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Manifold Heights Primary School Newsletter

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Important Dates

MARCH

Weds 1 st	Emergency Evacuation Drill - <i>before recess</i>
Thurs 2 nd	Carnivale Working Group meeting - 7:30pm in the Staffroom
Fri 3 rd	Junior Big Day Out - Inflatable Word! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 1's 9am-4:30pm Grade 2's 9am-7pm
Sun 5 th	Clean up Australia Day
Mon 6 th	Clean up Mano Day!
Fri 10 th	Cross Country School Banking Information Session in the Staffroom from 2:45-3:30pm
Mon 13 th	Labour Day - <i>no School</i>
Tues 14 th	Cadbury Chocolate Drive begins!
Weds 15 th	Division Swimming Sports
Mon 20 th - Fri 24 th	Planning Week
Weds 22 nd	Summer Lightning Premiership
Fri 24 th	Victorian State Schools Spectacular Regional Rehearsals
Tues 28 th	Region Swimming Sports
Weds 29 th - Fri 31 st	Grade 4 Camp
Fri 31 st	Cadbury Chocolate Drive finishes - any unsold chocolates and all monies to be returned by this date Last Day of Term 1 - 2:30pm finish

APRIL

Mon 17 th	Working Bee - 9-11am
Tues 18 th	Term 2 begins
Fri 21 st	Curriculum Day - <i>no students at school</i>
Weds 25 th	ANZAC Day - <i>no school</i>

News from Mr Rowland

Family BBQ - This annual event was a great success with large numbers taking up the opportunity to celebrate the start of the 2017 school year. Last night was a chance for teachers and parents to meet informally, must help in the coming months, as we together create the programs for the development of our children.

Many, many thanks to our fabulous School Council who planned and worked as a team to deliver this event – hundreds of sausages were devoured and enjoyed!

Our canteen provided additional menu items on the night and the live music was a big hit. Special mention to Jessie Burney (Business Manager) for her work behind the scenes with planning and ordering duties.

ICT at Mano - Across this year our staff collectively plan to further enhance the relevance and use of ICT in the classroom.

Currently we 73% of students in our Seniors community who have their own 1:1 iPad device and this percentage is growing.

School devices are available to other students to ensure access to online learning program and activities. I remind Mano families of the wonderful online Reading Eggs and Mathletics programs (passwords provided to students – most attached to school diaries).

2017 School Council elections - Still thinking about nominating for our Council?

Nomination forms available from the General Office – 5 parent and 3 DET employee vacancies.

Please contact the General Office for further details or refer to last week's newsletter.

Resilience Project student sessions - Unfortunately these were delayed due to staffing issues but will be rescheduled in the coming weeks we hope.

In the meantime we continue to further implement approaches which help to create the environment of positive mental health – classes are embedding arrangements which focus upon mindfulness, gratitude and empathy. Ask your children about this!

Classes are also introducing meditation sessions and additional physical activity components into the school day.

Emergency evacuation drill - On this coming Wednesday (March 1st) just prior to morning recess we will practice this drill.

Should there ever be an issue which requires us to evacuate urgently, we need to be prepared. Students on this occasion will be informed that it is a drill – all schools are directed to have an emergency plan and to practice components of it during the year (including evacuations onsite, offsite and lockdowns).

Clean Up Mano day – Monday March 6th - Following on from Clean Up Australia Day (Sunday March 5th) we will have a special clean up our school grounds session on the 6th. In preparation for this we seek donations of plastic bags – these can be dropped off at the General Office.

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.

Kayla Mackay - Worlds Greatest Shave

As you know, Kayla Mackay will be shaving off her hair for the Worlds Greatest Shave, Kayla's hair will be donated so that a wig can be made for a child with cancer. Kayla's hair will be shaved by a professional hair dresser at assembly on the 20th March. Kayla has set a target goal of \$5000 and we would love for everyone to give Kayla all the support we can! Click the link below to donate!

<http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/kaylamackay>

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.

