## Important Dates

### NOVEMBER

**Mon 14th – Fri 25th**
- Prep & Junior Swimming

**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
- Carnivale Working Group Meeting - 6:30pm in the Staffroom

**Fri 9th**
- Whole School step up *(morning only)*
- Mano Parents Night Out - 7:30pm at the Barking Dog

**Thurs 15th - Fri 16th**
- Queenscliff Bike Ride - grade 5/6’s

**Mon 19th**
- No Assembly

**Tues 20th**
- End of Term 4 - 9am assembly. Students are encouraged to be picked up after assembly at around about 10:45am.

### 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 / Junior swimming program - This 2 week program proceeded exceptionally well, with reports from the Geelong College pool staff strongly commending our students and staff for their cooperation and teamwork.

It was very pleasing to see the gradual progress achieved and confidence building each session, with water and safety skills. This is such a vital aspect of our curriculum. Students, I’m confident, have learnt a great deal not just about swimming and water safety – remembering their gear each day, getting changed promptly out of wet gear, having adjusted snack times and following instructions from ‘new staff’ (swimming instructors in the water).

A big thank you to parents, who in many varied ways, have supported our swimming program and a well done to Mr Quinlan on his organisation and coordination of this.

Building Fund projects - Many families have been in a position to donate towards this 2016 tax free Building Fund and we thank them most sincerely.

School Council have endorsed the following 2 projects to be funded with some of these funds:
- Shade sail above sandpit to be taken down, cleaned and repaired.
- Mural to be painted on external western wall of After School Care building, adjacent to new playground.

Donations to the Building Fund in 2017 will be used to make other projects a reality, giving direct benefits to our students and programs. Ideas are welcomed for 2017 Building Fund related projects.

Prep / Junior playground - This playground is at long last finished (well almost)! Fundraising profits have made it a reality – thank you.

We are seeking a little team of helpers to work with John (gardener / handyman) to spread 4 cubic metres of softfall mulch and to begin repainting the refurbished cubby house – at 9.30am on MONDAY NOVEMBER 28th (after Assembly). Please consider coming along to help, all tools and equipment provided.

Parents and Helpers morning tea - Staff (teaching and Support) would like to show their appreciation for the wonderful support we receive during the school year by putting on a morning tea for ‘parents and helpers’. This will be Monday December 12th from 11am in the staffroom. All are very, very welcome!

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Barry Rowland
Principal

Afternoon Concert - Thursday 24th November

This afternoon in the Multipurpose Room, the Purrumbbeats, 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.

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Mano’s very own ‘Manolicious’ cookbook is now available for order!

The cookbooks are selling for $25 each OR $20 each if you purchase 3 or more.

Payment can be made in full to the School Office by Tuesday 6th December. At the moment no delivery date has been set, but the books will be ready just in time for Christmas!

Please contact the office for more information 03 5229 9643
Shayla Romeyn - For her outstanding work! Amazing!

Mano Christmas Tree

Look out for our City of Greater Geelong Christmas Tree. The trees are displayed in the mall area and ours is in 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, Ibu Walker

Ball Games Day

Last Friday, 18th November, the Middle and Senior students travelled to Herne Hill Primary School to compete in the Geelong West District Primary Schools’ Ball Games Day. Congratulations to all students on your effort and sportsmanship and the way in which you competed. Many thanks to the staff for your coaching, organisation and efforts in supervising the students.

Results:

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Badminton

Congratulations to Shayla Romeyn who last week was awarded The Most Improved Junior Perpetual Trophy for 2016 from the Badminton Geelong Association. All at Manifold Heights are very proud of you Shayla and we wish you well in your future Badminton efforts!
Come along and enjoy the fun with
rides & showbags
great food & drinks too
Santa & his Wonderland
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