## Important Dates

### DECEMBER

- **Thurs 15th - Fri 16th**: Queenscliff Bike Ride - Grade 5/6’s
- **Mon 19th**: No Assembly
  - Prep/Junior Movie Day - "Sing"

**Tues 20th**

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

Please note that the Office will be closed at 12pm.

- **Sat 24th**: Christmas Eve
- **Sun 25th**: Christmas Day
- **Mon 26th**: Boxing Day
- **Sat 31st**: New Years Eve

### JANUARY

- **Sun 1st**: New Years Day
- **Thurs 26th**: Australia Day
- **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
- **Thurs 9th**: The Resilience Project Parent Night - 7pm
- **Thurs 16th**: House Swimming Sports
News from Mr Rowland

The End of the 2016 School Year Has Arrived!
How quickly another year has passed and Christmas is upon us already!

I wish to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our school community for a wonderful year and wish you all a safe and happy holiday season. Together we have achieved some terrific learning and had lots of memorable times in 2016.

The highlights of this year are perhaps the Carnivale and the Concert – both fabulous community events and each very successful in their own ways. These two showed what true community spirit we have at Mano and I am very mindful that this should not be taken for granted.

On Tuesday staff provided a thank you morning tea for parents and volunteers. Whilst we are well aware that many were unable at this timeslot, we wish to pass on our collective thanks for how you have supported our staff to do their best for your children.

Last week the Grade 6 Graduation evening was an awesome way for our 54 graduates to farewell their primary school days, as they head off to 15 different secondary school – congratulations and thank you to our Senior team for creating such an event.

Assembly on our Last Day - 9:00am Tuesday Dec 20th in the Multi
We hope many parents will come along and join us for assembly on the last school day of this year.

This will commence shortly after 9:00am with some special presentations (such as Term 4 ‘Unleashing Potential’ award winners and 2017 Term 1 Student Leaders), a visit from Santa and then a musical item from each class. Students are encouraged to be collected by their parents (signed out) at the end of this assembly (approximately 10.45 a.m.). Students who stay will be supported until 2:30pm our official finishing time (After School Care on this day commences at 2:30pm).

Lost Property
All named items in lost property have been or will be returned to students before the end of this week. Any items deemed to be damaged or unlikely to be claimed will be disposed of. Other items of clothing remaining will be washed over the holidays (by staff) and added to our second hand uniform shop.

Queenscliff Bike Ride ‘kicks off’ today!
Best wishes to our Seniors and the many staff and parents who headed off today, cycling from the Geelong Showgrounds to Queenscliff for an overnight camp and then returning Friday. Let’s hope they have a memorable time and a safe one.

The number of parent riders, road crossing helpers and support crew members is just wonderful – thank you all.

School Holiday Program
If you are looking for things for your children to do during the holidays, try checking out the Holiday Program operating from Mano – from the After School Care building. All details are online via the Team Holiday website.

Holiday School Projects
Utilising some fundraising profits from the recent Walkathon and Jump Rope for Heart events, we will see new lines added and some redone in January (downball, bat tennis, Bike Education tracks and basketball markings).

We also hope to have an exciting mural added to the west external wall of the After School Care building, adjacent to the newly refurbished Prep playground – achieved via previous successful fundraising projects.

The major refurbishment works ($839,000 Department of Education funded) of the Admin/Junior building should commence early next year – possibly around Easter time. Whilst this will be disruptive, the final outcomes promise to be exciting!

Thank you to the KIDS HOPE Australia Mentoring Program
Sadly the our partner church, Moolap and Barrabool Hills Baptist Church, are no longer able to operate the KIDS HOPE AUS mentoring program at Mano. We acknowledge the wonderful mentoring our children have benefited from the relationships established with their mentors and our school community has benefited significantly from this relationship over many years.

Looking for a Mano Christmas Present?
‘Manolicious’ Cookbooks now available from the General Office at $25 (or $20 each if you buy 3 or more).

And 2016 School Yearbooks @ $20 (limited copies still available).

Copies of these are available for viewing at the General Office.

General Office closes TUESDAY DECEMBER 20th at 12 noon
Staff return in 2017 on Monday January 30th. Students commence WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1st and Preps will begin on THURSDAY FEBRUARY 2nd.

Information has been sent home re 2017 Booklists and School fees, please contact the General Office if you require support or advice.

