**WHAT'S GOING ON AT MANO?**

### DECEMBER

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<td>Whole School Transition!</td>
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<td>Mon 14th - Tues 15th</td>
<td>Queenscliff Bike Ride - grade 5/6 students</td>
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<td>Term 4 Ends - 9am Assembly &amp; 1:30pm finish!</td>
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- Thurs 24th: Christmas Eve!
- Fri 25th: Christmas Day!
- Sat 26th: Boxing Day!
- Thurs 31st: New Years Eve
- Fri 1st: New Years Day

### JANUARY

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Final assembly - 9 a.m. Friday December 18th in the multi (no weekly Monday assembly in this last week).

On the last day of this term at our final assembly, there will be some special presentations -- Term 4 ‘Unleashing Potential’ winners (from Prep, Juniors, Middles and Seniors) and the 2016 Term 1 Student Leaders.

Each grade across the school will also perform concert items (some in team groupings). This assembly/concert should conclude around 11am and parents are free to take their children home afterwards. Students staying on will be dismissed at 1.30 pm.

New shade sails - School Council has endorsed the following works to be completed during the upcoming school holidays, supported by recent fundraising profits:-

- New shade sail structure to be designed and built in Prep assembly meeting area.
- Repairs and cleaning of green shade sails near sandpit.
- Replacement cover for shade structure in playground on the corner of Manifold Street and Strachan Avenue.

Many families and school community friends have supported various fundraising activities and you have directly ensured that such school improvements can be made for our children to benefit from – thank you!

2016 Important dates to note – Please ensure you have noted the following dates in your calendar for 2016.

- Sunday 24th January - Working Bee from 9-11 am
- Wednesday 27th January - Staff return, general office opens
- Thursday 28th January – staff preparing for 2016 school year, general office open.
- Friday 29th January – 9 am ALL STUDENTS COMMENCE 2016 CLASSES and at 9:10 am all parents are invited for coffee and chat with the School Council President, Principal and Assistant Principal.

Canteen News - The Canteen has run out of Chocolate Big M’s and will no longer be selling them for the rest of the term. However Strawberry Big M’s are still available for purchase.

The Canteen will be closed on Friday 18th (last day of term). Final day for lunch orders will be Thursday 17th.

Staff changes for Mano for 2016 - At the end of this year we will be farewelling some staff and also have some new appointments for 2016 to announce.

Completing current contracts - Michelle Primmer, Denise McPhee and Tamara Collette.

Returning to Canada on exchange program - Mike Paustian.

Transferring schools - Kylie Roskosch.

Finishing appointments - Jason Brown and Shelley Duff.

New classroom teachers for 2016 - Ashlee Roach, Ashleigh Harwood and Dana Ellis.

Returning from Family Leave for 2016 - Bree Roach.

Newly appointed Chaplain - Jesse Winter.

Returning from Canada - Nathan Gibson.

New Business Manager - to be appointed.

We thank all existing staff for their various contributions to our school, some over many years and welcome warmly our new team members for 2016.

Golden tickets at Mano - Earlier this week 12 golden tickets were hidden throughout the school – some indoors and some outdoors. All 12 have now been found and handed in. Students were asked to look for these and it has created some level of excitement. Now all 12 tickets will be named and placed in a box, from which 3 will be drawn out at Assembly on Friday December 18th - Special Christmas presents will be provided to these 3 lucky students!

Office Closure, last day of Term - As in previous years the office will be closed from 11am to finalise end of year processes and payments. If you need to make any payments please do so beforehand otherwise the Office will re open on Weds 27th Jan.

Let’s keep Unleashing Potential
Barry Rowland
Principal

2016 Parent Payments - Remember to order your book packs by Friday 11th to avoid shipping costs!

As mentioned in previous Newsletters, all 2016 student Stationary requirements are now able to be ordered and paid for online. Our suppliers report that there has been quite a number of book packs ordered already. If you are experiencing difficulty with this process, please call the school office for assistance.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT MANIFOLD HEIGHTS PRIMARY!

Team Holiday is a multi-award winning holiday program provider for children and teens across Melbourne and greater Victoria and are now starting up at Manifold Heights. We provide full-day activities to over 35,000 children aged 5-15 every year. Our programs are perfect for working families or for kids who are just looking for fun activities to do during their holiday break.

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Please head to our website to find out more about the activities Team Holiday will be providing during the Summer holidays!

Christmas Tree - Market Square

Once again our school has decorated a Christmas Tree for the City of Greater Geelong. Senior classes and some Middle classes created the decorations. We used special white markers on CD's and silver pie plates and we made icicles out of pipe cleaners. Our theme of 'Winter Wonderland' was suggested by Ines McInerney and SB.

The tree looks fabulous and is located in the foyer of the Market Square across from Speakys. You can view the tree from the Mall and it is well worth a look.

Thanks, Ibu Walker

Library News

Congratulations to the following students who have successfully completed the Premiers’ Reading Challenge for 2015.

Daisy Woodhams (JO), Amelia Richardson (JO), Hattie Ingle (JH), Jennifer Claridge (MP), Jack Greco (MS), Emily Foot (MB), Larissa Rauber (MB), Lily McDonald (MB), Rory Nolan (MA) and Rianna Mackay (SC).

Well done to all those students, and we look forward to seeing you next year. Please remember to return all Library books before the end of the year.

Thank you,
Mrs. Primmer & Mrs. Bencic

Mano Carnivale

We invite parents along to our Carnivale Meeting in the staff room on Thursday 10th December at 7pm! We look forward to seeing you there!

Having a Summer clean out? Make sure you keep any toys and books to donate for our second hand stalls at Carnivale! We will be asking for donations of good quality books and toys as soon as school is back.

Thanks, Lynne - 0412 748 021

Do you or someone you know have a business and would like to advertise in our Newsletter? We have 1 square (see the back page of the Newsletter) left for 2016! The cost for advertising is $660 per year including GST. Our Newsletter is distributed to over 270 families and published on our Website so reaches a large audience. If this is something you are interested in, please contact Kylie in the Office.


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Parents of 2016 Year 7 students are encouraged to contact the secondary school that their child will be attending and advise that they wish to apply for CSEF **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** so that they may benefit from this new financial assistance scheme.

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Mano’s before and after school care program is run by Camp Australia. More information can be found at [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)

OSHC school number: 5229 7257
Customer Service: 1300 105 343

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Steigen Spectacular at John Landy Field - Saturday December 19 2015
Introducing Primary School Sprints for 2015 commencing at 6.15pm - Entry fee to Sprints - $2

**Events**
- Year Prep, 1 and 2 – 100m
- Year 3 and 4 – 200m
- Year 5 and 6 – 400m

Santa race @ 7.30pm & Vortex throwing competition 6.30pm - 8pm. BBQ and drinks available for purchase on the night. Steigen sock range will be available to purchase. For further information call Louis on 0425 708 585 or Heather on 0438 393 599. Please text your entry to either mobile numbers above. Please include your Name, School and Year level by Wednesday 16th December 2015

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