Important Dates

DECEMBER

Thurs 11th
Reports to go home!
Grade 6 Graduation!

Fri 12th
Farewell assembly for Mrs Keegan @ 2:45pm
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)

Weds 24th
Christmas Eve!

Thurs 25th
Christmas Day - Merry Christmas to everyone!

Fri 26th
Boxing Day!

Weds 31st
New Years Eve!

JANUARY

Thursday 1st
New Years Day - Happy New Year!

Weds 28th
Book Pack Payment/Collection - 9am-4pm

Thurs 29th
Book Pack Payment/Collection - 9am-4pm

Fri 30th
Term 1 for 2015 begins!

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If you cannot make it to the office before the end of the year you can collect & pay for books on Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th January 9am till 4pm!
Parent Helpers Morning Tea on Wednesday morning. It’s just a little thank you to say how much we appreciate the time and effort that parents put into our programs throughout the year. There are many things that just couldn’t happen without the support of our parents. So whether its’ helping in the classrooms, working in the gardens, helping out at swimming, or cooking a sausage, we do appreciate everything that is done to make Mano a better place for our students. Thank you also to our staff that provided the delicious food!

Congratulations to our Year 6 students who will graduate this evening. They have worked hard alongside their teachers to put together an evening that celebrates the seven years they have been at Primary School. I’m sure the evening will be full of memories, humour and maybe even a few tears. Parents should be extremely proud of this wonderful group of young people. Well done also to the staff who have prepared for this important evening.

Reports have been sent home tonight so please make sure you check your child’s school bag if it is not handed to you directly. Inside you will also find a slip telling you the class your child will be in next year. Tomorrow we are having our whole school transition day between 9am-1.30pm. All students need to begin the day in their current classrooms. At 9.30am we will meet on the middle terrace (alternative places if raining) and move to join our new teacher and class for the rest of the morning.

Best wishes to our Senior students, teachers and parents who are heading off on the Queenscliff Bike ride on Monday morning. We wish you all well and look forward to joining you for dinner and the evening activities.

**Just for fun - ANSWERS**

1. “Promise me you’ll remember, you are BRAVER than you believe, STRONGER than you seem and SMARTER than you think”. *Winnie the Pooh* – A.A. Milne

2. “A person’s a person, no matter how small”. *Horton hears a Who* – Dr Seuss

3. “No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted” *The lion and the mouse* - Aesop

4. “If you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely”. *The Twits* – Roald Dahl

5. “There’s no place like home”. *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* – L. Frank Baum

6. “How do you spell love?” “You don’t spell it, you feel it”. *Winnie the Pooh* – A.A. Milne

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”. *Charlotte’s Web* – E.B. White

8. “The moment where you doubt whether you can fly, you cease for ever being able to do it”. *Peter Pan* – J.M. Barrie

9. “It’s no use to go back to yesterday because I was a different person then”. *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland* – Lewis Carroll

“In every job that must be done, there is an element of fun. You find the fun, and the job’s a game”. *Mary Poppins* – P.L. Travers

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

*Appreciations to:*

- Everyone for your best wishes. Even though I am looking forward to the challenges ahead, it is always difficult to leave wonderful people.

**Be on time, Be at school, that’s the rule!**

**Communication is vital – Keep reading the newsletter!**

Let’s keep Unleashing Potential!

Marina Keegan

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**Book packs are now available for collection at the school office. Packs may be picked up once paid for or if 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  PREP A, MR SANTILLI, PRISCILLA & HEATHER - For a great year full of learning, laughs and fun! Awesome work!

PH  JORDA MAWSON - For her terrific and positive approach to all class activities, and being a great class member!

PS  ELIJAH RAMSEY - For continuously displaying positive behaviour, respecting others and always trying his very best! Awesome, Angel!

JB  ANGEL PSIHOMANIS - For her terrific and positive approach to all class activities, and being a great class member!

JF  LEKEISHA LEACH - For her positive approach to her school work and for her willingness to lend a helping hand! Great work!

JAYDEN LOCK - For his enthusiasm and for putting great effort into everything he does at school! Fabulous work, Jayden!

JM  JESSICA BURROWS - Jessica shows great respect for her teachers and classmates, using her initiative to help out and always with a smile!

JO  RHYS TOMLIN - For being considerate and helpful on the computer! Great work, Rhys!

