**MANIFOLD HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

**Date: 17th November, 2016**

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

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

**NOVEMBER**

- Mon 14th – Fri 25th: Prep & Junior Swimming
- Fri 18th: Ball Games Day at Herne Hill Primary School
- Weds 23rd: Blue Light Disco - senior students
- Thurs 24th: Afternoon Concert - 5-6pm in the multipurpose room *(more information page 2)*
- Weds 30th: Queenscliff Bike Ride - Parent Helper meeting @ 3:45pm in the Senior Hub

**DECEMBER**

- Fri 1st: Prep BBQ - *more information to come*
- Sat 3rd: Mano Community Garden Food Swap
- Mon 5th: Grade 6 Graduation Practice
- Tues 6th: 4th Prep transition - 9:30-11am
- Thurs 8th: Grade 6 Graduation  
  Reports to go home
- Fri 9th: Whole School step up *(morning only)*
- Mon 5th: Grade 6 Graduation Practice
- Fri 9th: Mano Parents Night Out - 7:30pm at the Barking Dog
- Thurs 15th - Fri 16th: Queenscliff Bike Ride - grade 5/6's
- Tues 20th: Term 4 Ends - 9am assembly at 1:30pm finish

**JANUARY**

- Mon 30th: Staff return and General Office open

**FEBRUARY**

- Weds 1st: First day back for grade 1-6 students
- Thurs 2nd: First day for Prep students
News from Mr Rowland

Prep and Junior swimming program - This 2 week program has commenced most positively and students are really engaging with their sessions and instructors.

The Geelong College pool is a terrific venue for our program and their staff are to be commended for their caring and patient natures.

Mr Quinlan has spent many hours planning for this program and I acknowledge his organisational efforts.

Parental support has been most evident and appreciated, ensuring students are ready have their swimming gear each day.

Students have also been enjoying the parental presence at the pool each day.

In line with the new Ministerial Order No. 870 - Child Safe Standards - Managing the risk of child abuse in schools: we have put in place additional arrangements to do all that is possible to ensure our children are safe and feel safe during pool visits.

This has meant ensuring that adult supervision in changing rooms has been limited to school staff and only those parent helpers who have current Working With Children Checks.

Our objective to make sure that children are safe, parents are protected from possible awkward situations and that Government policy is adhered to. I am sure that our school community will be supportive of these objectives. Any parents wishing to discuss this with me can call in anytime to do so.

Our students have been doing a great job maximising their time in the pool each day and then changing after each session promptly – for some this has been a challenge but they are ‘learning by doing’.

Given our proximity to the coast / bay, building the confidence and competency of our students regarding water safety is so incredibly important. And so far I don’t think we have lost too many items of clothing!

Student Reports - Teachers have begun the complex and demanding process of creating these Reports.

Reports are due to be issued to parents on THURSDAY 8th of DECEMBER.

On Friday December 9th all students will participate in a ‘step up day’ – in their 2017 class group, with their 2017 confirmed teacher (as indicated on the Report from the day before), in their new 2017 classroom.

Many hours have been spent creating 2017 class groupings, considering parental requests, student preferences and current staff suggestions.

Start of the 2017 school year - Some advanced notification regarding ‘Day 1’ 2017.

- Teachers and Support staff return MONDAY JANUARY 30th
- Students commence 9am WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1st.
- Prep students commence school THURSDAY FEBRUARY 2nd (Prep students are exempt from school each Wednesdays during their first Term of schooling and will not attend school on these days)

Barry Rowland
Principal

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:
1st Suzuki Swift (car) $23,000
2nd Travel/Accommodation $10,000
3rd 139cm L.G. Curved TV $3,000
4th Home Entertainment Package $2,696

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.

Last day to purchase raffle tickets is tomorrow (Friday 18th).

Afternoon Concert - Thursday 24th November

Next Thursday in the Multipurpose Room, the Purrumbeats, Singing Group and Ukulele Club will be performing in a short concert to celebrate the end of the year.

The concert will start at 5pm and will conclude at approximately 6pm. The ensembles will be performing a variety of works including pop songs, Christmas carols and a whole school sing along “Let It Play”.

