## Important Dates

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<td><strong>Sat 19th</strong></td>
<td><strong>Mano Carnivale - 11am-4pm!</strong></td>
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<td>Tues 22nd</td>
<td>Western Region Swimming Sports</td>
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<td>Term 1 Ends - 2:30pm finish</td>
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Family BBQ - Tonight we will host Mano families for the annual ‘welcome to the school year’ Family BBQ. Many thanks to our School Council team who have again offered to cook and serve our BBQ. Our school canteen will be open, a coffee van on site and the Mano School Band will be performing!

We hope you can come along and meet some new parents and your children’s teachers.

Parent Information evening sessions - Next week there will be a round of Parent Information Evening sessions
- Prep Monday Feb 22nd, Juniors Tuesday Feb 23rd, Middles Wednesday Feb 24th and Seniors Thursday Feb 25th.
- All nights will commence at 6.30pm

With a few weeks completed this is a great opportunity for parents to meet their students teachers, find out more about school, the classroom arrangements for 2016 and to seek clarifications.

School fees - Many, many thanks to those families who have paid their 2016 school fees – at the start of the year we have significant spending and this has proceeded smoothly as a result. With changed arrangements for this year regarding fees and stationery orders, some families may have overlooked payment and will see to this in coming weeks. Please contact the General Office if you need assistance with payments.

Lost property - Already this year the amount of items in lost property has reached a very high level. Many items remained uncollected and un-named. We encourage parents to ensure all items are clearly named and to check the lost property for missing things. Any items left unclaimed will either be recycled into spare clothes for the sick bay or taken to our local op-shop.

Dogs in the school yard - I remind parents to ensure that all dogs in our school grounds are restrained appropriately. At busy pick up and drop off times we have had some parent complaints regarding dogs in the school yard this year.

Many small children are about the same height of many large dogs and can be easily frightened and may inadvertently annoy a dog they are not familiar with. We do have a ‘Puppy Pit Stop’ point near the Gunyah which we encourage community members to use. Thank you for your cooperation.

Maths logic puzzle - Four friends: Dave, Mike, John, and Terry are nicknamed Stick, Batman, Atomic Head, and Feaser, but not in that order.

What is the nickname of each?
A. John is faster than Batman, but not as strong as Atomic head.
B. Batman is stronger than Terry, but slower than Feaser.
C. Dave is faster than both John and Stick, but not as strong as Batman.

Whole school get together for lunch - Our newly appointed Student Council has organised for us all to have lunch together on the oval tomorrow – Friday 19th. This matches with a special offer from Sam in the canteen - $2 for a muffin and Zooper Dooper.

All students will be asked to come with their class and regular lunch out to join us all on the oval at 1.30 p.m. Some special events and activities will be conducted by the Student Council and Mr Hambrook as entertainment.

Bake Sale - Charlotte Nettle and Ruby Pool had a lot of success with selling their yummy baked goods. They raised $54.35 towards finding a cure for the NF1 (neurofibromatosis type 1). Great job!

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 ever week, and free Playgroup Victoria membership ($40) for the year.

www.playgroup.org.au

All families welcome! We look forward to seeing you there!

Student Council Welcome back Lunch - Just a little reminder that tomorrow Friday 19th February is our 2016 Welcome Back Lunch on the oval. Please bring your packed lunch or lunch order as normal on the day. Sam and the Student Council are doing a special deal to take on the oval if you wish, which includes:

1x Muffin and 1x Zooper Dooper for $2. This money is to be brought on the day and spent at the canteen if they wish as mentioned in newsletter and assembly.

Thank you,
Student Council

Mano Carnivale! We need your help!

We are looking for donations of the following:
- Wine bottles to our Mystery Wine stall (any bottle of wine);
- Lucky Jars (any sized jar filled with goodies see examples in the office);
- Blocks of chocolate;
- 2nd hand books & toys (in good condition);
- New items for the Silent Auction;
- Coloured hair spray for the Crazy Hair just like the Mayor Stall;
- Items for the Plant Stall (seedlings, cuttings, succulents, pots, potting mix);
- Bake a Cake or some slices for our Cake Stall (details will be sent home to families the week prior to the carnivale);
- Class Hamper Donation (details will be send home shortly)

All donations can be placed in the labelled boxes located at the Office, Prep building, Middles Hub and Seniors Hub. Note: Wine and Auction/Raffle items should be delivered to the office.

SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS: In 2014, we received a number of donations (vouchers & goods) for our Mano Carnivale Silent Auction, made by our generous Mano families who had business or special contacts with other businesses.

