**Important Dates**

**FEBRUARY**

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**Sat 19<sup>th</sup>**  **Mano Carnivale - 11am-4pm!**

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**School Fees:** A friendly 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 towards fees/excursions as needed. If you are suffering financial hardship you may enter into a payment plan by contacting the office.

**CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund):** Do you have a current healthcare card? You may be eligible for the Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF). The annual CSEF amount per student will be: $125 for primary school students and $225 for secondary school students. Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef. You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 29 February 2016 along with a copy of your Healthcare card.
Welcome to the 2016 school year - I would like to welcome all students and families back to a new school year. In particular, we acknowledge those students new to Mano, who have joined us in Prep and other year levels. Welcome to our new families and also to our new staff, we hope you can add to the wonderful community we have here at Mano.

New staff for 2016 – Jessie Burney (Business Manager), Jesse Winter (Chaplain – Mondays and Tuesdays), Nathan Gibson (Middles and returning after being in Canada on exchange), Ashlee Roach (Middles), Ashleigh Harwood (Middles), Dana Ellis (Seniors) and Bree Walton (Junior PE and returning from Family Leave).

Start of school year - Students have commenced Term 1 very positively and routines have been established quickly. We have had a very settled first few days with learning programs in full swing clearly evident in all classrooms. Thank you to our parents who have clearly supported the organizational matters behind the scenes, which has led to this. New shiny shoes, fresh uniforms and new lunch boxes have appeared throughout the school. Many thanks to families who have paid school fees and to others who have opted into payment plans.

School Captains term 1 - We are most fortunate to have such wonderful young leaders in place for Term 1 - Ally Sears and Sam Hicks.

Both Ally and Sam will be terrific role models and ambassadors for our school and kicked off with excellent efforts to conduct our first whole school assembly on Monday Feb 1st. Assemblies are conducted on Monday mornings at 9am each week (outdoor weather permitting) and we hope parents will join us if they can. We promise a variety of assembly items each week and regular components such as the ‘Students of the week’ awards.

Weekly Newsletters (paperless) - Last year a survey indicated that parents would be supportive of a ‘paper free’ newsletter each week which is to be emailed, posted online and published on our SkoolBag app. A limited number of copies will be available from the General Office for those that do not have access to our online copies. This will be trialed this term - so if you have not yet provided your email address for the Newsletter please contact Anna so that she may add you to the distribution list.

SWPBS - SWPBS also known as PBS, is our school wide framework (not program) to support positive behaviour within our school and community. The framework is built on a behaviour matrix and three values (respect, safety and responsibility) that teach positive behaviour and reward this behaviour.

Each week or fortnight there is a particular emphasis upon an aspect of this matrix eg: weeks 1 and 2: I use the 5Ls – I show respect. The 5Ls relate to listening: Legs (crossed), Lap (hands in), Look (at the speaker), Lips (closed) and Listen (use your ears to listen carefully). ‘Students of the week’ relate to this aspect and are presented at Monday Assembly’s.

Art/Indonesian News - Welcome to Art and Indonesian for 2016. A reminder to everyone that students require an Art smock as soon as possible. The best smocks have long caught in sleeves and an opening at the back. The students can slip these smocks over their head and nothing needs doing up! We do have spare Art smocks but it is way better to have a clean, personal one.

Hats - In Terms 1 and 4 we ask all students to wear a broad brimmed school hat when playing outside at recess and lunchtimes. If students do not have one, we will ask them to play under the shade sails. Our Staff members also model this Sun Smart policy.

Reading Eggs and Mathletics - These 2 comprehensive online resources will be used regularly throughout this year in class and with your support at home too. Please ensure you ask your children about them.

New shade sails - During the Summer holidays we had a new shade sail structure installed outside the Prep rooms and a shade sail was also replaced in the playground nearest to the corner of Manifold St and Strachan Ave. Without our past fundraising projects, these upgrades would not be possible – Thank You!

Working Bee - The Working Bee held on Sunday January 24th was a great success. Over 30 school community members were present. Amongst the works completed were; 10 cubic metres of mulch spread, outdoor seats sanded and painted, shrubs pruned, leaves swept up, weeds removed and work on the ‘tyre minions’ started! A big thank you to all helpers on the day. Our next Working Bee will be: SUNDAY 10th APRIL 9-11 am.

