**Important Dates**

**MARCH**
- Thurs 24th: Term 1 Ends - 2:30pm finish

**APRIL**
- Mon 11th: Term 2 Begins
- Fri 15th: Juniors to the YMCA
- Mon 18th: Geelong West District Cross Country
- Weds 20th – Thurs 21st: Juniors to the YMCA
- Fri 22nd: Curriculum Day
- Mon 25th: ANZAC Day Holiday - No School
- Weds 27th - Fri 29th: Juniors to the YMCA

**MAY**
- Mon 2nd - Fri 6th: Book Fair in the Library
- Tues 10th: NAPLAN - Gr 3 & 5 students
- Weds 11th: NAPLAN - Gr 3 & 5 students
- Thurs 12th: NAPLAN - Gr 3 & 5 students
- Mon 16th - Fri 20th: Education Week!
- Mon 16th: Pyjama Day!
- Tues 17th: Open Day - Tours at 9:30am & again at 12pm
- Weds 18th: Werribee Zoo - Gr 5 students
- Tues 17th - Fri 20th: Grade 6 Maldon Camp
News from Mr Rowland

The Carnivale – what a day! What a wonderful community event that was held last Saturday! We wish to thank the many, many supporters who made it all possible.

Despite some cool and threatening weather, a huge crowd enjoyed our rides, food, entertainment and goods on sale from various stalls. Our students loved the huge variety of things to do, to see, to eat, to watch and to buy. Many have helped our Carnivale before the day, on the day and since in the days after.

A big special mentions to our 3 key School Council parent Carnivale team members – Kelly Blake, Anita Elliott and Cath Johnson.

These ladies coordinated and created such a memorable school event, which when final payments, reimbursement and accounts are settled, a result of in excess of $20,000 is expected. WOW!

So if you attended, donated goods, purchased raffle tickets, placed a bid for a hamper, dunked a teacher, helped with donations, spent your money, helped pack up, worked on a stall or whatever your contribution was – out students thank you sincerely!

Winners of major raffle prizes:
- Bronwyn Armstrong - Laptop
- Heidi Tarka - Trampoline
- Mr B Harbison - D’Altons Resort
- Tamsyn Dukkie - Champagne & Movie Tickets
- Nick Szakier - Woolmunda Post Cottage

The Coles/Mano Carnivale Colouring Competition was won by:
- PREPS: Angie Graham
- JUNIORS: Bailey Cleland
- MIDDLES: Danielle Colmenares
- SENIORS: Giorgia Villardos

School Council appointments - At last week’s Council meeting we welcomed our new members and thanked our retiring members. Appointments were also made for the following 12 months and I have great pleasure in announcing the following:

- President: Gywn Morrison
- Vice President: Anita Elliott
- Treasurer: Mark Sears

A special staff wedding - During the upcoming Easter holidays Ms Boyle and Mr Seeckts are getting married. We wish them a great day and a wonderful life together as a married couple. I know students from their current classes are especially excited for them. Both will return on the first day of term 2.

Team Holiday’s Easter holiday program - Operating from our multi-purpose room over the Easter holidays will be a holiday program for local young people.

Details can be found on the Team Holiday website: http://www.teamholiday.com.au/

Congratulations Olivia - At the recent Regional interschool swimming carnival at Kardinia pool, Olivia Platt came second in the Under 12/13 Breaststroke event. This is fabulous result and well deserved given how dedicated she is to her swimming.

Working Bee - Our next working bee will be held on the last day of the holidays - SUNDAY APRIL 10th 9-11 am. Hope to see you there!

Student Leaders for Term 2 appointed - With great pleasure we announced our term 2 Student Leaders at Mondays assembly. Congratulations to the following students:

- School captains: Kobe Dowie and Charlotte Stacey
- Manifold: Lily McDonald
- Purrumbete: Emily Sutter
- Narmbool: Mia Tucker
- Strachan: Matty Jones
- Leadership team: Riley Hanrahan and Rhys McWaters

Term 1 Unleashing Potential award winners - Also at our most recent weekly assembly those students who were nominated by each team as the outstanding students of term 1 were presented.

These awards are known as the ‘Unleashing Potential’ awards.

- Seniors: Poppy Keegan SV.
- Middles: Amelia Richardson / Henry Reed.
- Juniors: Emily Richmond JH.
- Prep: Patrick Cooper PH.

At Mano we have students of the week from each class but also one student from each team who had displayed throughout the term terrific enthusiasm for learning, has made great personal growth and embraces their learning each and every day. Congratulations to the students noted above.

