**Important Dates**

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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.

You can pay your excursions and other school payment items right now using Qkr! To make payments immediately why not download it today and take a look at our school on Qkr!

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.
News from Mr Rowland

The Carnivale is nearly here! Saturday March 19th 11am – 4pm
- Every second year Mano holds a Carnivale. Our previous Carnivales have been a huge success as both a community event and a major fundraiser for the school. All profits from these have been put back into improved resources and facilities for our children – things which support their learning programs and enhance their environment. Two recent examples would be the new playground next to the Gunyah and recent new shade sails and structures.

Thank you, thank you to all who have actively supported this year's Carnivale to date. Its only 2 weeks away!

The student body are very excited as this event gets closer and closer. Lots more help and support is required before the big day! We seek your assistance with the following:

- Selling raffle tickets, wine donations for the mystery wine stall, lucky jar donations, plant stall contributions, second hand books and toys, coloured hair spray for the crazy hair stall, blocks of chocolate and gifts which can be auctioned, to name a few ways,
- Class hampers,
- Plus offers of help on the day!

March 19th promises to be a fun and exciting day for our school community, please be a part of it – both before the 19th and on the day itself!

Art Show – 2016 Wooden Boat Festival of Geelong - Mrs (Ibu) Walker is supporting students to create some amazing pieces of themed Art Work for this event. This festival at the Royal Geelong Yacht Club will be held over the upcoming Labour Day weekend (Sat 12th to Mon 14th March). Amongst many activities, an Art Show will showcase local student art work and again Mano will feature positively in the Geelong community.

Building Your Child's Confidence

Building you child's confidence involves helping your child feel good about themselves and giving them the message they are a valuable, worthwhile person.

Confidence and belief in their own ability enables children to try new things without too much fear of failing.

Here are some ways to build your child's confidence:

- Tell your child frequently and sincerely that you love them.
- Give your child descriptive praise when they engage in behaviour you like. For example: 'Thank you for packing up your toys so well'.
- Show your child you value them by being available when they want to show you something or want to talk to you.
- Let you child know you value their opinion by listening to them.
- Support your child with their interests. For example: by looking at their work they bring home from school or by watching them play sport but avoid taking over or pressuring them.
- Support them to develop social skills by encouraging friendships.
- Help your child feel they are capable and needed in the family at a level appropriate to their age and skill level. Each child in the family might have a couple of jobs appropriate for their age. For example: setting the table, making their bed.
- If your child does the wrong thing avoid messages that globally label or attack the child. For example: focus on the behaviour rather than using words such as 'lazy', 'bad', 'stupid'. ‘You know the family rule is you hang your towel up after your bath’. By stating the behaviour you want you are being clear and avoiding emotional put-downs.
- Avoid labelling your child as 'shy.' Focus on the strengths your child has and teach them how to be sociable.
- Teach your children new skills at a level appropriate for their age. We are our children’s first teachers.
- Keep special family rituals. For example: story at bedtime, kiss goodbye, going for a Sunday bike ride, all these activities help your child know you value spending time with them.
- Celebrate achievements and successes.
- Show your child you have faith in them by helping them solve problems. If possible ask them their ideas about options then evaluate these with your child and together solve the problem.
- Show your child you believe in them and encourage them to try new things. Give them the message it is good to have a go and have fun.
- When your child makes a mistake see the mistake as something to learn from, mistakes are a normal part of life and the learning process.
- Set clear boundaries with your child that can help them feel safe and learn limits but also allow them to grow and develop an appropriate level of independence.

It is important as parents to look after yourselves and have fun, as parents we are role models for our children.

School Council election outcomes - At the close of nominations the number received matched the number of vacancies, so a ballot will not be required. Thank you to the ‘retiring’ School Council members and a big welcome to our new members.

Parent member appointments – Toby Cooper, Donna Woods, Ellen Csar, and Helen Jones.

DET employee appointment – Peta Mundine.

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for 7.30pm Monday 21st March and the AGM will also be held on this night.

Family Maths puzzle - A snail creeps 10 metres up a wall during the daytime. After all the effort it does throughout the day, it stops to rest a while... but falls asleep! The next morning it wakes up and discovers that it has slipped down 6 metres while sleeping.

If this happens every day, how many days will the snail take to reach the top of a wall 26 metres in height?

AND

Are you into Reading Eggs and Mathletics online at home? If not ask your child for the log in details – it’s awesome fun and educational at the same time!

Last day of term 1 - This fast approaching day is Thursday 24th March and classes will finish at 2.30pm Lunchtime on this day will be adjusted, to be slightly earlier.

Next Working Bee – Sunday 10th April 9-11 am - Our Working Bees conducted on the Sunday morning before each term commences have been a great success. Each time a specific area of the school is targeted to make enhancements to and parent helpers have tackled various tasks enthusiastically. We hope you keep this date free and can join us!

Barry Rowland
Principal
PBLAILA COSTIN - For always working quietly and completing her work to an excellent standard! Congratulations, Laila!

