**Mano TIMES**

**Manifold Heights Primary School Newsletter**

**Date:** 11th November, 2016

**Principal:** Barry Rowland  
**Assistant Principal:** Peta Mundine  
**Business Manager:** Jessie Burney  
**Administration:** Anna Clausen

## Important Dates

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### 2017 Essential Student Learning Items & Booklists

Invoices for Essential Student Learning Items and the Parent Payment Letter have now been sent to families via post! Look out for this in your mail box.

**Essential Student Learning Items - $140.00 per student**

Includes your child’s Student Diary, Mathletics & Reading Eggs Online Subscriptions, Photocopied Resources, Assignment & Project Construction Materials and selected Sports activities for Middles and Seniors students.

Payment of the Essential Student Learning Items can be made directly to Vital Office with the Book Lists online or directly to the school via Qkr, Bpay, Credit Card, Eftpos, Cheque or Cash. We request payment for the Essential Student Learning Items is made by the **end of Term 1, Friday 31st March 2017**.

**Book Lists- Variable**

- Prep - $63.29  
- Juniors - $69.69  
- Middles - $47.17  
- Seniors - $58.84

Vital Office will provide the schools stationary packs again in 2017. All stationary items required by each year level will be listed online, login details will be included in the 2017 Parent Payments letter which will be distributed early next week. All stationary packs will be **delivered directly to the school** the week prior to school commencing in 2017, eliminating home delivery fees. To ensure your order is delivered to the school the week prior to school commencing in 2017 please ensure your order is placed by **Tuesday 20th December 2016**.

All book list orders received after Tuesday 20th December 2016 will incur a delivery fee of $5.00 per book list. Orders that are placed late may not be available for delivery the week prior to school commencing in 2017.

Please note payments for 2017 Essential Student Learning Items and Booklist orders are not able to be made until **Monday 7th November 2016**.

Jessie Burney  
Business Manager
News from Mr Rowland

Walkathon report - Last Friday on a lovely spring day our students participated in our annual walkathon.

Students walked safely and sensibly to and from Elderslie Reserve, where a BBQ lunch was enjoyed by all and some fun games were participated in. The excellent support of many parents helped this big event to be successful.

We also note the efforts of students to sign up sponsors for their participation and return these by Friday 11th November.

I also acknowledge the organisational efforts of Mr Seeckts, who took on responsibility for this event and ensured it was most positive and memorable.

Building refurbishment works moving forward - Our appointed architects (Wendy Hastrich – who were just awarded a 2016 Victorian School Design Award for Best School Project Below $1 million) are significantly progressing our plans for the major refurbishment of the Junior / Administration building. We should be quite excited to see how this building will be brought into the 21st century (it was built some 90 years ago!) when works commence next year– possibly around Easter time. There will be some months of disruption but in the long run the result of this $839,000 grant promises to be awesome!

Prep / Junior Sports Day - Held at Peter Lowe Reserve this was a fabulous session, thoroughly enjoyed by our Prep and Junior students. Many students from our Seniors supported the range of fun and physical activities, showing great leadership and patience. Even our new school purchase of a drone got a run! Helping our students to further develop skills and to have ‘fun with play’, was the objective. We again thank the parents who helped out on this morning and to Ms Walton for terrific planning of this ‘half of school event’.

Students at Mano ‘step up’ – Today we all had a little practice for 2017 – stepping up into the following grade level. We also welcomed back our 2017 Preps (71 students) for their 3rd transition visit. It is important for students to prepare for 2017 (many current Grade 6s are beginning transition visits to their secondary 2017 destination schools) and this session today will be followed by a more formal session in December (this will be in confirmed 2017 class groups, with confirmed 2017 teachers and in confirmed 2017 classrooms).

In particular we are mindful of the care needed to support students who will move communities / buildings for the new school year – Prep into Juniors, Grade 2s into Middles and Grade 4s into Seniors.

Swimming program starts Monday November 14th - Our Preps and Juniors commence a 2 week swimming program at the Geelong College pool, Newtown.

This requires lots of organisation and planning, as we take 180 students to and from the pool each day and each student participates in small groups in the pool according to ability. We appreciate parental support for this big fortnight by ensuring students are fully prepared for each day.

Barry Rowland
Principal

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) 2017

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

Parents or legal guardians are required to complete a CSEF application form and lodge it with the Office for processing. Application forms should be completed and lodged with schools by 3rd March 2017, as payments are made from March. However schools will be able to accept and process applications up until the end of term two each year. Contact the office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef.