Parent Helpers

All parent helpers are required to have a current Working With Children Check. Applications can be made online at http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/. Parents will be required to complete the application form online, print the application summary and receipt which must be printed on single-sided A4 pages without any scaling or cropping. Do not sign the application summary before lodging, this will be need to be done whilst in store at Australia Post. When you have successfully lodged your application at Australia Post, your receipt will be stamped and returned to you. You can use this receipt to prove to organisations that you have applied for a Check. Once your card arrives in the mail please supply a copy of the card to the Office. There is no cost for Volunteer Working With Children Checks (a passport photo is required).

Further information about how to apply and what is required can be found at http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/applications/lodging+your+application/

Working With Children Checks will only be processed at some Australia Post outlets. Local outlets include:
- Belmont Post Shop – 2a Corio Street, Belmont
- Corio Post Shop – Shop 32, 83a Purnell Road, Corio
- Geelong West LPO – 210b Pakington Street, Geelong West
- Geelong Post Shop – 99 Moorabool Street, Geelong
- Geelong North LPO – 201 Thompson Road, Bell Park
- Highton LPO – Shop 4, 75 Barrabool Road, Highton

If you need help with your application please contact Jessie or Anna in the Office on 5229 9643.

Jessie Burney
Business Manager
THANK YOU

to everyone who helped make our 2016 Mano Carnivale a SUCCESS!
Sports Report

Cross Country

The Manifold Heights House Cross Country was held last Wednesday at the Fyansford Common, Fyansford. Congratulations to all of the students who competed and many thanks to the parents who were able to act as officials on the day. Thank you to the parents and friends who were able to come along and support the students on the day.

Results:

Girls 9 Years
1st Imogen O'Shanessey
2nd Annabelle Stacey
3rd Erin Castle

Boys 9 Years
1st Nicholas Thornton
2nd Jacob Thomson
3rd Benjamin Dimovski

Girls 10 Years
1st Katelyn Mulholland
2nd Alaska Dowie
3rd Johanna Ivey

Boys 10 Years
1st Arlin Benson
2nd Izak Parkhurst
3rd Chas Herni

Girls 11 Years
1st Lily McDonald
2nd Riley Johnson
3rd Julia Burrows

Boys 11 Years
1st Matthew Jones
2nd Mason McKenzie
3rd Rhys McWaters

Girls 12/13 Years
1st Ally Sears
2nd Emily Bliss
3rd Mia Tucker

Boys 12/13 Years
1st Alexander O'Shanessey
2nd Kobe Dowie
3rd Tom Thornton

Western Region Swimming Championships

The Western Region Swimming Championships were held at the Kardinia Aquatic Centre on Wednesday 22nd March. Manifold Heights had three students who Qualified for this event. Is is a great achievement to reach this level of competition and we congratulate Olivia Platt, Rhys McWaters and Zac McInnes on their Achievements.

Results:

Olivia Platt 2nd Girls 12/13 Breaststroke
Rhys McWaters 11th Boys 11 Breaststroke
Zac McInnes 8th Boys 10 Years Freestyle 7th Boys 10 Years Breaststroke

State Little Athletics Results

Congratulations to Mason McKenzie (SB) and Ebony McLean on their performance in the State Little Athletics Championships on the 19th & 20th March.

Results

Mason McKenzie Triple Jump 8th
Long Jump 15th

Ebony McLean 200m 11th
Triple Jump 7th

General Reminders

- Unfortunately head lice is a common problem in school aged children. We have had a few reported cases of head lice throughout the school already this year. Please make sure you check your child’s head AT LEAST once a week.

- When paying for an Excursion please ensure you provide the Permission note and Payment together. If you have payed via Qkr, BPay or you know you have a Credit on your account please write “Qkr”, “BPay” or “Credit” on the permission note.

- You can download our Skoolbag app for FREE at the App Store (iPhones) or Google Play Store (Android). Just search Manifold Heights Primary. This is a great method of communication between the school and our parent community!

- Order your new Entertainment™ Book or Entertainment™ Digital Membership before 12 April 2016 and you will receive up to $190 worth of additional offers that you can use right away! This is a great fundraiser for us as we make $12 per book!

- Did you know Qkr! By Mastercard can be downloaded for free from the App or Google Play store. It is free to use and you can pay for various school excursions/activities and fundraising events right away! No need to wait. If you are having any difficulty downloading the app, a handy “How to” guide can be found on the school website.
Mano’s before and after school care program is run by Camp Australia. More information can be found at www.campaustralia.com.au

OSHC school number: 5229 7257
Customer Service: 1300 105 343

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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

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