Important Dates

**DECEMBER**

Fri 20th December  
Term 4 Ends, 2:30pm dismissal  
No Student Banking  
Canteen Closed

**JANUARY**

Mon 27th January  
Australia Day Public Holiday

Tues 28th January  
Staff Commence 2020

Wed 29th January  
Office Closed for Staff Training

Thurs 30th January  
Students Commence 2020

**FEBRUARY**

Sat 1st February  
Mano Community Garden

Sun 2nd February  
Working Bee

Wed 5th February  
Seniors Cyber Safety Incursion

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Upcoming Event Consent Forms and/or Payments Due

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CompassPay is now our preferred method for consent and payment. It is a safe and secure way to make payment and removes the need for paper consent forms. We will no longer be printing and distributing paper consent forms. Simply log into the Web Browser on Compass and follow the prompts.

If you are having issues with Compass Pay please contact the Office on 5229 9643.
News from Mr Rowland

Wishing all the Mano Community a Very Happy Christmas and a Very Safe Holiday Period
The 2019 school year has quickly come to an end and the holiday period begins next week.

I wish all school community members a lovely Christmas period with family and friends and hope we all can stay safe and happy over the summer holiday period.

Whatever has been your contribution and role at Mano in 2019, a BIG THANK YOU and WELL DONE!
I recently have supported eight students across a range of year levels, each who have achieved 150 tokens and acted as the Mano Principal for an hour – they have performed many roles such as: making announcements, ringing the bell, visiting classes, taste testing canteen items, contributing to the newsletter, giving gifts and passing on thanks to targeted school community supporters, sought student opinions on matters such as learning intentions and tasks, set up the school’s Christmas tree, checking on Concert rehearsals and more. They all seemed to enjoy their 150 token reward and in 2020 will be back striving to ‘live the school values’ each and every day.

Some Farewells to Announce
At the end of each school year there will always be some community members who are leaving – obviously our 49 Grade 6 students are graduating and heading off to some 13 local secondary schools. We wish them all the best and are confident they will continue to ‘Unleash their Potential’. Some families will also be ending their connection with our school, some after quite a few years of continuous enrolment for their children – we hope you take away many positive memories of your family’s time at Mano. A small number of other students are transferring to other schools for 2020 and we trust that their time at Mano holds them in good stead at their new schools.

We also farewell Ms Jehu who will complete her Science Specialist teacher contract with us. Mr Richards, Mrs King and Miss Jovanovski (ES Classroom Aides) are also ending their time with us at Mano and we wish all these valued staff members for their fabulous contributions to our programs.

Last Day Arrangements – Friday 20th December
Students can attend classes at school on this official final day of the 2019 school year.

If numbers allow, some classes might be joined and a range of end of year and Christmas activities will be offered to students who attend.

Teachers will also be trying to set up rooms for 2020 and we often find that students love to help with meaningful jobs.

Friday dismissal time will be 2:30 pm. The Canteen will NOT operate on this last day.

A reminder that 2020 begins for staff on Tuesday 28th January and for ALL students on Thursday 30th January.

Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony
Last night the Senior team put on a wonderful and memorable event, as we wished our Graduating Grade 6 students all the best for their futures – as they head off to a range of local secondary schools for Year 7, 2020.
I’d like to acknowledge Clonard College for their generous support – use of their ‘Tullow Hall’
Some very special awards were presented last night and congratulations to these very deserving winners:

* Rotary Club Of Geelong West ‘Others Before Self’ Award: Phoebe Johnston

Term 4 Unleashing Potential Award Winners
Following on from the release of End of Year Student Reports on Wednesday 11th December, on Monday at our Assembly we presented these special awards.
Nominated by the teams of teachers and for outstanding effort and commitment, we congratulate these students on their achievements:
Prep: Ivy Gercovich PA
Grade 1: Violet Schloss 1A
Grade 2: Hiraani Anderson 2O
Middle: Ruben Elliott MW and Ella Logan MS
Seniors: Poppy Carmichael SV

Mrs Walker also presented some special 2019 Art Awards to: Harriet Palmer, Max Wentworth, Xavier Armstrong and Sean Flynn. Awards generously sponsored by Kaisercraft.