We would like to hear from these families/friends/businesses again, plus any new families/friends/businesses and invite them to donate in 2016. Please contact Maree Hines on Mb: 0438 180037 if you have any questions, or alternatively please deliver your items to the friendly girls in the office.
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

**PB**  QUINN CASSIDY - For being a fantastic and caring friend, helping others Preps who are less confident in the playground! You are a star, Quinn!

**PH**  AVA HINES - Ava is kind and helpful in the classroom and very caring towards her friends in the playground! You are a star, Ava!

**PT**  IMOGEN POWER - For being a fantastic friend to others in the Prep community and looking out for them in the yard! Great, Imogen!

**JB**  JAMES DIMOVSKI - James always looks out for his friends and cares for others both in and out of the classroom! Amazing, James!

**JC**  MATTHEW CHAPMAN - For being okay when another student selected a different game to the one Matthew suggested! Keep being a terrific role model, Matthew!

**JF**  MAEVE BENSON - For being very generous with her time by helping others and for respecting her friends’ choices when playing both in the classroom and in the playground. Fantastic work Maeve!

**JH**  CAELEY MILLS - For including others and respecting her friends playtime choices in the yard! Ripper work, Caeley!

**JO**  CHARLIE HAIR - For making excellent choices in the playground and the classroom! Awesome work, Charlie!

**JS**  LACHLAN SEARS - For consistently bringing a bright and positive attitude to both his school work and during playtime! Legend,

**MA**  MOLLY HOWELL - Molly is a caring and inclusive member of MA! She always looks after her friends! You're a legend, Molly!

**MG**  SARAH ENGLISH - Sarah is very mindful of those around her! She often displays this selfless nature, both in the classroom and at play in the yard!

**MH**  MIA LEACH - Mia is a kind, considerate and friendly member of MH! She is a fantastic friend who always makes good choices in and outside the classroom! Great work, Mia!

**MR**  RORY NOLAN - For being a creative, inspiring writer through using his Writer's Notebook to capture pieces of his life at home and in the school yard! Keep up the fantastic writing, Rory!

**MS**  NOAH LE NOBLE - Noah is caring, respectful and goes out of his way to make sure others have great fun in the yard! Noah, you are a wonderful friend!

**SB**  MARLI PENN - For consistently putting in effort into all of her tasks including home tasks and always making the most of her learning time! You're a great role model to your peers, Marli!

**SE**  RILEY HANRAHAN - For respectfully playing by the rules in the yard and always making sure the equipment is ready for his friends to enjoy! You're a star, Riley!

**SV**  HEIDI TARKA - Heidi has mastered the school’s value of respect. She cooperates with her friends outside and as a reward is always having a blast! Amazing, Heidi!

**SW**  OWEN SEERY - For overcoming his fears to present at assembly in front of a large audience! You had a red hot go and spoke confidently while reading difficult names! Outstanding, Owen!

**MUSIC**  MEGAN ELTRINGHAM (MH) - Megan always shows respect to her peers and makes good choices for herself during class time and out in the yard! Good stuff!

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**Art News** - Once again we are very happy to announce that Kaisercraft is sponsoring our Art Award. Included in the award is a generous $10 voucher. We are very grateful to all at Kaisercraft for their encouragement of our Art program.

Our first winner for 2016 is **Cameron Stapleton** – For his positive attitude and his skilful and creative work.

Terima kasih banyak (Thank-you very much) Ibu Walker (Mrs Walker)

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**Pako Festa - Sat 27th Feb 2016**

We are participating in the 2016 Pako Festa this year and we are looking for some volunteer parents and students to walk with us in the parade!

Please contact Anna or Mr Gibson if you would like to participate! 5229 9643.

**General Reminders:** A 2016 Local Permission form was sent home with each student last week. This needs to be addressed ASAP and returned to your child’s classroom teacher or the Office.

Please ensure that if you need to make any changes to your family's/student's contact or medical information (i.e. new contact numbers, change of address etc) please let the office know, or alternatively you can fill out our online form which can be found on the SkoolBag app. This app can be downloaded for free in the Apple/Google play store by searching for *Manifold Heights Primary School.*

Please ensure that when you are returning permission forms and you have a credit on your account or you may have paid via another means, please write "Credit", “Qkr” or “BPay”. If you are wishing to pay at the office please ensure you bring the permission note with you.

**Canteen:** The School Canteen operates on Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays.
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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Customer Service: 1300 105 343

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