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News from Mr Rowland

School Council elections coming up - Each year schools conduct elections for their School Council. Our Council has 15 members in total.

This year (end of March 2017) we will have 5 Parents and 3 DET employees (teachers) who will have completed their 2 year term of appointment. Some of these 8 Mano community members may seek to renominate for a further 2 year term.

Attached to this newsletter edition we outline the process and timeline to be followed re our elections.

If you would like to know more about School Council, its function and the commitment for members, please talk with Mrs Mundine or myself.

Recent Parent Information sessions - I hope that parents who have attended these recent sessions have found them to be informative, reassuring and affirming.

The positive impact for our students seeing parents and teachers working closely together cannot be underestimated.

Thank you to the staff who have prepared these sessions and came back after hours to present them.

Building resilience in young people - One of our key priorities for this year is to enhance the positive mental health amongst our student cohort.

This will focus on gratitude, empathy and mindfulness (as referred to via the Resilience Project Parent info evening last week) in particular. You may hear your children talking about these and also referring to acts of kindness and being resilient.

Purposefully acting to reduce anxiety for our children is the focus and supporting them to handle various challenges life does and will present is the priority. Let’s make Mano the happiest and friendliest school!

Mano family BBQ – Wednesday Feb 22nd 5.30pm - The long term weather forecast looks good and the meat has been ordered!

Please come along and join the whole school community at this special annual event.

Clean up Mano (Australia) Day - Sunday March 5th is Clean Up Australia Day.

Monday March 6th is Clean Up Mano Day!

On lunchtime of this day we will ask students to volunteer to help tidy our school grounds – picking up rubbish, sticks and stones. If you have any spare plastic shopping bags that we could use on the day, please drop them into the general office before March 6th.

Swimming Sports - This morning we had some 70 students competing in our Middles/Seniors Swimming Sports, at the Geelong College Pool.

Mr Grant, as we have come to expect, planned a terrific program which was made possible with the fabulous help of many parents: Thank you! From here some students will have recorded times that will see them invited to the next level – to compete against students form other Geelong schools.

Working With Children Checks – for volunteers - Parents who seek to offer their time supporting various school programs (including as Classroom helpers) are reminded of the necessity to have a current Working With Children Check (WWCC).

For more information refer to: http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au OR ask at the General Office.

Volunteers WWCCs are free and are processed quite quickly.

Barry Rowland
Principal

General Reminders from the Office

Essential Student Learning Items

A friendly reminder to those families who have entered into payment plans that making regular payments to the school can greatly assist with payment costs during the year. It may be as little as $10 a week! Payments are receipted against your account and then allocated towards fees/excursions as needed. If you are suffering financial hardship you may enter into a payment plan by contacting the office.

CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund)

Do you have a current healthcare card? You may be eligible for the Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF). The annual CSEF amount per student will be: $125 for primary school students and $225 for secondary school students. Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef. You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by the 3rd of March along with a copy of your Healthcare card.

Confidential Student Information Package

This week you will have received an envelope with a number of forms that need to be addressed and returned back to the classroom teacher ASAP. In this package you will find: Student Details (if you need to make any changes please do so on the form), the 2017 Local Permission note, Internet Agreement Form (Senior families, please fill out both the BYOD and general Internet form) and the Multimedia Indemnity form. Please ensure that if you need to make any changes to your family's or student’s contact or medical information (i.e. new contact numbers, change of address etc) you let the office know.

We are waiting on a number of Action plans to be sent back to the office. School Policy requires you to provide us with an Action Plan annually if your child has a medical condition. 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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**Student of the Week**

