### February

**Sat 7th**
Manifold Heights Community Garden - food swap 9:30-11am on Manifold Street (1st Sat every month)

**Weds 11th**
Prep students rest day (except for those that have their Literacy Interviews)

**Thurs 12th**
House Swimming Sports @ Geelong College Recreation Centre - selected gr 3-6 students

**Mon 16th**
School Council meeting

**Weds 18th**
Prep students rest day (except for those that have their Literacy Interviews)

**Thurs 19th**
Family BBQ - from 5:30pm on the bottom terrace

**Sat 21st**
Vines Road Baby Market BBQ - 9am-1pm

**Mon 23rd**
Prep Information Evening - 6:30pm

**Tues 24th**
Junior Information Evening - 6:30pm

**Weds 25th**
Prep students rest day (except for those that have their Literacy Interviews)

**Thurs 26th**
Senior Information Evening - 6:30pm

### March

**Weds 4th**
Prep students rest day (except for those that have their Literacy Interviews)

**Fri 6th**
Division Swimming Sports - selected students

**Mon 9th**
Labour Day - no students at school today

**Weds 11th**
Prep students rest day (except for those that have their Literacy Interviews)

**Mon 16th - Fri 20th**
Planning Week

**Weds 18th**
Prep students rest day (except for those that have their Literacy Interviews)

**Tues 24th**
Region Swimming Sports - selected students

**Weds 25th - Fri 27th**
Grade 4 Camp

**Weds 25th**
Prep students rest day (except for those that have their Literacy Interviews)

**Fri 27th**
Adolescent Education - grade 6 students

**Term 1 Ends** - 2:30pm finish!
Welcome to the 2015 school year at Mano.

A big welcome to all school community members to the start of this school year.

Staff and students alike have been positively reconnecting with the important routines and practices which help to maximize teaching and learning achievements. We welcome all of our new students to Mano, especially our Preps who have commenced so wonderfully well. There are some new staff members who have joined the team and they already have made positive contributions.

I have been made to feel most welcome as the new Principal, after previous appointments as both a secondary and a primary principal.

Thank you.

On Friday January 23rd a well-supported Working Bee resulted in much being achieved to help tidy up our grounds as the school year fast approached. Many thanks to all attendees, including representatives from the following families: Morrison, Jarrett, Thornton, Airey, Birley, Benson, Sears, Howie. Whilst we are fortunate to have large grounds and play areas for students, it also presents a challenge re daily maintenance. Some new playground improvement projects (arranged and funded last year) should commence soon.

Assembly.

Our weekly assembly has been shifted to Monday mornings at 9 a.m.

This week we had such a wonderful number of parents staying on for this and the children I believe were really pleased to see this.

I hope the new time suits many families and that this opportunity to commence the week as a ‘community’ proves to be worthwhile and productive. The presentation of weekly awards will commence next Monday morning.

Coming events.

In coming weeks we will be organizing a Family BBQ evening and Information Nights for each team – Prep, Juniors (Grade 1/2), Middles (3/4s) and Seniors (5/6s).

Communication is vital! Keep reading the newsletter.

Let’s keep Unleashing Potential

Barry Rowland
Principal

Welcome back, from Kylie & Anna!

School Fees: A reminder to those families who have entered into payment plans that making regular payments to the school can greatly assist with payment costs during the year. It may be as little as $10 a week! Payments are receipted against your account and then allocated of fees/excursions as needed. If you are suffering financial hardship you may enter into a payment plan by contacting the office to make an appointment to speak with Kylie or Mr Rowland.

Notes home: We have sent home a couple of notes with your child this week which need to be addressed ASAP, this includes the Cases21 permission note for Local Excursions, Multimedia Indemnity form, Head Lice Inspection consent form and Internet Agreement. Please ensure that all notes/documents are signed (where applicable) and returned to your child’s classroom teacher ASAP. Please ensure that if you need to make any changes to your family’s or student’s contact or medical information (i.e. new contact numbers, change of address etc) you let the office know ASAP.

Just a few reminders: please ensure that if your child is late to school, you sign them in at the office and collect a “pass in” card to give to the teacher. If you need to pick your child up early, you will need to come to the office to sign them out and take a ‘pass out’ card down to their classroom. We understand that if you have a child down in the Middles/Seniors area, this can be frustrating but we need to ensure that we keep our kids safe.

