## Important Dates

### DECEMBER

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<td>Reports to go home</td>
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<td>Fri 9th</td>
<td>Whole School step up (morning only)</td>
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<td>Mano Parents Night Out - 7:30pm at the Barking Dog</td>
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<td>Tues 13th</td>
<td>Middles to Supatramp</td>
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<td>Weds 14th</td>
<td>Juniors to Sparrow Park - 11:30am-1:40pm</td>
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<td>Thurs 15th - Fri 16th</td>
<td>Queenscliff Bike Ride - grade 5/6's</td>
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<td>Prep/Junior Movie Day - “Sing”</td>
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<td>End of Term 4 - 9am assembly. Students are encouraged to be picked up after assembly at around about 10:45am.</td>
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<td>Mon 30th</td>
<td>Staff return and General Office open</td>
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### FEBRUARY

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<td>Weds 1st</td>
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<td>First day for Prep students</td>
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News from Mr Rowland

Student Reports issued and Step Up day tomorrow - This afternoon students will bring home their end of year Reports, which will also include details of their 2017 classes.

I have had the pleasure of reading and signing all of these Reports and can see significant learning growth achieved across our school community this year.

2017 Classes will operate Friday December 9th from 9:10am until 1:30pm. This will give current students an opportunity to meet their new class groups, new teacher and spend some time in their new rooms. We have processed many, many requests regarding student groupings for 2017 and feel that the final class lists acknowledge both needs and preferences.

2017 staffing positions confirmed - Prep team: Lisa Helmore, Tom Quinlan, Karyn Bath (Leading Teacher).


Seniors Team: Sharon Seeckts, Nathan Gibson, Sam Valentine, Nathan Seeckts.

Specialist Team:
Science - Jessica Jehu (Middles and Seniors)
Library - Sue Bencic (Prep and Juniors)
P.E. - Bree Walton (Prep and Juniors)
P.E. - Rod Grant (Middles and Seniors)
Music - Jen Clutterbuck
Art/LOTE - Julie Walker

Plus Prep and Junior support Colleen Foley and Hollie Schuster supporting teacher release program (Supporting Professional Learning Community teacher professional development work).

Grade 6 Graduation tonight - Tonight our 54 Grade 6 students will participate in what promises to be a memorable graduation ceremony.

Thank you to Clonard College for their generous offer of their hall, for this important school event.

Completion of primary schooling is a significant milestone and we will acknowledge this tonight, with some individual awards to be presented to selected students. We wish our graduates all the very best for their futures and know that they will achieve great things in Year 7, 2017 and beyond!

Last day arrangements - The last day of Term 4 is Tuesday December 20th and we will conduct a special assembly on this morning. It will commence soon after 9am and include the 2016 Term 4 Unleashing Potential Award winners, the 2017 Term 1 Student Leader announcements, a short concert item from each class and a visit from Santa!

We would encourage parents to take students home afterwards (possibly finishing around 10.45 a.m.) as the rest of this day will be required to move furniture and setting up the 2017 classrooms. Students who remain at school after this assembly will be supported up until the official finishing time of 2.30pm. Our After School Care program (with Camp Australia) will commence at 2.30pm on this final day.

Please note that there is no assembly on Monday December 19th.

TERM 1 2017 starts - WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1st for Junior, Middle and Senior students. Preps students will start THURSDAY FEBRUARY 2nd. (Staff will return and the General Office reopens Monday January 30th).

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!

Barry Rowland
Principal

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THE COOKBOOKS ARE NOW IN STOCK!
The Manolicious 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. These will make great Christmas presents for friends and family members!

Please contact the office for more information 03 5229 9643
**Student of the Week**

**PB**
Lucinda Willis - For being a responsible, motivated student working hard on set tasks and always helping others to clean up in the classroom! Legendary, Lucinda!

**PH**
Ollie Brown - Ollie has been a fabulous and engaged class member who tries to help us all when he can! Thanks Ollie and good luck in Wangaratta! We will miss you!

**PT**
Shiza Khalid - All year Shiza has made sure our classroom and school yard is neat and tidy! You are a superstar, Shiza!

**JB**
Indi Ballis - Congratulations Indi on finishing off the year strongly! Indi has worked extremely hard, always wearing a happy smile on her face! Well done, Indi!

**JC**
Aaylah Brockenshire - For her willingness to be a team player especially during the 'clean up'! Much appreciated, Aaylah!