| PB  | SIDDARTH SIVANESAN - For settling into school routines quickly and always showing the 5L’s in the classroom! Great start, Siddarth! |
| PH  | GWEN SPANNINGA - Gwen has been a kind, caring friends who has helped and supported some of her new classmates during recess breaks. You are wonderful, Gwen! |
| PT  | EMA RISTEVSKI - Ema has made a fantastic start to school, she has been a caring friend and a respectful classmate. Keep it up Ema! |
| JA  | DALIA ATANASOVSKI - For showing a kind heart and helping our new student feel safe, respected and happy at Mano! |
| JB  | ZION SAMUELS - Zion is a caring and respectful friend. He ensures that he follows the rules, shares and includes others. You have made a great start to the year Zion. |
| JC  | PADDY COOPER - For kindness, compassion and genuine concern whenever out at recess and lunch play. We really appreciate your attitude Paddy! |
| JH  | EVAN FOOT - For always showing respect to everyone in the yard when playing and including those around him whilst having fun in everything he does. |
| JO  | RHYLAN YOUNG - Rhylan makes wonderful choices during playtime and respects his friend's decisions. You're a star, Rhylan! |
| MA  | HUNTER CARMICHAEL - Hunter is a kind and caring student who always respects hi peers. Hunter is regularly seen doing random acts of kindness in MA! Awesome Hunter! |
| MB  | ALEISHA STYLES - Aleisha has made an outstanding start to the year by being a respectful class member and role model to her peers. Awesome Aleisha! |
| ML  | ALEXIS JOVANOVSKI - For always showing respect to her teacher and to her classmates during learning time. She is a very considerate and thoughtful member of the class. Well done Alexis! |
| MR  | HAMISH GARLEY - Hamish continuously shows respect to his peers and respects their choices. He always shows the school values of Respect, Responsibility and Safety this makes Hamish a tremendous role model in the middle cohort. |
| MW  | SOPHIA HOOD - Sophia is absolute superstar in the yard. She always contributes a variety of game ideas and respects others choices and suggestions also. You are a great role model of respect in the yard Sophial |
| SG  | ERIN GORMAN - For being a great role model in the yard, being inclusive and allowing others to join the game! |
| SN  | ISABELLE CARTER - For the amazing way she represents Mano in the wider community! Izzy you’re an awesome ambassador for our school! |
| SS  | DECLAN STOJANOVSKI - For the blitzing start he’s had to life at Mano! Declan foes out of his way to make every day a positive one inside and outside the classroom! Declan, you rock! |
| SV  | ELLIOTT RENTON GIBB - Elliott has shown SV he is a highly respected peer due to his ability to respect his friend’s choices both inside and outside the classroom. Excellent Elliott! |
| MUSIC | EVIE CONNOR - Evie was a superstar in her first Music lesson and consistently demonstrated the 5L’s and tried her very best in all activities! Go, Evie! |

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**Victorian State Schools Spectacular**

Grades 4, 5 and 6 students interested in participating in the Massed Dance section of the Victorian State Schools Spectacular need to collect the forms from Mrs Orford.

The forms need to be returned to Mrs Orford by TODAY.

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**Science News**

Our 3/4 students enjoying the experiment ‘How strong is air?’

Science has started as a specialist subject at our school for the Middle and Senior students. This year we will be challenging students’ thinking, allowing them to gain an understanding of our world and prompt creative thinking!

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**Book Club**

On Tuesday, during lunchtimes, Miss Roach will be holding a book club for any middle students interested in reading a variety of text and being involved in rich discussions. This will be held in the outside classroom (next to the middles building) and will be a great opportunity for all reading enthusiasts in a scenic, relaxing environment. The first book club meeting will be on Tuesday the 21st of February at 1.45pm. I hope to see you there!

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**Lost Property News**

**Lost Jumper** - Alice Edwards has lost her size 14, named grade 6 jumper at the end of last year. If you have seen this jumper could you please return it to her classroom (SS) or to the Office.

**Reminders** - we would like to remind all families to name their students clothing. We have a number of clothing that get brought up to the office with no names. Eventually this clothing will make its way to our second hand shop or to our sickbay clothing.

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**M@no Minis Playgroup!**

The M@no Minis Playgroup has started up again on Friday mornings. Playgroup will run from just after drop off until 10:30am in the After School Care room.

[www.playgroup.org.au](http://www.playgroup.org.au)

All families welcome!

We look forward to seeing you there!
**Art/Indonesian News**

Welcome to Art and Indonesian for 2017. A reminder to everyone that students require a named Art smock as soon as possible. The best smocks have long caught in sleeves and an opening at the back. The students can slip these smocks over their head and nothing needs doing up! We do have spare Art smocks but it is way better to have a clean, personal one.

We have plenty of containers and other odds and ends at the moment but we are always looking for the smooth polystyrene meat trays. They make fantastic painting palettes.