The School Canteen now operates from Wednesday to Friday. Please do not send lunch orders with your child on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Kylie & Anna
Your friendly Administration Team!

Library News

Library 2015 has commenced and students Prep to Grade 4 are required to bring a named Library bag to each session. This year students are fortunate to have Library sessions and opportunities to borrow each week. The two Library teachers are Miss Jones and Mrs. Bencic who will be taking sessions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If you wish to speak to either of us we are both available on those two days. We look forward to a great year of reading and borrowing with the support from parents and guardians.

Thank you.

Miss Jones, Mrs. Bencic
Library
Congratulations to the following students who have been rewarded for their efforts:

**JB MAHLIA DAVYS** - For always being ready to learn and for displaying the 5L's enthusiastically! Wonderful, Mahlia!

**JF MATTHEW CHAPMAN** - For being ready to learn using the 5L's! Fabulous work, Matthew!

**JH CADEN FRY** - For doing an amazing job following the 5L's in JH and always listening to instructions! Great job, Caden!

**JO MIA ELLIS** - For consistently displaying the 5L's in the classroom! Fantastic work, Mia!

**JS KALEE FRY** - For being an active listener! Welcome to Mano, Kalee! We look forward to getting to know you!

**MA RAYAN ZAID** - She is the master of beautiful manners, the 5L’s and being awesome! What a great year ahead, Rayan!

**MB MOLLY HOWELL** - For displaying the 5L’s in class! Such fantastic work, Molly!

**MP JAYMEE RHODES** - For showing she’s ready to learn every day and making the most of her learning time! Great job!

**MS JACK GRECO** - Jack has made a stellar start to the year by showing great listening skills and being switched on to learning all day long! Keep up the awesome work, Jack!

**SB SHAYLA ROMEYN** - For consistently displaying the 5L’s and making the most of her learning time! Great start to the year, Shayla!

**SC KOBIE DOWIE** - For becoming a terrific Mano student with awesome manners since arriving last week! Keep it up!

**SV JASMINE EVERETT** - Jasmine has begun Grade 6 by demonstrating excellent 5L’s for SV! Superb, Jazz!

**SW ROSIE JARWOOD** - For consistently demonstrating the 5L’s during our cyber safety presentation with Robbie Noggler!

**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:

**THOMAS KENNETT** - For confidently completing a tricky task in his first art

**Art/Indonesian News**

As lessons get underway this week please remember that all students require an Art Smock. The ideal smocks are split at the back with long caught in sleeves. The students can slip these on easily. Long business shirts can be difficult for smaller students as they take time to button up and also the sleeves can drag into the Art work. If you have difficulty sourcing an Art Smock please see me as I have some spares.

Traditionally Language teachers in schools have been addressed in the Language they are teaching, hence Ibu Walker! (Ibu means Mrs in this context) It is not essential and some students say Ibu Walker, others Mrs Walker and others Mrs Ibu Walker! (Which is Mrs Mrs Walker!) Terima Kasih (Thank-you) Ibu Walker

**Manifold Heights Primary School Swimming Trials**

The Mano Swimming Trials for students in grades 3-6 will be held at the Geelong College Recreation Centre on Thursday 12th February. The trials will commence at 9:15am.

If any parents of children entered in the trials can act as an official on the day could they please fill out the form below. Parents are most welcome to come and support/watch their child. Thank you.

Name:___________________________________
Childs Name:____________________________
Grade:___________________________________
Phone Number:____________________________

I am able to act as an official at Manifold Heights Primary School Swimming Trials at the Geelong College Recreation Centre on Thursday 12th February.
Signed:___________________________________

**Victorian State Schools Spectacular - Massed Dance**

Information session for students in grades 4-6 wishing to participate in the dance section of the V.S.S.C.

Date - Friday 6th Feb
Time - 1:45pm
Location - Room 5

**Mano Singing Group**

Students in grade 2-6 are welcome to join the Mano Singing group. The first session will commence on Friday 13th February in Room 5 at 1:45pm.

For more information please see Mrs Orford.
**Joke of the week!**

Q. Why can’t you give Elsa a balloon?

A. Because she will let it go!

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**RESPECT IS EARNED**

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**TRUST IS GAINED**

**LOYALTY IS RETURNED**

- Unknown

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