New Student Leaders have been Announced for Term 1 2020!
School Captains: Lachlan Sears and Lily McDonald.
Leadership Team: Cara Fletcher and Annika Vanderson.
Student Council: Madison Muir, Matilda Norman, Paddy Cooper and Dalia Atanasovski.

We can look forward to the New Year with great confidence with these terrific young leaders in place.

Working Bee – First one for 2020
With the Sunday before Term 1 starts next year being Australia Day we have decided to hold the first Working Bee for 2020 on SUNDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 9 - 11am.
Please consider joining us to help ensure our grounds are ready for the new school year. Morning tea will be provided, children are welcome and please bring a friend! Thank you.

Confirmed 2020 School Year Starting Times
TUESDAY 28th JANUARY – Staff return and General Office open.
WEDNESDAY 29th JANUARY – Staff professional development sessions being conducted on site. Office closed.
THURSDAY 30th JANUARY – All students begin their primary schooling. A coffee van will be onsite on this day from 8:30am.

Barry Rowland
Principal
2020 Essential Student Learning Items & Book Lists

Parent payment letters were sent to families via post at the start of November.

**Essential Student Learning Items per student cohort for the 2020 school year are as follows:**

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This includes your child’s Student Diary, Mathletics & Reading Eggs Online Subscriptions, Photocopied Resources, Assignment & Project Construction Materials, Life Education Program (Prep to Middles), Adolescent Education (Seniors) and selected Sports activities for Middles and Seniors students.

Payment of the Essential Student Learning Items can be made directly to COS (formally Vital Office) with the Book Lists online or directly to the school via Qkr, Bpay, Credit Card, Eftpos, Cheque or Cash.

We request payment for the Essential Student Learning Items is made by the **end of Term 1, Friday 27th March 2020.**

**Book Lists - Variable - order through COS**

Prep - $60.10
Grade 1 - $70.82
Grade 2 - $70.14
Middles - $53.67
Seniors - $78.81

COS (formally Vital Office) will provide the school’s stationary packs in 2020. All stationary items required by each year level will be listed online, login details have been included in the 2020 Parent Payments letter which were sent out at the start of November.

All stationary packs will be **delivered directly to the school** the week prior to school commencing in 2020. Any orders placed before **Sunday 15th December 2020** will have the delivery fee waived.

To ensure your order is delivered to the school the week prior to school commencing in 2020 please ensure your order is placed before **Friday 10th January 2020**.

All book list orders received after Sunday 15th December 2019 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 2020.

**2020 Booklists are available at** [www.cos.net.au](http://www.cos.net.au)

Click on School Packs in Menu

**Username:** manifoldheightsprIMARY@cos.net.au  
**Password:** Parents-20

Please ensure that you select the correct student year level for 2020.
Chaplain Chat

At this time of year my wish, hope and prayer for the whole Mano community is that you experience rest in your bodies, peace in your minds, joy in your hearts and that you and your loved ones connect in a meaningful way during this Christmas season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!

Warm smiles,
Cyndee Little

Senior Science Student Sharing

Kids teaching kids!

This term our Senior students have been learning about nature disasters during Science lessons. On Thursday they shared their projects and knowledge with Grade 2 students.

Students created model volcanoes, cloud burst simulations, tornadoes in a bottle, earthquake mini cities, tsunami demonstrations through to Minecraft flash floods!

A lot of fun and learning was had by all!

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Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) 2020

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 Friday 28th February 2020, as payments are made from March. However schools will be able to accept and process applications up until the end of Term 2 each year. Contact the office to obtain a CSEF application form.

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 2019, your application will rollover to 2020 and a new application form is not required to be completed.