Year books have now sold out. However, due to high demand we have decided to put through a second order of 100 books. These books will be delivered on Wednesday 7th December. If you would like to place an order please do so at the office, along with payment.
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

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<th>PB</th>
<th>ELOISE PALMER</th>
<th>Eloise always works quietly to complete some excellent work and helping and respecting those working around her! Keep it up, Eloise!</th>
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<tr>
<td>PH</td>
<td>VANESSA JOVANOFSKI</td>
<td>Vanessa is respectful of her classmates, concentrating and working quietly on her own tasks and allowing others to do the same! Well done, Vanessa!</td>
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<td>PT</td>
<td>MILLA GARLEY</td>
<td>Milla is always working hard at her table ensuring those around her can make the most of their learning time! Marvellous, Milla!</td>
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<td>JB</td>
<td>JAMES DIMOVSKI</td>
<td>James has been using the most of his learning time by focusing on the task at hand, working quietly and allowing others to work! Well done, James!</td>
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<td>JC</td>
<td>TAYLOR COLLINS</td>
<td>In JC Taylor has demonstrated terrific understanding for the need to be focussed and ready for optimal learning! Amazing, Taylor!</td>
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<td>JF</td>
<td>MAMNUUN MAHBUB HAQUE</td>
<td>Mamnuun has a positive attitude to everything to do with school! He work shows an excellent range of ideas! Fabulous work, Mamnuun!</td>
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<td>JH</td>
<td>WILLIAM SAVCIN</td>
<td>William demonstrates every Numeracy session the great qualities of a respectful worker. He shows an eagerness to concentrate and do his best and allow those around him to work. Ripper work, William!</td>
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<td>JO</td>
<td>OSCAR RIXON</td>
<td>Oscar is considerate and respectful towards other students by working quietly at the table! You're very thoughtful Oscar!</td>
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<td>JS</td>
<td>HUNTAH DINGLEY</td>
<td>Huntah makes sure to help out those around her during independent working time! She often makes suggestions to her friends on which snazzy words to use in their writing! High five, Huntah!</td>
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<td>MA</td>
<td>LEAH McMULLAN</td>
<td>Leah always makes good learning choices, during floor time she listens intently, during independent work she makes the most of her learning time and during group work she is an amazing team member! Legend Leah!</td>
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<td>MG</td>
<td>JACK GRECO</td>
<td>For ensuring he is always focused on the task at hand and allowing those around him to learn. Jack is also more than happy to lend a hand if his peers require assistance.</td>
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<td>MH</td>
<td>AHSEN IMRAN</td>
<td>Ahsen is a considerate and helpful student in Middle H. He makes the most of his learning time and is always helping others when needed! Keep it up Ahsen!</td>
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<td>MR</td>
<td>KITAHNEE ENRIGHT</td>
<td>Kitahnee stays focussed on the task at hand at all times and is an exceptional role model to others. She allows others around her to make the most of their learning time! Keep up the hard work!</td>
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<td>MS</td>
<td>ZARA ELLIOTT</td>
<td>Zara has consistently shown that she cares for her peers in a sensitive and appropriate way! She shows qualities that not only make her a good classmate, but a great friend! Good on you, Zara!</td>
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<td>SB</td>
<td>HAROLD WALKER</td>
<td>Harold is an exceptional role model when it comes to making the most of his learning time, allowing others to learn and assisting others to do the same!</td>
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<td>SE</td>
<td>MIRANDA EXCELL-BRUCe</td>
<td>Miranda sets about her work every day modelling high expectations and allowing other students to work around her! Magnificent Miranda!</td>
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<td>SV</td>
<td>SHAYLA ROMEYN</td>
<td>Shayla knows that everyone learns differently and she allows all her peers to work by respecting their individual learning styles! Sensational, Shayla!</td>
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<td>SW</td>
<td>LIAM FLETCHER</td>
<td>Liam always makes sure that he is using the class sound-o-meter to identify the voice he needs to be using and they type of learning style the lesson requires. This ensures that Liam allows the others around him to learn! Wonderful, Liam!</td>
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<td>MUSIC</td>
<td>AIMEE WHYTE</td>
<td>Aimee is always respectful in Music and allows others to learn, while also concentrating hard on her own work, particularly when playing the ukulele! Well done, Aimee!</td>
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**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:

**Poppy Keegan** - For her unique and creative approach to her Art work!

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**Mano Christmas Tree**

Look out for our City of Greater Geelong Christmas Tree. The trees are displayed in the mall area and some of them are inside the foyer of the mall entrance to the Market Square shops.

Lots of students have made wonderful decorations for the tree and all students are represented with their first name on the base of the tree. It is well worth a look!

Thank-you
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**Victorian State Schools Spectacular**

A special broadcast with the behind the scenes highlights will air on Saturday 3rd December at 7pm on channel 7! It will also be simulcast via livestreaming on the PLUS7 app and will be available on the PLUS7 catch-up website for 30 days from the broadcast date!
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