Special Religious Instruction (SRI) 2016 - Changes to this program will see this move from class time to lunchtimes at Mano. All Junior and Senior students will be bringing home information about SRI in 2016. Families wishing to have their children join in SRI lunchtime classes need to return the paperwork provided so that groups can be formed, if the numbers of positive responses warrant this.

Teacher yard duty yellow vests - All teaching staff have been issued with new yellow yard duty vests. Students are reminded that this will help identify teachers at these times, should they ever need help or support.

The Carnivale is coming – 11 am to 4 pm Saturday March 19th! Please keep this date on your radar!

Recent storm damage - We were quite ‘lucky’ regarding the recent storm and heavy rain last Wednesday. Whilst we had some small patches of wet carpet and lots of mulch washed off gardens, we came through much unscathed compared to many other local Geelong schools.

Our thoughts are with a number of Mano families who suffered very significant damage to their homes.

Parents & Friends Committee - Thank you to our Parents and Friends committee for organizing our “Tea & Tissues” cuppa on the first day of school!

Barry Rowland
Principal

Welcome to Art and Indonesian during our Art lessons. Ibu means Mrs in Indonesian and over the years the students have referred to me as Ibu Walker.

Terima kasih banyak (Thank-you very much) Ibu Walker (Mrs Walker)
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

**PB** ASTRID LITTLE - For being a terrific listener and always showing the 5L’s! Fantastic start to Prep, Astrid!

**PH** VANESSA JOVANOVALSKI - For being a great listener and consistently showing the 5L’s! What an awesome start to the year!

**PT** JADE ORR - For making an amazing start to Prep and consistently demonstrating the 5L’s during class! Keep up the great work, Jade!

**JB** JETT HERNI - Jett has begun the year focused, enthusiastic and eager to learn! Thank you for being a wonderful role model by displaying the 5L’s at all times!

**JC** AAYLAH BROCKENSHPIRE - For using the 5L’s from Day One! Keep on shining, Aaylah!

**JF** PATRICK O’SHEA - For always being ready to look and listen, demonstrating an excellent understanding of the 5L’s! What a great start to the year, Patrick!

**JH** SASHA IVANITSKY - Sasha has shown brilliant efforts every session on the floor demonstrating the 5L’s, especially his eye contact! Brilliant work, Sasha!

**JO** JULIET JEPPESEN - For consistently displaying the 5L’s in class and making a great start to the year! Keep it up, Juliet!

**JS** MARLI VAN DEN HAM - For making a great start to the new year in JS! Welcome to Mano, Marli!

**MA** GUS DONOHUE - For a stunning start to Grade 3, he has mastered the 5L’s and shows impressive listening skills! Legend, Gus!

**MG** ASHLEE SHAW - For always making an effort to be seated on the mat as quickly as possible, and consistently demonstrating the 5L’s!

**MH** ISABELLE CARTER - For a fantastic start to Grade 4, she is demonstrating a love of learning with her ‘can do attitude’! Keep unleashing your potential, Isabelle!

**MR** PATRICK SEERY - For consistently displaying the Mano values and being a great model in the Middles! Great work, Patrick!

**MS** CADEN FRY - Caden has had a settled start to life in the Middle Department so smoothly and shows great respect every minute of the day! Caden, you’re fantastic!

**SB** BRODIE DIGIANDOMENICO - For consistently demonstrating the 5L’s and working co-operatively with his new peers! Awesome start to the year, Brodie!

**SE** MIA PILLING - Congratulations on a fantastic start Mia! You have been consistently demonstrating the 5L’s throughout daily lessons! Keep it up!

**SV** LIAM MUIR - Liam has begun his year magnificently in SV, where he shows excellent respect for the class rules whilst showing the 5L’s! Amazing, Liam!

**SW** JEMMA HOWIE - Jemma is always prompt to the carpet and consistently demonstrates the 5L’s both while on the floor and at her workstation! You are Amazing, Jemma!

**MUSIC** OWEN SEERY - Owen has made a confident start to Music this year and has consistently demonstrated the 5L’s during class time! Well done!

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**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 Friday 12th February.

We are seeking the help of parents to help run the sports. If you are able to help, please fill out and return the notice below.

