## Important Dates

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<td>Division Swimming Championships - selected students</td>
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<td>Sat 5th</td>
<td>Manifold Heights Community Garden Food Swap - 9:30-11am (Manifold Street)</td>
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<td>Grade 4 Camp</td>
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<td>Seniors to North Geelong Secondary College</td>
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<td>Fri 11th</td>
<td>Melbourne Zoo Excursion - Grade 3's</td>
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<td>Mon 14th</td>
<td>Labour Day - No School</td>
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<td>Weds 16th</td>
<td>Cross Country</td>
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<td>Mano Carnivale Meeting - 7pm in the staffroom</td>
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<td>Fri 18th</td>
<td>Victorian State Schools Regional Rehearsal</td>
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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 - selected students</td>
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<td>Thu 24th</td>
<td>Term 1 Ends - 2:30pm finish</td>
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News from Mr Rowland

The Carnivale is approaching! Saturday March 19th 11am – 4pm - This year’s big event, the Carnivale is not far away. Students are getting excited and parents are getting involved supporting various requests for donations and support BUT – we need more help and we urge all Mano community members to get involved in the next 3 weeks, leading up to Saturday March 19th. This event is certainly planned to be a great time for the community to come together and have lots of fun, and to also raise funds for projects which directly benefit our students. The weekly Mano Carnivale bulletins clearly indicate how you can help out. Or check out the Skoolbag app.

School Council elections - Nominations for vacancies on our School Council close Thursday 25 February 4 pm as advertised via our Skoolbag app last week. If more nominations are received than vacancies (4 Parent members and 1 DET employee) a ballot will need to be conducted. This will be communicated to the school community. The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday 21st March. I sincerely thank all current Council members for their terrific contributions to helping make our school a great place to learn for all of our students.

Recent round of Parent Information sessions - I hope that those parents who have been able to attend these have found them both informative and valuable. Teachers in each team have created a session to ensure that parents have clarity around daily school operations and curriculum arrangements. The opportunity to visit classrooms and see firsthand the resources and physical environment in which students learn I’m sure is worthwhile for parents.

Family BBQ night - What a great turn out for this ‘Welcome to the new School Year’ event for Mano families. Many thanks to the School Council members and staff for their terrific assistance with setting up and BBQ cooking – we cooked well over 1000 sausages!

Students took the opportunity to introduce parents to their 2016

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 Mt: 0438 180 037 if you have any questions, or alternatively please deliver your items to the friendly girls in the office.

It's not ok to be away! - Students give themselves the best opportunity to learn and progress by attending every day. The continuity of attendance cannot be underestimated student learning growth and achievement. Students with higher levels of attendance also tend to maintain stronger and more positive peer friendships. We are required to process all student absences with documented reasons, and seek parent support. Please contact the General Office in advance if you are aware of a pending absence.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) and Mano Values - Have you met our 3 Mano characters who remind us daily what we stand for? As part of our SWPBS and daily focus on our 3 values, staff are using these characters to promote appropriate and expected student behaviour.

We hope parents might use them too!

Mano Carnivale
Manifold Heights Primary School

Pako Festa - Sat 27th Feb 2016

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

Make sure you keep your eyes peeled during our walk for us! You might even see the Carnivale Clown!

Please contact Anna or Mr Gibson if you would like to know some more information or to participate - 5229 9643.

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! We look forward to seeing you there!
### Student of the Week

