### Important Dates

#### FEBRUARY

- **Fri 12th**: Swimming Sports - selected grade 3-6 students
- **Weds 17th**: Healthy Together Mano meeting - 2:30pm in the staffroom
- **Thurs 18th**: Mano Carnivale Meeting - 7pm in the staffroom
- **Thurs 18th**: School Council Family BBQ at 5:30pm
- **Mon 22nd**: Prep Information Evening - 6:30pm
- **Tues 23rd**: Juniors Information Evening - 6:30pm
- **Weds 24th- Thurs 25th**: Adolescent Education - Grade 6’s
- **Weds 24th**: Middles Information Evening - 6:30pm
- **Thurs 25th**: Seniors Information Evening - 6:30pm
- **Thurs 25th**: Mano Carnivale Meeting - 7pm in the staffroom

#### MARCH

- **Thurs 3rd**: Mano Carnivale Meeting - 7pm in the staffroom
- **Fri 4th**: Junior Big Day Out - Gr 1 & 2
- **Sat 5th**: Manifold Heights Community Garden Food Swap - 9:30-11am (Manifold Street)
- **Weds 9th - Fri 11th**: Grade 4 Camp
- **Weds 9th**: Seniors to North Geelong Secondary College
- **Thurs 10th**: Mano Carnivale Meeting - 7pm in the staffroom
- **Fri 11th**: Melbourne Zoo Excursion - Grade 3’s
- **Mon 14th**: Labour Day - No School
- **Weds 16th**: Cross Country
- **Thurs 17th**: Mano Carnivale Meeting - 7pm in the staffroom
- **Fri 18th**: Victorian State Schools Regional Rehearsal
- **Sat 19th**: **Mano Carnivale - 11am-4pm!**
- **Tues 22nd**: Western Region Swimming Sports
- **Thurs 24th**: Term 1 Ends - 2:30pm finish
News from Mr Rowland

Student Council Terms 1 and 2 - Congratulations to those 10 students who were selected from a large field of applicants to form our Student Council, during terms 1 and 2 of this year. They were presented with their badges at Assembly on Monday morning. We hope that they will be able to continue in the strong tradition of providing community aligned leadership within our school student body. They already have some projects mapped out for implementation, including a whole of school ‘Welcome to 2016’ lunch on the oval.

Family BBQ – Thursday February 18th from 5:30pm - This annual event promises to again be a highlight on our school calendar. We welcome all Mano families, especially those new to our school, to join us for a BBQ and chat. School Council members will be organizing catering for the night and I thank them on your behalf.

School yard supervision - Teachers are scheduled on for yard duty supervision 10 minutes before and 10 minutes after the ‘school day’. This means from 8.50am and up until 3:40pm (and obviously during morning recess and lunchtimes). Teachers will be wearing new yellow vests to help students identify them. Parents are encouraged to be mindful that students who attend school early (earlier than 8:50 am) or who remain at school to play or be picked up after 3:40 pm are not being supervised. Our ‘Before and After School’ Program (run by Camp Australia) have an excellent program and may need to be considered by some families re this matter.

Security and safety - Recently there have been hoax phone calls to Victorian schools. Whilst we have not received any such calls to Mano, we need to inform you that, like all schools, we have an emergency management plan in place for situations like this, which we have and will practice throughout each year. On Tuesday February 16th at approximately 10:45am we will be undertaking an evacuation drill. All onsite school community members will evacuate and assemble on our oval – this will be a drill and students will be informed prior. Drills will be practiced during the year, including a lockdown when students need to be all kept safely inside in response to a concern which is outdoors.

Meeting the teachers – Information sessions - Each of our 4 teams (Preps, Juniors, Middles and Seniors) will be facilitating Information Sessions in the week commencing Monday 22nd February. These are a great opportunity to meet the team of teachers in each level, hear more about the curriculum and daily procedures/policies and to seek clarifications to any questions/concerns. We hope to see you there!

Weekly Newsletters (paperless) - Last year a survey indicated that parents would be supportive of a newsletter each week which was published online, with copies available from the General Office for the very small number who sought a hard copy. This will be trialed this term.

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

Barry Rowland
Principal

M@no Minis Playgroup!
The M@no Minis Playgroup will be starting up again on Friday mornings. Playgroup will run from just after drop off until 10:30am in the After School Care room. There will be a gold coin donation every week, and free Playgroup Victoria membership ($40) for the year.

www.playgroup.org.au

All families welcome!

Mano’s Student Council
Next Friday 19th February, we will be holding a ‘Welcome Back Lunch’ for everyone on the oval.

We have organised with Sam in the Canteen that a special $2 snack lunch, consisting of a Muffin and Zooper Dooper will be available for order. Mr Hambrook will talk more about this at Mondays assembly.

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.