LIAM O’SHEA - For being a motivated learner and showing a big improvement in his written work! Well done, Liam!

JV  FLYNN ISAACS - Flynn has made a huge improvement this past week where he has demonstrated great respect and manners within JV! Fabulous!

CHAS HERNI - Chas has shown himself to be a positive leader amongst his peers where he settles to work quickly, quietly and with the correct equipment! Top shelf, Chas!

MB  MAX FRIEDRICH-ERLACHER - For making excellent use of his Independent learning time to produce his Authentic Action!

MC  MIA TUCKER - For her considerate, respectful, motivated, BRILLIANT approach to everything at school!

REIN GEE - For his cheerful, friendly manner and his positive approach to all school activities!

MH  DANIEL TALEBI - For a much improved attitude towards his Authentic Action and creating a colourful PowerPoint!

MS  GIORGIA VILIARDOS - For the wonderful positivity and can-do attitude that Giorgia has brought to Middle S this year has made our classroom much brighter! Thank you, Giorgia!

SB  JO BURROWS - For her consistent and positive attitude to her work and as a school captain! Awesome effort, Jo!

SC  SOPHIE RITCHIE-CRICHTON - For being a team player in the class and out in the playground! Keep leading the way, Soph!

SS  ASHLEY HANRAHAN - For being supporting and encouraging of everyone in SS, both at and outside of school hours! Awesome, Ash!

SW  SW & MARDI - For a fantastic year in SW! We have had many laughs and made lots of memories! Thanks for all the good times!

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:

DEON GARCIA - For working really hard in Art and improving every week! Well done!

BALL GAMES DAY
The Ball Games Day will be held at Herne Hill Primary School last Friday. Congratulations to all the children in the Middle and Senior areas who competed. Many thanks to the teachers for their help and to the parents who came to support the students.

Results:

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| 1st Newtown 181 points |
| 2nd Herne Hill 170 points |
| 3rd Manifold Heights 166 points |
| 4th Hamlyn Banks 123 points |
**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.

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**NEWS FROM THE JUNIORS**

Juniors will be walking to Sparrow for their picnic on Monday December 15th. They require an individual picnic lunch and a drink. Parents are most welcome to walk with the class or to meet us at Sparrow Park. We will be leaving school at 11:30 and Sparrow Park for the walk home at 1:15. Each child will receive an icy pole. If there are any food requirements please notify class teacher.

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**EVER WONDERED WHY MUSICIANS ARE SO INTELLIGENT?**

When you listen to music, multiple areas of your brain become engaged and active. But when you actually play an instrument, that activity becomes more like a full-body brain workout. What's going on? Anita Collins explains the fireworks that go off in musicians’ brains when they play, and examines some of the long-term positive effects of this mental workout.

Check out the 5min TED Video & lesson below:


Nathan Gibson
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 do boxers drink in the ring?

A. Punch!

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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Coordinator: Jess Kevelham

Another week down and only one more to go until term 4 is finished. We have had a fantastic week completing Christmas crafts and playing outside when the weather was nice.

Alice, Olivia, Ashley, Brianna, Zara, Layla, Cameron, Hattie, Riley, Liam, Zoe and Isla painted wooden Christmas decorations and Christmas baubles.

Oscar, Jasper, Layla and Jet got crafty on Tuesday morning and used paper plates to make reindeers. Koji also made a reindeer out of pegs. Olivia made a reindeer out of a paper cup.

Tobey, Jed, Peppa, Isla and Layla used cardboard rolls to make Santa's elves and reindeers.

Nick, Tobey, Liam and Jet used the polydrom blocks to make a jail and then played cops and robbers.

Ronan, Ciona, Zara, Alice, Koji and Samuel engaged in a game of line tiggy outside on Tuesday afternoon. Jake, Nick, Mitchell, Tobey, Zac, Mason and Lachie played down ball.

Star of the week this week goes to Caeley Mills for getting involved in Christmas crafts this week. Star of the week from Holy Spirit goes to Rory Harding for his positive attitude and behavior in OSHC. Well done Caeley and Rory.

We hope you all have a fantastic weekend and we will see you next week to finish off the term.

Jess, Courtney and staff.

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Save on Care
Save 50% or more on Before and After School Care with the Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343

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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Before using our programs register online for an account. This enables you to make bookings, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day. Registering is quick and easy. Visit www.campaustralia.com.au/newparents

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