The Victorian School of Languages provides language classes on a Saturday morning at Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College and North Geelong Secondary College. It is part of the Education Department and lessons are available in many languages from Year 1 to VCE. For more information Google Victorian School of Languages or simply ask me! Our students are introduced to Indonesian during our Art lessons. Ibu means Mrs in Indonesian and over the years the students have referred to me as Ibu Walker. (Mrs Walker is also fine!)

Terima kasih banyak (Thank-you very much) Ibu Walker (Mrs Walker)

**Library News**

Welcome to our library Program 2017 Term 1 Prep - Gr.2. Library classes have commenced and it is clear that students are keen to begin a year of learning, reading and researching in the Library.

As we start the new year it is important that students bring a named Library bag to classes each week. During class we have talked about looking after our books and making sure they are borrowed and returned first thing Monday morning. Library organization is very important, and ensuring that all books are returned to shelves in great order. The Library is looking for parents, grandparents who have some spare time to help in the Library this term with book covering and returning books onto shelves. If you can help, please contact the office or come and speak to library staff on a Monday or Tuesday. This would be terrific!

**Library Program 2017**

Monday: Junior A, Junior H, Prep H  
Tuesday: Junior B, Junior O, Prep B, Prep T, Junior C.

Thank you for your cooperation and Happy reading with your children

Mrs Suzan Bencic

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**Qkr!**

The Qkr! app is available for families of students at Manifold Heights Primary School. Qkr! by MasterCard can be downloaded for free from Apple’s app store for iPhones (iPads should download the iPhone app) or from Google Play for Android phones and tablets. After downloading the app and registering, simply scan the QR code on the top right using the Qkr! Code scanner or type MNPS after tapping the magnifying glass in the top right of the home screen of Qkr!, and then the app will always recognize you as part of Manifold Heights Primary School in future to make payments even easier.

You can pay your excursions and other school payment items right now using Qkr! To make payments immediately why not download it today and take a look at our school on Qkr!

If you are having difficulty in downloading the app, a handy “How to” guide can be found on our school website www.manifold.vic.edu.au or can be obtained from the office.

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**Manolicious Cookbooks are for Sale**

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 presents for friends and family members! Please contact the office for more information 5229 9643.
Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and textbooks
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work, and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Amanda Vernon your local Saver Plus Worker:
(03) 5278 8122
or avernon@bethany.org.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St. Laurence and is delivered across Greater Geelong by Bethany.
The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

A big brother or sister

Give your children an opportunity to learn about a new culture and develop an interest in other parts of the world, by becoming a volunteer host family. Talk to us about flexible volunteering options.

For more information, contact us:
1800 500 501
scceaust@scce.com.au
www.scce.com.au

Students arriving from France, Italy, Germany and Scandinavia.

Rare Fruit-Tree Sale

Sunday 19th Feb.
2017, 10am - 3pm

- Rare, heritage fruit trees grafted for you
  - Apples, apricots, peaches, plums, ++
  - Choose flavour + time of crop to suit you

Ongoing grafting demonstrations
- Orchard tours
- Edible weed walk
- Companion planting talk
- CWA delicious food and drinks
- Plus other stalls to buy + learn from

FREE ENTRY
K Road, Werribee, 3030
Enter via Gate 5 - parking for a gold coin donation per car

Werribee Park Heritage Orchard is a non-profit volunteer group working to save heritage fruit varieties and to re-establish the orchard at the Werribee Park Mansion.

On Sunday Feb 19th, between 10 and 3, Werribee Park Heritage Orchard will be holding their annual budding day.

Entry is free, gold coin donation for parking. We can custom graft a stone fruit tree, or you can buy proven grafted trees and other edible plants.

Come and see Juliet from MB at the sale stand!

Geelong West Netball Term 1 Competition, 2017

Starts – February 9th, Final week – March 30th
Netta competition, grade 3 & 4, grade 5 & 6.
Mixed teams accepted in all sections
Equipment and coaching provided
Friendly, supportive competition!

Enquiries – email – davidson.allison.v@edumail.vic.gov.au or SMS - 04000 947 649
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

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

Providing Music Lessons in local schools since 1985.