**MANIFOLD HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**  
Date: 18th December, 2014

**Important Dates**

**December**

- 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!

- The school office will be closed at 11.30am on Friday
- Assembly will begin at 9.30am
- School will finish at 1.30pm
- 2015 Book Pack Collection Dates are 28th & 29th Jan between 9am & 4pm

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**Principal:** Marina Keegan  
**Assistant Principal:** Peta Mundine

**Business Manager:** Kylie Roskosch  
**Administration:** Anna Clausen

**Date: 18th December, 2014**
Well the end of the year has come and my time at Mano is complete. I have had the best 8 years here and thank you all for your wonderful support, and best wishes on my new adventure.

If you are planning to take off on your holidays early and are leaving straight after our assembly, please remember to sign out as we don’t officially finish until 1.30pm on this last day. Priscilla and Mardi will have additional sign out books you can use and will be down at the Multi Purpose room to save parents coming up to the office.

Running Sheet for tomorrow’s assembly:
Captains for term 1 2015 announced
House Captains for term 1 2015 announced
Leadership team announced
Reach for the Stars Awards
Richard Marles Award – (Federal member for Corio)
Thornton Industries Academic Award
Ben Newell Creativity Award
Kaisercraft Art Awards
Staff leaving
Dance Troupe
Classroom Acts – a Christmas treat
Congratulations to our Yr 6’s – Graduation Song

Although sometimes it takes us a little while to get used to change, we need to keep challenging and invigorating ourselves so that we can build on our skills and learn through new opportunities. A new interest sparked can lead to many new adventures and discoveries in the future. I know that you will make Mr Barry Rowland welcome as your new Principal.

Below is a list of all our teaching staff for 2015.

Classrooms -
- Preps: Mrs Lisa Helmore, Miss Hollie Schuster & Mr Tom Quinlan
- Juniors: Mrs Jeannette Orford, Mrs Colleen Foley, Mr Nathan Seeckts, Miss April Bassi & Mr John Hambrook
- Middles: Mr Ande Santilli, Ms Sharon Boyle, Mr Mike Paustian & Mrs Karyn Bath
- Seniors: Mr Sam Valentine, Miss Amy Barr, Mrs Lisa Charter & Mrs Alicia Wakeman

Specialists -
- Art/Indonesian: Mrs Julie Walker
- PE: Mr Rod Grant & Mrs Liz Hines
- Music: Miss Jennifer Clutterbuck
- Library: Mrs Sue Bencic

Thank you to the many parents who helped our staff and students complete another successful Great Mano Bike Ride. I am always amazed to see the huge number of parent names in the booklet and the range of responsibilities they take on. It is a truly wonderful community event and a credit to everyone involved. A big thank you to the Senior teachers for the huge amount of organising they have put in.

Here is a great poster for parents to make just before the school holidays! Have a great break everyone!

Last Day Dismissal at 1.30pm

Appreciations to:
- The whole Mano community. I will miss you – love Mrs K x
- Thank you to our wonderful volunteers and parents who helped out on the Queenscliff Bike Ride. You’re all amazing!

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
TOMORROW STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO WEAR THEIR CLASS ITEM PIECES TO SCHOOL FOR THE FINAL ASSEMBLY AND MAY WEAR CASUAL OR CHRISTMAS CLOTHES. PLEASE ENSURE SUITABLE FOOTWEAR IS WORN FOR PERFORMING ON STAGE AND PLAYTIME. THANK YOU!

EMERGENCY ALERT. BE WARNED. BE INFORMED.

If there is a bushfire, flood, severe storm or other major emergency near you, the emergency services may choose to warn you by text to your mobile or a voice message to your home phone.

Emergency Alert is the national telephone warning system. It uses the address where your phone is registered and the actual location of your mobile to reach you:

- when your home or school is near an emergency
- when you are travelling with your mobile near an emergency.

When the emergency services use the telephone warning system:

- a home phone within the warning area may receive a recorded voice message that begins with “Emergency, Emergency”, and/or
- a mobile phone that is switched on and in an area of mobile coverage may receive a text message.

The service is free and you do not need to register.

The warning message will tell you:

- which emergency service sent the message: eg CFA
- about the emergency and where it is
- what you should do to stay safe
- where you can get more information.

All telephone warnings come from the official number: +61 444 444 444

Example Text Alert

From: +61 444 444 444
EMERGENCY WARNING FROM CFA
Fire in Pohlner Road area. Visitors to Grampians National Park should leave now. Check local radio or visit emergency.vic.gov.au

Talk to your child about the Emergency Alert system.

If they receive a warning message on the home phone or a warning text on their personal mobile, encourage them to stay calm and show or repeat the message to a responsible adult they know, such as a relative or teacher.

If adults are not around, encourage them to follow the action given in the alert.

For more information about the system, visit emergencyalert.gov.au and watch the video (it's in 30 languages).

In an emergency, do not rely just on your telephone for a warning:

- Stay aware of your surroundings
- Listen to local radio
- Visit emergency.vic.gov.au
- Download the FireReady app
- Go to facebook.com/cfavic
- Follow @CFA_Updates on Twitter

Colour me in!!

CHRISTMAS
Manifold Heights | Week starting 15th December 2014

Coordinator: Jess Kevelham

This week has been the last of the year and we have thoroughly enjoyed the year with all children who have come into OSHC.

Monday afternoon all the children who were in OSHC participated in various group games outside on the court. We played Capture The Flag, Tunnel Ball, Relay Races, Octopus and Over and Under. The children all played the games in great spirit and it was fantastic to see the older children encouraging the younger ones to do their best.

Zara, Samuel, Jet, Maja, Jess, Zara, Keira, Sienna have been busy doing Christmas crafts, decorating stockings and angels.

Bridget, Emily and Kate created a categories game to play in the morning against Courtney and Jess and it was good to see the girls having to use their imagination to think of creative answers.

Just a reminder to parents that your bookings from 2014 will roll over into 2015, so if these will be different next year you need to go online and change this. Any 2014 Grade 6 parents will have to cancel your child’s bookings from this year.

We hope you all have a fantastic Christmas and New Year and we will see you in 2015 ready for another fun year of OSHC.

Jess, Courtney and staff.
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. Why doesn’t Santa go to the Hospital?
A. Because he has private ELF insurance!

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.

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