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MANIFOLD HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Date: 4th February 2021

Principal: Barry Rowland

Business Manager: Jessie Burney & Leanne McKenzie

Assistant Principal: Peta Mundine

Administration: Jacquie Clancy

Important Dates

FEBRUARY

Mon 8th February	Whole School Assembly, 9:05am, Middle Terrace
Fri 12th February	Seniors Immigration Museum Excursion
Mon 15th February	School Council Meeting, 7:30pm
Mon 22nd February	Prep Parent Information Night, 6:30pm
Tues 23rd February	Grade 1 & 2 Parent Information Night, 6:30pm
Wed 24th February	Middles Parent Information Night, 6:30pm
Thurs 25th February	Prep & Staff Photos Seniors Parent Information Night, 6:30pm

MARCH

Mon 8th March	Labour Day Public Holiday - NO SCHOOL
Thurs 11th March	The Playground Craze Whole School Incursion
Fri 12th March	House Cross Country (Middles & Seniors students)
Mon 15th March	School Council Meeting, 7:30pm
Tues 16th March	Geelong North Division Swimming Sports, Kardinia Pool
Fri 19th March	Summer Lightning Premiership - Cricket & Softball Grade 1 & 2 Big Day Out

Upcoming Event Consent Forms and/or Payments Due

Seniors Immigration Museum Consent & Payment	10th February 2021
Local Permission Form 2021	28th February 2021

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News from Mr Rowland

2021 School Year Now in Full Swing

How fabulous it is to have a full school of 440 students, after extended periods of COVID-19 related 'interruptions' throughout 2020.

Students are very settled across our 19 classes as routines are being established and expectations clarified for all learners. The focus for School Wide Positive Behaviour during the first two weeks has been on what great listeners do – they show the 5Ls. This relates to LEGS crossed, hands in your LAP, LOOKING at the speaker, LIPS locked and attentively LISTENING to the person speaking.

Specialist classes began this week and have already begun to be eagerly embraced.

We remind parents who enter the school grounds and are welcome to do so now, to socially distance or wear a mask – our children are watching and we are role models to them!

Our first whole school assembly will be held MONDAY 8th FEBRUARY at 9:05am outdoors near the flagpoles (weather permitting). A live YouTube stream of assembly will need to be arranged if it is raining and we need to be indoors – a link will be communicated via Compass for this if required. Prep students will join us at Monday morning assemblies in a few weeks, after they have had some more time settling into school and routines. Parents are welcome to our outdoor assemblies but must socially distance and we also ask you to use the QR code to register that you are onsite for more than 15 minutes attending a school function. QR code posters are being placed around the school.

Thank You

The staff at Mano would like to collectively and sincerely thank parents and carers for how well they have prepared students for the return to classrooms after the summer holidays. We have appreciated that purposeful conversations have been held on how to be ready to learn and ready to work with others in the school setting. We also note the obvious expenses that have been part of a new school year – Booklists, new shoes, special lunchboxes and drink bottles, uniform and alike. The challenge collectively is to build on this positive start of year momentum and enthusiasm!

2021 Staffing

Prep team – Lisa Helmore PH, Kristie Ilett PK, Leigh Churchill PC.

Grade 1 team – Ashleigh Hardman 1A, Ande Santilli 1S, Lisa Charter 1C.

Grade 2 team – Karyn Bath 2B, Jeannette Orford 2O, Cassandra Baum 2C.

Middles (Grade 3, 4s) team – Alicia Wakeman MW, Madeline Stapleton MS, Aimee Cameron MC, Esther Harvey MH, Tom Quinlan MQ.

Seniors (Grade 5, 6s) team – Sharon Seeckts SS, Nathan Seeckts SN, Sam Valentine SV, Eleanor Thomas ST, Nathan Gibson SG.

Specialist team – John Hambrook (PE), Meegan Baker (Music), Bree Walton and Julie Walker (Art), Sue Bencic (Library), Amy Tickner (Science), Tom Fleming (Tutoring Program Leader and Acting Assistant Principal on Fridays).

Assistant Principal – Peta Mundine (Monday to Thursday)

And our fabulous non-teaching support staff:

Administration – Business Managers: Leanne McKenzie (Mon,

Tues), Jessie Burney (Wed, Thurs, Fri). Reception/Admin support – Jacquie Clancy.

Teacher classroom Aides – Heather Ennor, Priscilla Clark, Kerrie Rain, Nina Westengen, Malinda Muir.

Chaplain – Cyndee Little (Tues, Thurs).

Handyman/Gardener – John Lynch (Mon, Wed).

IT Technician – Michael Anderson (Mon).

Tutor Learning Initiative Implementation

This Department of Education & Training (DET) initiative is being led by Mr Fleming at Mano during the first half of this year (and Mrs Tickner will support some sessions with Grade 1 students).

Effective implementation of the Tutor Learning Initiative (TLI) is the single most important action for schools to take, to support students whose learning was most impacted by the necessity to move to remote and flexible learning during the 2020 school year.

We have worked carefully to highlight those students in greatest need (based on 2020 classroom teacher advice and 2020 end of year Student Report documented achievement outcomes) and sessions will begin from Monday 8th February. Most students in this program will participate in two sessions per week, with Numeracy the focus in Term 1.