Last Newsletter for 2016
This is the last edition for this year and on behalf of all staff (Teaching and Support) we wish all Mano community members a Happy Christmas and wonderful New Year.

NEXT WORKING BEE - SUNDAY JANUARY 29th 9:00-11:00am
Please join us and bring a friend for this back to school tidy up!!

Barry Rowland
Principal

HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT MANIFOLD HEIGHTS PRIMARY!

Team Holiday is a multi-award winning holiday program provider for children and teens across Melbourne and greater Victoria and are now starting up at Manifold Heights. We provide full-day activities to over 35,000 children aged 5-15 every year. Our programs are perfect for working families or for kids who are just looking for fun activities to do during their holiday break.

95% of families rate Team Holiday as the better than any other program they've ever used.

Please head to our website to find out more about the activities Team Holiday will be providing during the Summer holidays! http://www.manifold.vic.edu.au/team-holiday/

2017 Parent Payments - Booklists & Essential Student Learning Items

As mentioned in previous Newsletters, all 2017 student Stationary requirements are now able to be ordered and paid for online. Our suppliers report that there has been quite a number of book packs ordered already. If you are experiencing difficulty with this process, please call the school office for assistance. Essential Student Learning Items can be paid at the Office (cash & EFTPOS), via Qkr, BPAY or Centrepay.

Go to the following link: http://www.vitaloffice.com.au/booklists
Username: MANIFOLD Password: MANO2017

Please ensure that you select the correct student year level for 2017. 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.
THE MANOLICIOUS COOKBOOK AND THE 2016 MANO YEAR BOOK ARE ON SALE FROM THE OFFICE

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.

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

Asthma, Anaphylaxis and Allergy action plans

Did you receive a letter from us in regards to your students medical condition? We are waiting on a number of Action plans to be sent back to the office, preferably BEFORE the 2017 school year.

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.

Library News

Thank you to all students who have returned their library books so far. We’re still chasing a few though so keep looking and returning! I wonder which class will have all their books returned first??

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the students who completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge this year. Well done to Jack G (MG), Jayden L (MG), Huntah D (JS), Arielle C (JB) Sabine C (JO).

Middle S’ “Games Expo”

To finish the year, Middle S students designed and made a range of games based on stories we had read in Library this semester, or books they had read this year. There were some incredibly creative minds at work here, making table-top games or Pokemon-style trading cards.

Emily (pictured left) created a complex and fun game based on a series of Jackie French books on natural disasters. Players roll the dice to see how they would cope with flood, fire or cyclone and have to avoid drawing the “Total Disaster” card!

Zara and Tilly (pictured right) created a game with multiple choice quiz elements testing our knowledge of popular children’s books. Other games included a horse race game based on the book “Fabish”, a strategy game based on the book “Phasmid” and Pokemon-style cards based on various book characters such as Percy Jackson. Great fun and lots of higher-order thinking skills being used.

Keep an eye out for book-themed holiday activities being run by your local public libraries. There is also a performance of Julia Donaldson’s book “Room on the Broom” on at the Arts Centre Melbourne, beginning January.

Happy holidays and we hope that you get “wrapped up” in a good book over Christmas!!

Sue Bencic and Jo Eddey (Library Teachers)
Geelong West Fire Brigade's SANTA RUN

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

**Park** | **Street** | **Suburb** | **Time**
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Kenwith reserve | Lt. Pescott Street | Geelong West | 4pm
L.J. Keary Park | Gertrude Street/Eureka Street | Geelong West | 4:20pm
George Harvey Reserve | Girton Street/Central Avenue | Manifold Heights | 4:50pm
Elderslie Reserve | Read Street/Warwick Street/Sherbourne Terrace/Raith Terrace | Herne Hill | 5:15pm
Kevin Kirby Reserve | Heytesbury Street/ Great Britain Street/Buxton Road | Herne Hill | 6pm
Western Heights | Waymouth St | Hamlyn Heights | 6:20pm
Bakers Oval | Shannon Ave | Geelong West | 7pm
Sparrow Park | Elizabeth street/Hope Street | Geelong West | 7:20pm
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

Bellarine Uniforms
Proud suppliers of the Manifold Heights Primary School uniform
Open: Monday – Friday 9.00am – 5.30pm
Saturday 9.00am – 1.00pm

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!