Please ensure a copy of your means-tested concession card is provided with your CSEF application form. If you were eligible and received CSEF in 2016 please ensure a new application form is completed for 2017 prior to 3rd March 2017.

Jessie Burney,
Business Manager

Road Safety

A concern has been brought to our attention regarding students crossing the road unsafely. If you are picking a student up from school, please ensure that you are safely crossing the road WITH your student and not calling them across the road in front of heavy traffic.

We are fortunate with the 40km/h zones right around the school and we can be thankful that no one was hurt.

2016 MANO YEAR BOOK

At the start of December we will be selling the first Manifold Heights Primary School Year Book. This features a double page spread for every class, graduating students and staff profiles and photo pages celebrating events throughout the school year. The books will cost $20 each. Samples of other schools year books can be viewed at the Office if you would like to get an idea of what they will look like.

Stay tuned for where and how you can purchase them!

Dana Ellis.

Walkathon Sponsorship forms are due back by tomorrow (Fri 14th). A big thank you to our sponsors who have supported our students. We really do appreciate the sponsorship and the funds our students have collected already!

To our students - please extend a thank you to all of your sponsors and keep those forms coming in!
Art Award
Kaisercraft are kindly sponsoring a weekly Art Award this term. Each week one student will receive a $10 Kaisercraft voucher. This week’s Art Award goes to:

Kasem Potter - For his great Art work and his helpful ways!

School Sport Victoria Raffle
Raffle Tickets to help fund School Sport Victoria team members who have been selected in Victorian Teams are available at the School Office.

The Raffle tickets are $2 per ticket

Raffle Prizes include:

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As well as possibly winning a prize you are also helping to support one of our students, Ebony McLean, who has been selected to support Victoria in the S.S.V. track and field team! This is an amazing opportunity for Ebony and it would be equally amazing if we could show support to get her to Sydney.

Colouring in Competition winners!
A big congratulations to Angus Cooper from JS for winning the City of Greater Geelong Colouring in competition. Angus will be one of three students who will be flicking the switch to turn on Geelong’s floating Christmas Tree tomorrow night @ 7:30pm! Well done, Angus!

Another congratulations goes to Morgan Blake from JC who won the Australia Supercross Championships Colouring Competition. Morgan was very lucky and won two tickets to the Supercross Championships at the Avalon Raceway last weekend!

Well done to both of our Mano students for winning these colouring in competitions!
Chaplain’s Corner - M&M club
(Milo & Mindfulness)

Started this Monday the 7th of November at 8:30am, and every following Monday, we’ll be running the M&M club in the Prep building. M&M stands for Milo and Mindfulness.

All students are invited to drop in from 8:30am onwards to have a cup of Milo and join in some mindfulness activities which will be held in the prep building.

The M&M club is a great way to have a positive and calm start to the school week. The M&M club provides companionship, a relaxing and safe environment as well as non-stressful school start.

If your child/children struggle attending school or entering the classroom, the M&M club is designed to help your child/children calm down before school starts. Come any time between 8:30-9:00am and de-stress the school drop off for you and your child/children.

M&M club is designed to assist the young people at Mano deal with the stress, pressure and challenges of school and daily life. Milo is a great start to any day! Also, Mindfulness helps us look after our mind, and build mental health and wellbeing, through positive interactions, activities, exercises and environment.

If this is something you would like to do yourself, or at home with your family, I highly recommend Smiling Minds.

For any questions, concerns or if you just would like to have a chat or have a great idea please come talk to the chaplain.

The chaplain is available Monday to Tuesday, 8:30-4:00pm. I look forward to getting to know you and your family and supporting your child/children through their time at Mano.

The M&M club, Mondays at 8:30am onwards, Prep Building!

Sincerely,
Jesse Winter
School Chaplain

Sports News

Cricket

The Boys Cricket Team played Herne Hill yesterday in the final of the Geelong West District Sports Association. This final was played yesterday due to a washout last week. The boys played very well to progress to the Division Finals to be held at Kardinia Park next Monday, 14th November. Congratulations boys and good luck next week!

Result:
Manifold Heights 1 for 173       d.       Herne Hill 7 for 87

Ball Games Day

The Ball Games day will be held at Herne Hill Primary School next Friday 18th November. All students in the Middle and Senior grades will be competing for Manifold Heights Primary School. Students will walk down to Minerva Road to Herne Hill Primary School. The Middle grades will compete between 9:30 and 11am and the Senior grades between 11:30am and 1:15pm.

Geelong North Division Cricket Championships - Thursday 3rd November
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

- ‘We make kids smile’

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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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!