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!

Miss Roach

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PB	HAMISH DODEMAIDE - For being a caring friend always showing respect for others in the classroom. Well done Hamish!
PH	THOMAS MULLER - Thomas has settled beautifully into school routines and is a thoughtful classmate and friend. What an awesome start, Thomas!
PT	AALIYAH GEARON - Aaliyah is a wonderful friend to everyone in Prep T and is always looking out for them in the yard! Amazing, Aaliyah!
JA	GRACE REED - Grace is a fantastic friend who always makes good choices! She is considerate, respectful and always offers a helping hand to others! You are a superstar, Grace!
JB	MILLY THORNLEY - Milly has made an exceptional start to the year. She has been respectful and considerate to her friends and tries her best in the classroom! Well done, Milly!
JC	SASHA IVANISTKIY - For being helpful and respectful to others when needed, in the classroom and in the yard. Super qualities Sasha!
JH	LAYLA FOLEY - Everyday Layla has shown that she makes excellent choices as a friend, in the yard and also as a class member in JH! She is always kind to others and helpful to those around her! Ripper work, Layla!
JO	AALIYAH DARGUE - Aaliyah is very respectful and makes fabulous choices during class time and play time! Sensational, Aaliyah!
MA	CARA GREVILLE - Cara is such a caring and considerate friend to all in MA. She consistently shows empathy to her classmates. Keep it up Cara!
MB	MITCH LINGUEY - For being a kind and considerate friend to his peers by respecting their choices, and always putting others first before himself! Marvellous, Mitch!
ML	TOBEY LINGUEY - For always showing respect in the classroom and respecting his classmate's choices! Tobey is a thoughtful student who includes and helps others during learning! What a great effort!
MR	ESTHER ELLIS - For always making great choices and being a kind, hardworking and friendly member of MR! Great start to the year, Esther!
MW	TOM AIREY - For consistently following the school matrix and demonstrating the behaviours both in and outside of the classroom. You are a terrific role model Tom!
SG	EMILY FOOT - For being respectful of her friends choices when playing outside! You are very cooperative and mature!
SN	DARCY O'NEILL - For making great choices at play time and using excellent problem solving skills out in the yard! Doing great, Darcy!
SS	ALICE EDWARDS - Alice shows great leadership in our classroom through her genuine respect and care for all the members of Senior S! You're a superstar, Alice!
SV	LIAM FLETCHER - Liam has stepped up to the challenge of grade 6 leader where he demonstrates excellent respect by allowing his friends choices during playtimes! Sensational, Liam!
MUSIC	MATTY JONES - Matty has been very respectful in the Music classroom, focusing on his work and valuing the choices of his peers! Keep it up, Matty!

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!

Manifold Heights Primary School House Cross Country

The Manifold Heights Primary School House Cross Country for all students in Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be held at the Fyansford Common, Hamilton Hwy, Fyansford on Friday 10th March 2017.

We are seeking the help of parents to act as officials on this day. If you are able to help could you please fill out the form below and return to the school.

Manifold Heights Primary School House Cross Country Friday 10th March 2017

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Child's name: _____ Grade: _____

I am able to act as an official at the Manifold Heights Primary School House Cross Country on Friday 10th March.

Signed: _____

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

IMPORTANT - School Banking Information Session!

Manifold Heights School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

School Banking day is **Friday**. Each week you need to **hand your bank book to your classroom teacher**.

We will be holding a School Banking Information Session at our school on **Thursday 9th March**. Karen our School Banking Specialist will be available to answer any queries & assist you to get started in the program.

Time: 2:45pm – 3:45pm

Date: Friday March 10th

Location: Staffroom

Please join us and find out more about the School Banking program and how your child can get involved.

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child you can visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account. A School Banking representative will be available at the Information Session to show you how you can do this. In order to verify yourself and your child, you will need your driver's licence and your child's birth certificate, but if you don't have these with you on the day, you can complete verification online at home.

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