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<td>AMBER MCMULLAN</td>
<td>For always showing the 5 ‘L’s’ and working really well to complete set tasks! Super job, Amber!</td>
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<td>PATRICK COOPER</td>
<td>For always working hard to do his very best work! Awesome effort, Paddy!</td>
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<td>RUBY THOMPSON</td>
<td>For always having a 'red hot go' with her work and making sure its completed to the best of her ability! Keep up the great work, Ruby!</td>
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<td>IVY GRAY</td>
<td>For being an enthusiastic, motivated and bright member of JB. Ivy is constantly trying to challenge herself and stretch activities! Wonderful, Ivy!</td>
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<td>KALEE FRY</td>
<td>For always listening carefully when required, and ensuring all relevant instructions are remembered to complete her work! Great demonstration of responsibility, Kalee!</td>
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<td>MAMNUUN MAHBUB HAQUE</td>
<td>For his enthusiasm, excellent organisation and for his attention to detail when completing work! What a star, Mamnuun!</td>
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<td>EMILY RICHMOND</td>
<td>For making a tremendous start to the Juniors this year and following instructions along with consistently focusing on the work at hand! Great job, Emily!</td>
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<td>RUBY BURNS</td>
<td>For listening to the instructions and concentrating on the required task! Wonderful work, Ruby!</td>
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<td>GRIFFIN GALL</td>
<td>For the extremely kind and thoughtful gifts he gave to JS! Your generosity is outstanding, Griffin!</td>
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<td>ELLIOTT RENTON-GIBB</td>
<td>Elliott is always on task! He is a focused student who always tries his best, which has resulted in brilliant work! Well done, Elliott!</td>
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<td>JAYDEN LOCK</td>
<td>For always making an effort to settle quickly, and remain focused on the task at hand! Your hard work is certainly paying off!</td>
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<td>AUSTIN MONK</td>
<td>For working really hard to stay on task and produce work of a high standard! Awesome, Austin!</td>
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<td>IMOGEN O’SHANNESSY</td>
<td>For working really hard on displaying a positive attitude inside and outside of the classroom! Imogen your behaviour has been fabulous, you’ve become a very responsible role model in MR!</td>
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<td>EMILY FOOT</td>
<td>For her amazing attitude and artwork! Well done, Emily!</td>
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<td>CHARLOTTE STACEY</td>
<td>For consistently demonstrating an outstanding level of work ethic, completing all tasks to the best of her ability! You are a super star, Charlotte!</td>
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<td>JOSH JOVANOVSKI</td>
<td>Josh walks into the classroom ready to learn every day! He takes every opportunity to ask questions and complete his work to a high standard! Fantastic work, Josh!</td>
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<td>KIERA LLOYD</td>
<td>Kiera sets a fine example of doing her work to an exceptional standard! She has made the Senior transition wonderfully where she shows great responsibility! Clever, Kiera!</td>
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<td>RILEY JOHNSON</td>
<td>Riley consistently completes all learning task to an exceptionally high standard and ensures she uses her learning time effectively! Amazing, Riley!</td>
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<td>MIA TUCKER</td>
<td>Mia has shown dedication in the music classroom and works hard to complete tasks and practices songs on instruments! Well done, Mia!</td>
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### Manifold Heights Swimming Sports

Congratulations to the 63 students who competed in the Manifold Heights Swimming Sports at the Geelong College Recreation Centre last Friday. Many thanks to the parents and friends who came to support the students and also to the 19 parents who acted as officials on the day.

We have 27 students who have qualified to compete in the Division Championships at Kardinia Aquatic Centre on Friday 4th March. This is a great effort and we wish them well.

### Manifold Heights Primary School House Cross Country

The Manifold Heights Primary School House Cross Country will be held at the Fyansford Common on Wednesday 16th March. The Cross Country is for all students in the middle and senior grades.

We are seeking the help of parents to act as Officials on this day. If you are able to help, could you please let Mr Grant or the Office staff know. The first race will commence at 10:45am.

### Art Award

Kaisercraft are kindly sponsoring a weekly Art Award this term. Each week one student will receive a $20 Kaisercraft voucher. This week’s Art Award goes to:

**EMILY FOOT** - For her amazing attitude and artwork! Well done, Emily!

### Swimming Sports Timetable

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or avernon@bethany.org.au

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The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

Sharing Books with your Children gives them a Real Head Start in Life

Sharing books by reading out loud to your children can make a world of difference to them! We know reading helps the child and parent develop and strengthen a special bond. It helps younger children become familiar with sounds and words which help develop language and reading ability. It has a positive effect on brain development by stimulating curiosity, developing creativity and ideas. It also has a positive effect on social, communication and interpersonal skills.

Parents don’t even have to read, as just looking at pictures in a book can stir creativity and imagination and it teaches young children how to handle books the correct way! Often parents tell family stories with pictures that help the child learn about their family.

Books are also great for helping children deal with new or difficult situations, such as going to the doctor or dentist, or a school or preschool visit help the child learn about the world she or he lives in!

Recent Melbourne research proves that the more often you read to your children from an early age, the greater the positive effect on their reading and thinking skills. It was found that children four to five years old who are read to three to five times a week have the same reading ability as children six months older (who are read to only twice or less a week).

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Tips about Reading Together

- Make a routine and try to share at least one book every day.
- Turn off the TV or radio, and find a quiet place.
- Hold your child close or on your knee so she/he can see your face and the book.
- Try out funny noises and sounds – play and have fun!
- Involve your child by encouraging talk about the pictures, and phrases.
- Visit your local library – it’s free to join and borrow.
- Let your toddler choose the books when she/he’s old enough to start asking.
- Be prepared to read favourite books over and over again!
- Older children can share books with your younger children.

The Qkr! app is available for families of students at Manifold Heights Primary School. Qkr! by MasterCard can be downloaded for free from Apple’s app store for iPhones (iPads should download the iPhone app) or from Google Play for Android phones and tablets. After downloading the app and registering, simply scan the QR code on the top right using the Qkr! Code scanner or type MNPS after tapping the magnifying glass in the top right of the home screen of Qkr!, and then the app will always recognize you as part of Manifold Heights Primary School in future to make payments even easier.

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If you are having difficulty in downloading the app, a handy “How to” guide can be found on our school website www.manifold.vic.edu.au or can be obtained from the office.

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**OSHC school number:** 5229 7257

**Customer Service:** 1300 105 343

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