Kate Dangerfield
Business Manager
COOKING WORKSHOPS
8TH - 23RD JANUARY 2020

LET THE SUMMER FUN BEGIN

The Kidz Kitchen cooking classes delight the taste buds and keep your children creative over the school holidays. Designed to be fun, hands on and engaging, the children may not even realise they are learning valuable life skills! The results are delicious, encourages creativity, independence and confidence.

We have a variety of age appropriate classes suitable for school aged children, includes all ingredients, recipes to take home, and the best bit, the children take home (or eat) what they make.

NEW LOCATION!
We are thrilled to be running our workshops from the Culinary Technology Kitchen located at Northern Bay College, Tallis Campus. This state of the art kitchen allows each child to have their own complete workstation, enhancing their independent cooking experience.

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**Week 1**
- **Wednesday 8th January**
  - BLT Sandwich - Bread Making Class (Ages 8+)
  - Iced Vovo Tarts (Ages 8+)
- **Friday 10th January**
  - Pasta Class & Garlic Bread Bites (Ages 9+)
  - Pull Apart Cake (Ages 9+)

**Week 2**
- **Wednesday 15th January**
  - Pizza - 2 Ways (Ages 6+)
  - Funfetti Cheesecakes (Ages 6+)
- **Friday 17th January**
  - Mexican Fiesta Bowls with homemade Tortilla Chips (Ages 9+)
  - Afternoon Tea Petit Fours (Ages 9+)

**Week 3**
- **Tuesday 21st January**
  - Celebrating Australia Day Pies & Sausage Rolls (Ages 6+)
  - Aussie Cookies (Ages 6+)
- **Wednesday 22nd January**
  - Celebrating Australia Day Cheesburgers & Hand Cut Chips (Ages 8+)
  - Lamingtons with a twist (Ages 8+)

Cost:
Single class $45, Full day $85
(Fully supervised lunch break is between 12 & 1pm)

**More information:** Call Suzi on 0404 873 911.
To book: Purchase tickets via TryBooking or follow the links from our Facebook Page - www.facebook.com/thekidzkitchen

**Venue:** Northern Bay College, 67 Tallis Street, Norlane
**MANIFOLD HEIGHTS PRIMARY**

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

**JANUARY**

**13 Monday**

**SLIME, SLIME & MORE SLIME AND KNEE TAG**

Is there anything more gloopy or glorious than slime? Together, we’ll make three different types of slime using various materials. After, we’ll have fun playing Knee Tag.

**Base Fee** $70.00
**Exp Fee** $15.00
**Daily Total** $85.00

**14 Tuesday**

**WERRIBOE ZOO & JUNGLE CHASE**

Explore the wildlife at the zoo & pretend to be a zookeeper for a day, as you get close to giraffes, lions & more. Back at the venue, we’ll have fun playing Jungle Chase.

**Base Fee** $70.00
**Exp Fee** $22.00
**Daily Total** $92.00

**15 Wednesday**

**BUCKETS OF FUN & DIY DRUMSTICKS**

Get ready for an action-packed, high energy drumming session! You’ll get to play your very own drum & have Buckets of Fun. There’s more! You’ll decorate your very own drumsticks to keep.

**Base Fee** $70.00
**Exp Fee** $19.00
**Daily Total** $89.00

**16 Thursday**

**SPIES IN DISGUISE & SECRET SPY PEN**

Today, we’re off to the movies to see this season’s blockbuster, Spies in Disguise. We’ll also get a Secret Spy Pen to take home! *Popcorn & water provided.

**Base Fee** $70.00
**Exp Fee** $30.00
**Daily Total** $100.00

**17 Friday**

**ROLLING IN DOUGH PIZZAS & MEGA GALAXY BALL**

Roll up your sleeves & let your taste buds go wild, as Rolling in Dough Pizzas comes to us! You’ll get to choose your toppings & create your own pizza to enjoy. *Allergy Alert. *GF & Vegan options available. Please advise when booking.

