**FEBRUARY**

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<td>26th</td>
<td>Senior Information Evening in the Senior building - 6:30pm</td>
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**MARCH**

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<td>4th</td>
<td>Prep students rest day (except for those that have their Literacy Interviews)</td>
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<td>5th</td>
<td>Senior Students to North Geelong Secondary College Workshops</td>
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| 6th  | Division Swimming Sports - *selected students*  
Preps Incursion - ‘Proud to be Me’ production in the Multi purpose room |
| 9th  | Labour Day - no students at school today |
| 11th | Prep students rest day (except for those that have their Literacy Interviews) |
| 12th | ‘Cuppa & Chat’ with the Principal & Assistant Principal @ 9am in the Staffroom |
| 13th | Living Safely with Dogs Activity - Preps & Juniors  
Mon 16th - Fri 20th | Planning Week  
Mon 16th | House Cross Country - grade 3-6 students  
Wed 18th | Prep students rest day (except for those that have their Literacy Interviews)  
Division Tennis Championships - *selected students* |
| 19th | Prep Parents Night Out - *Barking Dog from 7pm* |
| 20th | Juniors Big Day Out - more information to come  
Tues 24th | Region Swimming Sports - *selected students*  
Wed 25th - Fri 27th | Grade 4 Camp  
Wed 25th | Prep students rest day (except for those that have their Literacy Interviews)  
Adolescent Education - grade 6 students |
| 27th | Adolescent Education - grade 6 students  
Term 1 Ends - 2:30pm finish! |

**APRIL**

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<td>Term 2 commences</td>
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Mano is a community!

On Monday morning at assembly I talked about how I felt we were a school that was a real ‘community’.

A community may be defined as – ‘A group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common’. The people that make up our community certainly do have a common link – wanting to be happy, to be safe, to be supportively challenged and to be learning together at a positive and noticeable rate.

We share responsibilities, celebrate customs and traditions, make plans and have strategies to achieve these, have documented values, come together for specific occasions and collectively respect diversity. It is amazing what can be achieved when people have a common cause and purpose!

Thank you to all our school community members, together you make Mano a great place for all.

Playground renovations begin.

The terrific fundraising efforts of the past have led to the commencement of works in the play spaces on the North West corner of our grounds. The sandpit is currently being upgraded this week, with the addition of a boat and new edging. This will soon be followed by the play equipment being completely rebuilt, extended and enhancements such as new seating and mulching. Exciting developments, the result of wonderful parental support with fundraising activities throughout 2014. Plans for more grounds and play space improvements are being considered for 2015 – which come on the back of the successful Vines Road Baby Market stall last Saturday morning (thank you to all helpers with this, which raised just over $1000).

Junior S sing at Assembly.

Congratulations to the students of Junior S and Ms. Clutterbuck, who performed a West African welcome song for us at Assembly. This was wonderfully well received and we look forward to more musical items being shared.

Information Evenings for parents.

These have been really well attended and are helping to build greater transparency between what happens each day at school and home. Parents have expressed thanks for being taken through a range of organizational and curriculum issues, helping to more closely link school and home partnerships. Teachers encourage additional contact from parents via diary entries, phone calls and appointments to meet and chat in person. Thank you to teaching staff who have prepared such enlightening sessions this week.

Attendance.

Have you downloaded our SkoolBag app? If you have you may have noticed a couple of new features in the ‘eForms’ tab. These features include a Change of Details and Absentee form. You may complete this form if your child has been sick or otherwise absent from school. Once filled out this form is then automatically sent to the Schools email address and entered into the system for Teachers to see. You will not need to contact the School or fill out a blue absence form if you have already submitted this online form.

School Council Nominations and Elections.

At the time of printing this newsletter, several nominations for School Council have been received (for both Parent and DET employee categories).

The deadline for nominations is today and if elections are required (if nominations exceed the number of vacancies), this will be communicated to the school community as a matter of urgency.

The first Council meeting of the ‘newly formed group’ will be Monday March 16th.

Communication is vital! Keep reading the newsletter.

Lets keep Unleashing Potential

Barry Rowland
Principal

Division Swimming Championships

The Division Swimming Championships will be held at the Kardinia Aquatic Centre on Friday 6th March. If any parents of children participating can act as an official on the day could you please fill out and return the form below.

Name: ___________________________ Ph #: __________________

Childs Name: ___________________________ Grade: __________________

I am able to act as an official at the Division Swimming Championships.

