

We are missing a number of clothing items that were loaned out to students during our Swimming program.

Missing items include:
- Boardies
- Girls undies
- Boys jocks
- School Shirts

If you know your child has borrowed any of these items could you please return them washed to either the School Office or Mrs Helmore.

BALL GAMES DAY

The Ball Games Day will be held at Herne Hill Primary School on Friday 5th December. Grade 3 and 4 students will depart Manifold Heights at 8:55am and the Grade 5 and 6 students will depart Manifold Heights at 11am.
All children will be walking down Minerva Road to Herne Hill Primary School. A cases permission notice is not required for this excursion as it is a local excursion.

Please note that this is an activity for all Middle and Senior students. All children will have returned to Manifold Heights by lunch time.
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:
  o undertaking full-time education or training in an approved course leading towards a Year 12 or equivalent qualification
  o with an acceptable study load, or
  o 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.
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! 🤣
Q. What is black and white and read all over?
A. A newspaper!

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

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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.

How to draw a Comic
get a pencil and paper
Meagan Burch Music-Tuition

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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!

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Archer’s Dental

By Sam Greco
Manifold Heights| week starting 1st December 2014

Coordinator: Jess Kevelham

This week in OSHC there has been a range of inside and outside activities happening. We have been enjoying getting outside as the weather warms up and have been spending most of the afternoons outside, even having a picnic for second snack on Tuesday.

With Christmas fast approaching everyone is starting to get excited and Olivia, Sophie, Sarah, Maliha, Isabelle, Maja, Tobey, Zoe, Felix and Kale decorated fantastic reindeer masks. Layla and Zara helped Courtney and Jess make Christmas paper chains to decorate the OSHC room with.

Brodie, Zeke, Liam, Jet and Rory got creative using the colouring and dot-to-dot activity books. Zara, Chelsea, Alice E, Olivia, Juliet and Alice B used their imagination and creativity to turn paper cups into different animals. Kiera and Jess used wool to make friendship bracelets.

Koji and Olivia put their chef’s hats on and whipped up some delicious chocolate truffles which everyone enjoyed on Wednesday for second snack.

Cricket has been the sport of choice for most when we go outside with a fierce rivalry developing between the children and Courtney and Jess. Kade, Mason, Brodie, Riley, Ashley, Cameron, Liam B, Liam O, Jet, Alice, Nick, Tobey, Zoe, Zeke, Kiera and Baylee have all been engaging wonderfully with each other and it is fantastic to see all different age groups playing together, encouraging each other and improving their skills.

This week star of the week goes to Isabelle Carter for always getting involved in OSHC activities and having a go. Star of the week from Holy Spirit goes to Olivia Grant for being a great role model in OSHC and always setting a good example for others. Well done Isabelle and Olivia.

We hope you have a great weekend and we will see you all Monday for another fun filled week full of activities.

Jess and Courtney.

HOW TO GET STARTED
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Holiday Clubs
Don’t forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays. Use the Holiday Club Finder on the website to find the nearest program: www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

Healthy Snacks
Afternoon tea is served daily. Menus are tailored to children’s tastes, developmental and nutritional needs. Afternoon tea includes a selection of yummy sandwiches and fruit. Children may also engage in fun cooking activities.

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