**Base Fee** $70.00
**Exp Fee** $19.00
**Daily Total** $89.00

**20 Monday**

**‘CONFIDENCE’ BY DANCEMOB & BALLOON ROCKETS**

Confidence is contagious! We’ll work through a set of fun movement challenges and activities to build confidence & awareness every step of the way! Afterwards, you’ll get to create a Balloon Rocket!

**Base Fee** $70.00
**Exp Fee** $16.00
**Daily Total** $86.00

**21 Tuesday**

**THE BELLARINE RAILWAY & TOOTHpick TOWERS**

All aboard the Bellarine Railway! We’ll take a ride on an iconic heritage train, before stopping for lunch & some fun games in the park! Back at the venue, we’ll construct our own Toothpick Towers!

**Base Fee** $70.00
**Exp Fee** $26.00
**Daily Total** $96.00

**22 Wednesday**

**A MAZE’N GAMES & BEACH BALLS**

Lose yourself at one of Australia’s largest timber mazes as we explore A Maze’N Games! We’ll play mini golf & you’ll even get to take home a Beach Ball!

**Base Fee** $70.00
**Exp Fee** $32.00
**Daily Total** $102.00

**23 Thursday**

**THE ULTIMATE BOOMERANG GAMES**

We’ll be taking part in The Ultimate Boomerang Games and see who can throw the Boomerang furthest. Will you be the champion? That’s not all, you’ll also get to decorate your own Boomerang!

**Base Fee** $70.00
**Exp Fee** $18.00
**Daily Total** $88.00

**24 Friday**

**MINUTE TO WIN IT**

Are you ready for a day of fast-paced fun? In teams, we’ll be competing against the clock as we play lots of challenging games & activities!

**Base Fee** $70.00
**Exp Fee** $70.00
**Daily Total** $140.00

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*Child Care Subsidies may apply. $5 Admin Fee per family. $5 Late Fees apply within 7 days per child. Payment plans available.

**Experience/Activity Fee. Programs may be subject to change. Third Party Payment Fees apply. See Terms and Conditions for cancellation policy.

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**Book a day or the whole week... how many days is up to you!**

Find your nearest venue: www.teamkids.com.au/venues

www.teamkids.com.au  1300 035 000
Each day your kids will get to take part in a ‘Geelong Cats Match Day Experience’ where they’ll get VIP access!

They will tour the Football Department, kick the footy, sit on the players bench, visit the coaches box and MEET THE PLAYERS!

FREE Cats Membership for every child!

ACROSS 2 DAYS!
Date: Tue 21 Jan & Wed 22 Jan
Age: 5-12 years old

Drop off: 8:30am – 9:00am  Pick up: 4:45pm – 5:00pm
Cost per day: $80 (Cats Member) $90 (General Public)
Where: Fred Flanagan Room | GMHBA Stadium

FOOTY FANATICS!
Tuesday 21 January
Calling all footy fanatics! Do you want to get up close and personal with some of your footy favourites? Design the Cats Guernsey for the 2020 season... Then hit the ground for your very own pre season training! Do you have what it takes to make the greatest team of all? Don’t forget to wear your footy gear!

KIDS CO BEACH CLUB
Wednesday 22 January
Sens the day! Grab your water splatter and beach ball – we’re throwing a beach party, KidsCo style. Battle it out in an all out water war, make ice cream and so much more! It’s shore to be a splash!

book now!
Or 1300 976 304

More information for parents
Each day at KidsCo features an exciting theme that sets the stage for the day’s activities, specifically designed by teachers to incorporate all fundamental areas of learning:
Art, Craft, Design, Sport, Health, Fitness, Science, Technology, Cooking, Drama, Dance and Music!
Mano’s before and after school care program is run by Camp Australia. More information can be found at

OSHC school number:
0405 422 142

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

Providing Music Lessons in local schools since 1985.

You can download our Compass 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. You can receive notifications about upcoming events and notify the school of student absences. You can now use CompassPay to consent and pay for excursions online! CompassPay is a quick and easy way for parents to consent and pay for an event at anytime from anywhere. Compass Pay is a secure payment portal and will not store any payment information you enter.