Signed: ___________________________
Just a reminder that we have a number of students with life threatening allergies at Mano and this is why we encourage you NOT to send snacks/lunches containing nuts to school. Sometimes the condition is so severe that an anaphylactic child doesn’t even have to consume nuts but can have a reaction after simply holding hands with a person who has.

We understand that this may be frustrating for those of you without children suffering this very serious condition but we appreciate your co-operation as we work hard to keep everyone safe at school.

There are some great ideas for nut-free snacks/lunches at the Family Education website under School and Learning. [http://school.familyeducation.com/slideshow/lunch/71131.html?page=5](http://school.familyeducation.com/slideshow/lunch/71131.html?page=5)

## Congratulations to the following students who have been rewarded for their efforts

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<td>PH</td>
<td>CHLOE KERRY</td>
<td>For being super organized with her belongings and always ready to start</td>
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<tr>
<td>PS</td>
<td>MAISIE CSAR</td>
<td>For tidying up as she works away at her table! Keep up the great work!</td>
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<td>PT</td>
<td>ALEXANDER STYLES</td>
<td>For always making sure his table and our classroom is tidy and ready for work! Well done, Alexander!</td>
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<tr>
<td>JB</td>
<td>QUINN O’NEILL</td>
<td>For always being organized, tidy and ready to learn! Fabulous work, Quinn!</td>
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<td>JF</td>
<td>LACHLAN SEARS</td>
<td>For packing up his belongings quickly in preparation for the next lesson! What a super star!</td>
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<tr>
<td>JH</td>
<td>JESSIE RHODES</td>
<td>For always tidying up her belongings and organizing herself to start and finish on time! Ripper effort, Jessie!</td>
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<td>JO</td>
<td>RILEY EVERETT</td>
<td>For always helping to tidy up his table and organizing his belongings! Wonderful work, Riley!</td>
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<td>JS</td>
<td>EVAN MILNE</td>
<td>For going out of his way to help keep our classes lunch containers tidy and organized! You’re a champion, Evan!</td>
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<td>MA</td>
<td>LILI RAMSEY</td>
<td>For always being organized and ready to learn every lesson! You’re a super star!</td>
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<td>MB</td>
<td>NOAH LE NOBLE</td>
<td>For always being organized ready for our learning session and keeping his belongings tidy! Well done, Noah!</td>
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<td>MP</td>
<td>ERIN GORMAN</td>
<td>Erin beautifully demonstrates being well prepared and organized for class, and having a positive attitude towards learning. Keep up the superb work, Erin!</td>
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<td>MS</td>
<td>LEKEISHA LEACH</td>
<td>Lekeisha is doing a terrific job of organizing herself each day so that she can make the most of her learning time! You are adjusting beautifully to life in the Middles, Lekeisha!</td>
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<td>SB</td>
<td>ANGUS MCWATERS</td>
<td>For being a respectful and responsible learner by keeping his belongings tidy and putting effort into all tasks!</td>
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<td>SC</td>
<td>LIAM SHERIDAN</td>
<td>For impeccable and thoughtful table management of items and folders! Go Liam!</td>
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<tr>
<td>SV</td>
<td>MONTANA MORGAN</td>
<td>Montana consistently demonstrates safety by having her own belongings tidy as well as ensuring the classroom is tidy too! Magnificent, Monty!</td>
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<td>SW</td>
<td>BILLY HUNTLEY-MIROVICH</td>
<td>For always being organized and ready to learn! You are a fantastic role model for others, Billy!</td>
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### 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:

**JACK WIRATA** - For getting on with his work well and embracing our Indonesian puppet theme!

### GMHBA presents ‘Autism with Tony Attwood’
GMHBA Health Insurance is excited to be running two free seminars on Autism with clinical psychologist and Autism Spectrum Disorder specialist, Professor Tony Attwood. ‘Autism with Tony Atwood’ will aim to help parents of children with Autism learn more about the syndrome and ways to manage and understand Autism.

**When:** Thursday 19th March 2015  
**Session 1:** ‘Managing Challenging Behaviour in Children with Autism’ - 9.30am – 12.30pm  
**Session 2:** ‘Adolescent Issues for Teenagers with Asperger’s Syndrome’ - 2pm – 5pm

### Bell Park Sports & Recreation Club
**Junior Football & Netball**
**Registration Day**
**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27TH 5pm**  
Hamlyn Park, Calvert St, Hamlyn Heights

For further information please contact:  
**Junior Football Coordinator:** Jared Stanley 0407 505 726  
**Junior Netball Coordinator:** Carmen Williams 0408 294 415  
**Auskick:** John Bright (President) 0408 801 868  
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