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

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Queenscliff Bike Ride - Giddy up Mano! This annual event for seniors was a wonderful success, launched by ex-Mano student Mayor Darren Lyons on Monday morning. Students (current and ex), staff and parents bravely cycled the 30 odd kilometres each way, leaving from the Showgrounds.

What amazing parents and friends support we had, which made this a smooth running and safe event for all. Terrific planning from the Senior team, especially Ms Barr, ensured all contingencies were catered for.

I hope all bike ride participants feel a great sense of achievement! I’m proud of you all 😊

Grade 6 Graduation evening - Another special activity for Grade 6 students – a memorable time for our graduation students, as they prepare for finishing up at Mano and heading into secondary schooling in 2016. Our students performed most professionally on the night and a special supper was enjoyed by over 200 community members. Congratulations to all graduating grade 6 students as they face new challenges and opportunities. We hope to hear of their achievements in the coming years.

Well done to Mrs Wakeman and her team on preparing such a fantastic evening.

A reflection of 2015 - There has been much achieved by our school during the 2015 school year. Whilst we can feel justifiably proud as a community, 2016 promises many ongoing challenges to be embraced.

Our daily teaching and learning program has been the priority for teachers, with literacy and numeracy skill development our main objectives.

Specialist teachers have provided enhancements to our weekly program and these have led to a range of special activities for students, including: interschool sport, athletics carnivals, band, assembly musical items, singing groups, State School Spectacular and Music Count Us In performances; the Mano Art Show and a range of literacy enhancing library events.

Parental input has been most evident and really appreciated – notably in School Council, Working Bees, classroom support, special event days and fundraising.

Students have enjoyed variety in the school program with teachers working to ensure fun, hands on learning and creativity are evident.

Our school has various sets of achievement data which reflects positive outcomes but we want to do better for our students in 2016 and beyond. Staff will be enjoying a well-deserved summer break but will be working hard in term 1 next year to build their collective capacities so that all students feel Mano is the place to be, the place to learn, the place to Unleash their potential!

Last day arrangements – Friday December 18th - 9.05 a.m. Assembly in the multi. Special awards will be presented, including:

- Term 1 2016 leadership positions and this terms Unleashing Potential winners.
- Concert items by all grades/teams.
- Special guest expected to attend our assembly 😊
- Assembly to conclude around 10:30am - students may be picked up after the concert.

All students dismissed at 1:30pm

DAY 1 FOR 2016 - FRIDAY 29th JANUARY

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all Mano community members! Be safe!

Let’s keep Unleashing Potential

Barry Rowland
Principal

2016 Parent Payments

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. Essential Education Items can be paid at the Office (cash & EFTPOS), via Qkr, BPay or Centrepay.

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!


Newsletter Advertising!

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.
Thank you Telstra!

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Have a great holiday break—Kylie Roskosch

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

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

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The Minister for Education recently announced that Year 7 government school students eligible for Camp, Sports and Excursions Funding (CSEF) will also automatically receive a pack which includes the basic uniform items they need to start school.

The pack contains a jumper, PE shirt and shorts and either a dress or shorts or trousers and a shirt. It is intended to support families during the costly period when their children switch from primary to secondary school.

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.

Mano's before and after school care program is run by Camp Australia. More information can be found at www.campaustralia.com.au

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Les Brown

“Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss you’ll land among the stars.”

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