PHJAKE LIEBICH - Jake is a very responsible and hard working student who always completes his work to a fabulous standard! You're a star, Jake!

PTJACOB DARGUE - For always settling quickly into the task at hand and completing the work to a high standard! You are a superstar, Jake!

JBEVAN MILNE - Evan is a responsible member of JB and is a great role model to his peers! He always has a 'red hot go' and never settles for anything but his best! Well done, Evan!

JCTAYLOR COLLINS - Taylor's attitude to all of the tasks she undertakes is extraordinary! Your respect and manners towards everybody is fantastic!

JFNIC SPANNINGA - Nic listens carefully and will always 'have a go' doing his best work before asking for help! Fabulous work, Nic!

JHWILL SAVCIN - Will has stayed focused on all his Numeracy tasks this week demonstrating great use of Australian money and finishing all tasks on time! Great work, William!

JOETHAN GRIEVE - Ethan makes the most of his learning time by focussing on the required activity! Keep up the fantastic work, Ethan!

JSMARCUS OMANT - Marcus ensures that his Just Right Reading book is on his table every day before leaving to go outside for lunch play! Magnificent job Marcus!

MAEMMA MATHIESON - Emma is a kind and caring member of MA. She is very community minded and gives wonderful insights into social issues. Awesome Emma!

MGNICK LLOYD - For always settling down to work quickly, and putting 100% into everything he does!

MHPERRA KEARNEY - For trying extremely hard during our maths focus on time! Great work, Peppa!

MRTOBIAS LINGUEY - Tobias has been a very responsible and hardworking student in MR! Tobias you're always contributing great ideas to our class discussions! Keep up the hard work!

MSHOLLY NANKERVIS - Holly has made an AWESOME start to her life at Mano! She is an absolute asset to our classroom, sharing her terrific ideas and always making the most of her learning time! Holly, we're thrilled to have you on board!

SBSHARNI GRAY - For taking responsibility of her learning by working hard to efficiently and effectively complete her place value goal! Keep up the great work Sharni!

SEEMILY SUTER - Emily has taken responsibility of her own learning and ran away with it! Watching you 'unleashing your potential' every day is so exciting to see! Keep up your amazing work ethic!

SVKOBE DOWIE - If the word responsibility was able to choose a best friend it would most certainly be Kobe! He absolutely does what is expected of him and sets a fine example while he’s at it! Sensational, Kobes!

SWMAX FRIEDRICH-ERLACHER - Max has had an exceptional week in the classroom and has been making the most of his learning time and displaying the 5L's during floor time! Magnificent, Max!

MUSICTI RAKATAU - Ti has been an incredibly focused learner in music and worked hard to perform our Irish Folk song on the marimba! Also, thank you for dealing with the cockroach! Stay awesome, Ti!

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.

Cross Country Timetable
10:45am - Boys 10 years and under
11:15am - Girls 10 years and under
11:45am - Boys 12/13 years
12:05pm - Girls 12/13 years
12:20pm - Boys 11 years
12:40pm - Girls 11 years

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:

CARA FLETCHER - For her confident approach and creative work!

Absences - Please remember to telephone the office and speak to one of the lovely office ladies when your child is absent from school or you are aware of a prior engagement. Alternatively you can download our SkoolBag app and fill out the Absence form on there. Our procedure is to enter absences onto the system so this can then be reconciled with the teachers’ online Roll.
This year we are having exciting ‘Themed Hampers’ as part of our Silent Auction / Raffle Area at the Mano Carnivale.

We are still looking for a lot of donations and we would greatly appreciate it if each student could please donate at least one item to put into their class themed hamper as listed. Some ideas are included but you can be as creative as you like.

Take a look at what some schools have been donating to their hampers.

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<td>Arts &amp; crafts, textas/pencils, colouring books, inside/outside games, card games, packets of cake mix, baking utensils, music/DVDs, popcorn, food, snacks, books/magazines, fishing/ camping/ swimming items, beach items, sports items,</td>
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<td>JUNIORS (Grades 1 &amp; 2)</td>
<td>“HOUSE &amp; GARDEN”</td>
<td>Aprons, tea towels, candles, soaps, bath sets, hand creams, hand towels, tea/coffee, mugs, teapot, biscuit cutters, baking utensils, packets of cake mix, cookbooks, magazines Gardening gloves, tools, pots, watering can, planters, outdoor candles, gardening books, packets of seeds.</td>
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<td>“GOURMET ENTERTAINER”</td>
<td>Savoury nibble items, biscuits/crackers, jars of antipasto, gourmet oils, spices, sauces, spreads, tinned oysters, cheese boards, cheese knives, travel blanket, plastic wine glasses, beers/wines, cookbooks, chocolate, after dinner mints, crockery.</td>
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<td>Cards, wrapping paper, bows/ribbons, balloons, decorations, party poppers, glow sticks, sparklers, cake decorations, toys for presents, party games, packets of chips, lollies, chocolate, party lights, patty pans.</td>
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Customer Service: 1300 105 343

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- Raising a family
- Career changes
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