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**Manifold Heights Primary School Swimming Trials**

Name: ____________________________

Child's Name: ____________________________

Grade: ____________________________

Phone Number: ____________________________

I am able to act as an official at Manifold Heights Primary School Swimming Trials.

Signed: ____________________________

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**Library News**

Welcome back to our Mano Library program Term 1. Mrs. Hines & Mrs. Bencic look forward to a productive year of reading and promoting the love for books. Students are encouraged to borrow and return one book each week. It is expected that all students Prep - Middles bring a named Library bag to each session. We have beautiful books and we all need to respect the resources in the Library.

**Library Timetable**

**Monday:** Jun F, Jun C, Prep T, Prep H (Mrs. Hines)

**Tuesday:** Jun O, Jun H, Jun B, Prep B, Middle S (Mrs. Hines)
Sen B, Sen V, Jun S, Middle A (Mrs. Bencic)

**Wednesday:** Sen W, Sen E, Middle H, Middle R, Middle G (Mrs. Bencic)

Thank you for your co-operation

Mrs. Hines & Mrs. Bencic
SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED:
The Silent Auction is one of the major fundraisers of the carnivale. We are kindly seeking your assistance in sourcing items for the auction from your network of friends, family, workplace and other contacts. Items must be brand new and can be anything from beauty, wellbeing, financial, accommodation or food vouchers, boy toys, girl toys, holidays, hampers, baskets of goodies or items big or small.
Please chat to them…. then advise Maree Hines on Mb: 0438 180037 who can forward an official letter of request. Thank you for your help.

MANO CARNIVALE SPONSORS:
A big thank you to our new sponsors and sponsors returning in 2016. We are very grateful and appreciate your kind generosity. Our Mano Carnivale would not be possible without the support of the community.

With our Mano Carnivale fast approaching we are asking if any family or friends, would be interested in becoming a ‘Mano Sponsor’. There are a number of sponsorship packages to choose from and your business will gain exposure to the school and the Mano Community. If you are interested, please contact Kelly Blake on Mb: 0408 520012 or email: aandkblake@bigpond.com

MARKET STALL HOLDERS WANTED:
Do you or someone you know have a small home business (clothes, candles, jewellery, Party Plan or handcrafted) that would like to have a stall at our Mano Carnivale? If so, please contact Cath Johnston for an application form. Call, text or email Cath on: 0413 653471 or cathmark1@gmail.com

2nd HAND BOOKS WANTED:
Too many books on your bookcase? Needing to get rid of a few unwanted, but still in \textit{good condition}, books? Well, please bundle them up and send them off to school with your child as we would love them for our second hand book stall. Deliveries can be made to the office.

CALLING ALL GREEN THUMBS:
This year we will be having a Plant Stall at the Carnivale and we are seeking any gardening lovers to assist us. We desperately need someone to coordinate collection of donations in the lead up to and on the day of the Carnivale. If you think you are the one for the job… please call, text or email Kelly Blake on 0408520012 or aandkblake@bigpond.com

HOW YOU CAN HELP
1. \textbf{READ} the Mano Carnivale Newsletter each week (commencing next week) to keep up-to-date with preparations for the event.
2. \textbf{CONTACT} family and friends and bring them along with you on the day.
3. \textbf{HELP!} If each family can give just one hour on a stall on the day of the Carnivale, we can all then enjoy some time with our families.
4. \textbf{DONATE} items to assist the school with the fun activities planned.

**MANO CARNIVALE Sponsors:**
Now is a great time to go through your children’s bedrooms and donate any unwanted or unloved toys. If they are still in \textit{good condition} we need:
- \textbf{Toys} : Games, Puzzles, Jigsaws
- \textbf{Blocks} / \textbf{Lego} : Sporting goods
- \textbf{Musical Instruments} : Costumes

If you have any queries, please contact Jen Hurst on 0422 270 990

Did you know you can follow us on Facebook by simply searching for \textit{Mano Carnivale}. Like and share our page today!
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

- ‘We make kids smile’

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**Music Lessons AT school**

Piano, keyboard, Guitar, Ukulele, Drum or Singing Lessons

**During &/or After School Hours at School**

To enrol in, or to obtain more information please contact **Meagan:** mbmt@bigpond.com

Providing Music Lessons in local schools since 1985.

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**Bellarine Uniforms**

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Saturday 9.00am – 1.00pm

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