The students have already started creating some wonderful Art work. The Middle and Senior students are working on entries for Geelong’s Wooden Boat Festival Art Competition which will be held at the Royal Geelong Yacht Club in early March.

We have plenty of containers and other odds and ends at the moment but we are always looking for the smooth polystyrene meat trays. They make fantastic painting palettes.

The Victorian School of Languages runs on a Saturday morning at Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College and North Geelong Secondary College. It is part of the Education Department and lessons are available in many languages from Year 1 to VCE. For more information Google Victorian School of Languages or simply ask me!

At the moment we are sorting out the format of the Art Award for this year. Hopefully the weekly awards will start very soon. Our students are introduced to 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)
| PB  | TULLY SWANSON - For being a fantastic listener and always showing the 5L's! Great start to Prep, Tully! |
| PH  | LUX GREVILLE - For always being considerate of his classmates and their feelings and for being an awesome friend! What a star, Lux! |
| PT  | ARCHER CHAPPED - For making an excellent start to Prep and for being a kind and considerate friend to others in Prep T! Keep up the great work, Archer! |
| JB  | AVA WAKEFIELD - Ava cares for her friends at all times and insures that everyone is included in games during recess and lunch! Awesome, Ava! |
| JC  | XAVIER ARMSTRONG - For demonstrating his understanding of respect by encouraging others to join in-in the classroom and in the yard! Superb, Xavier! |
| JF  | JESSIE RHODES - For her calm manner in the classroom and for working cooperatively with her friends during developmental play! Fabulous work, Jessie! |
| JH  | MATILDA DUPE - For settling in beautifully at Mano during playtime and making wonderful choices and new friends! Amazing, Tilly! |
| JO  | MITCHELL LINGUEY - For displaying responsibility in the classroom and making wonderful choices in the school yard! Magnificent, Mitch! |
| JS  | ANNika VANDERSON - For assisting her table partner with their tasks when they need it! Awesome, Annika! |
| MA  | HENRY REED - Henry has made a great start to 2016, he has been a wonderful and supportive friend to many of MA and has been a great role model for all! Superstar, Henry! |
| MG  | NOAH WOODS - For showing great respect for his friends' choices in the yard. Noah is often putting others before himself, for the good of the game! |
| MH  | DEAN KENNETT - For his positive contribution in the classroom and making fantastic choices in the school yard! You are a role model, Dean! |
| MR  | KATELYN MULHOLLAND - Katelyn is a responsible class member who is consistently respectful of her friends choices! Fabulous start to the school year, Katelyn! |
| MS  | HUNTER CARMICHAEL - For his amazing attitude towards challenges in the classroom! What a great start to the year, Hunter! |
| SB  | EMILY SHAW - For making outstanding choices during playtime and inside the classroom! You have made an exceptional start to the year Emily, keep it up! |
| SE  | AME MCLEAN - For show wonderful team skills and respect to her peers in the yard during recess and lunchtimes! You're a |
| SV  | MATTY JONES - Respect is a skill that can be very difficult to learn however Matty has it in spades! He shows outstanding sportsmanship when he plays basketball with his friends! Magnificent, Matty! |
| SW  | ALASKA DOWIE - Alaska always demonstrates respect in the yard and ensures that she plays fairly by the rules and includes her fellow students! Amazing, Alaska! |

**MUSIC** LINCOLN PEEL (JC) - Lincoln always respects his friends choices and listens attentively when others are performing in class! Great!

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**Victorian State Schools Spectacular - Massed Dance**

Students wishing to participate in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular will need to submit the two permission forms by 4pm on Tuesday 16th of February.

If you have any questions about the event please see Mrs Orford (room 5).

**Lost - Lego Watch**

Oscar Rixon from JO has lost his Star Wars Luke Skywalker lego watch. It is blue, white, green and black. It was most likely lost In Room 5 - Mrs Orford room.

This watch was a special Christmas gift. If you have seen it or found it, please hand it in at the Office.

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**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.

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**2016 Local Permission Forms:** We have sent home a 2016 Local Permission form with each child this week. This needs to be addressed ASAP and returned to your child’s classroom teacher. 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.

**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 students safe.
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 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. **READ** the Mano Carnivale Newsletter each week (commencing next week) to keep up-to-date with preparations for the event.
2. **CONTACT** family and friends and bring them along with you on the day.
3. **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. **DONATE** items to assist the school with the fun activities planned.

TOYS

Now is a great time to go through your children’s bedrooms and donate any unwanted or unloved toys. If they are still in good condition we need:

- Toys: Games, Puzzles / Jigsaws
- Blocks / Lego: Sporting goods
- Musical Instruments: Costumes

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

DONATION BOXES

Donation boxes have been set up throughout the school in the Office, Prep, Middle and Senior areas for any books and toy donations. If you have any questions please give Lynne Foot a call on 0412 748 021.
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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