**JF**
Maliyah Evans - For volunteering to clean up after activities without being asked to! Congratulations, Maliyah, for your increased level of concentration shown during the past few weeks! What a star!

**JH**
Isla Crossley - For making an extra effort to tidy up our art and crafts this week when working with the Preps! Thanks for keeping JH and Mano tidy, Isla!

**JO**
Addyson Chapman - Addyson always shows responsibility and puts her rubbish in the bin! Fantastic work, Addyson!

**JS**
Mahlia Davys - For being a wonderful director this week during our iMovie task! You got some fantastic shots of your actors! Marvelous, Mahlia!

**MA**
Middle A - For being Middle Awesome, Middle Amazing and Middle Astonishing! We have all had such a productive year unleashing our potential!

**MG**
Natalie Mudzekeyedzi - Natalie is always being responsible, cleaning up after herself and helping to keep the school tidy! Well done, Natalie!

**MH**
Peppa Kearney - Peppa has been a superstar in Middle H this year, she has worked extremely hard and always shows our school values & positive behaviour! Great job, Peppa!

**MR**
Middle R - For continuously being hard-working, caring and responsible students all year! Thanks for making 2016 absolutely amazing and one to remember!

**MS**
Caden Fry - For his awesome attitude and the way he makes our classroom a wonderful place to be!

**GRADE 6**
ALL THE SENIOR GRADE 6S - for 1400 days of effort, resilience, determination, respect, safety and responsibility! The Mano community is very proud of your achievements over the last 7 years! Congratulations, Grade 6s of an amazing 2016!

**MUSIC**
Ivy Gray - Ivy always shows dedication and responsibility in the Music room, by staying on task and ensuring the room is always neat and tidy! Awesome, Ivy!

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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:

Mia Pilling - For outstanding Art work throughout the year!

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**2016 Mano Year Book**

The second lot of Year Books have arrived and they look fantastic! They feature a double page spread for every class, graduating students and staff profiles and photo pages celebrating events throughout the school year.

The books cost $20 each and can be purchased from the office or outside the canteen before school.

Be quick as there is a limited number and they are selling out again FAST!

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**Mano Parents Night Out - This Friday**

All parents are welcome to come along to The Barking Dog for dinner from 7:30pm or just drinks and a chat on Friday 9th December.

Come and celebrate getting through the school year! Call or text Lynne on 0412 748 021 if you are RSVPing for dinner or join the Mostly Mano Mums Facebook page and RSVP to the event or we will just see you there if you are not having dinner!

Join the Mostly Mano Mums Facebook page here!

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1417545068551041/

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**Asthma, Anaphylaxis and Allergy action plans**

School Policy requires you to provide us with an Action Plan annually if your child has one of these medical conditions. These Action Plans will need to be signed by your GP at your earliest convenience and returned to the office.

If your child needs to store medication at school please bring it up to the office so we may distribute these to specific areas throughout the school.

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**There Will Be No Carnivale Working Group Meeting Tonight!**
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.

Library News

It’s getting close to the end of the year, so it’s time to start returning your library books! Soon students will receive a list of their books currently on loan which will help remind them of the books they need to return.

Borrowing will cease this week to enable us to get books back in before students finish for the year, and to begin stocktake.

Thanks so much for your support this year!

Sue Bencic and Jo Eddey

Athletics

Congratulations to Ebony McLean who has spent the last few days representing School Sport Victoria in the Track and Field Team at the Athletics Exchange in Sydney.

Ebony represented Victoria in Long Jump, High Jump, 100m and the 4 x100m relay. We congratulate Ebony on reaching this standard of competition and look forward to hearing about the exchange from Ebony!

Ebony’s results:
High Jump - 13th
Long Jump - 12th
100m - 19th
4 x 100m relay - 2nd

Our Future is an ambitious community engagement project to develop a long term vision and strategy for Greater Geelong. The City of Greater Geelong is collecting the views of 25,000 people about what the Greater Geelong region should be in 30 years and how we can get there.

Have your say about what you want for the future in the next 30 years by completing a short survey online at: www.geelongaustralia.com.au/ourfuture

**Geelong West Fire Brigade's SANTA RUN**

Come and meet Santa on Christmas Eve! Meet Santa on the Fire Truck along with free giveaways!

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**HENRY AND GRACE WITH THE MANO CHRISTMAS TREE AT MARKET SQUARE!**

Henry and Grace with the Mano Christmas Tree at Market Square!

**What does Greater Geelong’s Future look like?**

Our Future
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’

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During &/or After School Hours at School

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