Schools will use a standardised assessment tool of their choice to measure all student's learning, at the start of the TLI and again at the conclusion of the program.

This approach includes students who may join the program later in the year, as well as those who exit the program early because they have caught up more quickly than had been expected.

If you have any questions about TLI at Mano, feel free to contact Mr Fleming or myself.

Parent Information Evenings

During the 5th week of this term, starting Monday 22nd February, we are planning to offer a range of Curriculum information sessions for parents (subject to COVID guidelines at the time) and this will be both an opportunity to: meet classroom teachers and to gain a deeper understanding of 2021 curriculum plans and related arrangements. We hope you will join us at these sessions.

Dates are: Monday 22nd Prep, Tuesday 23rd Grade 1 and 2s, Wednesday 24th Middles and Thursday 25th Seniors (all proposed for 6:30-7:30pm).

Parking and drop off around Mano

Please please please take care!

The yellow painted lines around kerbs/gutters indicate areas of no stopping and no parking.

Signage also indicates parking arrangements close to the Strachan Ave School Crossing.

Planning where to park, where to drop off and where to meet safely and legally, helps us all to stay safe and the Council parking officers are around and fines are handed out for infringements.

School starting and finishing times are hectic hence the speed zones that operate – care re parking and drop off spots need the same level of attention.

Barry Rowland
Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

1A	SAGE GLYNN - Sage has transitioned beautifully into Grade 1 and can be relied upon to consistently show the 5L's. You are delightful Sage!
1C	AUDREY HATELEY - Audrey has started the year with noticeable confidence, always demonstrating the 5Ls. Superstar Audrey!
1S	ESTHER CSAR - Esther's kind and caring personality has really shone in her transition into Grade 1. Excellent Esther!
2B	MAXWELL COLLETT - Max set a fine example for our grade by sharing his knowledge of the 5L's to Mr Rowland when he visited our classroom on the first day of school. Marvellous Max.
2C	BOND O'MARA PASSIG - Bond is a leader in our classroom in demonstrating to others how to show the 5L's consistently. You're a great asset to our class Bond!
2O	THOMAS ARNEL - Thomas has made a fantastic start in Class 2O. He consistently models the five L's in the classroom. Wonderful Thomas!
MC	CHARLOTTE COLLETT - Charlotte has consistently demonstrated the 5L's this week. She has been a great role model to the class, displaying our Classroom Expectations on a daily basis. What a champion Charlotte!
MH	ISLA MCDONALD - Isla has made a wonderful start to Grade 3 and has consistently shown excellent 5L's in the classroom. Incredible Isla.
MQ	GEORGIA JOHNS - Georgia has made an unreal start to life in the Middles. She has tackled all tasks with excitement and has been a role model by showing the 5L's at all times. You're a star Georgia!
MS	ELIJAH NORTH - Eli has demonstrated great enthusiasm towards joining the Middles community. He always shows the 5L's and waits patiently for instructions. Excellent Eli.
MW	TAIMOOR MAAZ - Taimoor has made a fabulous start to the Middles this year. He has consistently shown the 5L's, been polite and considerate to his peers and ensured that as well as always making sure he shows empathy and kindness. Terrific Taimoor!
SG	MOLLY WILLMOTT - For making a fantastic start to the year and contributing positively to her new class. Molly consistently shows the 5L's and is a most respectful class member.
SN	AVA HINES - Ava brings a positive attitude and a big smile to school each day. Thanks for making Senior N a great place to be!
SS	ABBIE BOURKE - Abbey has made a fabulous start to her Grade 6 year. Thanks for bringing a big smile and such a great attitude into our classroom every day Abbey. It's going to be a great year!
ST	OSCAR MEGGS - Oscar, great work showing the 5L's this week! You've been a mature role model for others, what an amazing start to Seniors. Out of this world, Oscar!
SV	SAM SCHLOSS - Sam has started the year with great enthusiasm as well as respect. Sensational Sam!
MUSIC	LUCAS TYE - Lucas has been participating in new activities during Music class this week and has shown risk taker qualities. Keep up the amazing work!
ART	THOMAS MULLER - For creating wonderful drawings and intricate lettering in Art this week.
PE	EVIE CONNOR - Evie showed wonderful resilience with swimming sports by continuing to compete in the relay even though she was super tired. Awesome work Evie!
SCIENCE	MADISON MUIR - For consistently demonstrating our school values and working cooperatively with her team to achieve success during the science challenge.
LIBRARY	WILLIAM DIMOVSKI - William shared some thoughtful comments about the class story in a clear and positive manner.

Chill'n with Kevin

Thursdays 8:15am

A quiet zone for:

- **Milo**
- **Relaxing**
- **Connection**

***Students welcome between
8:15am - 8:45am***



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) 2021

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. 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 26th February 2021**, 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 2020, your application will rollover to 2021 and a new application form is **not required** to be completed.

Jessie Burney & Leanne McKenzie
Business Manager

2021 Essential Student Learning Items & Book Lists

Parent payment letters were sent to families via post at the start of November 2020.

Essential Student Learning Items per student cohort for the 2021 school year are as follows:

Prep	\$136.00
Grade 1	\$126.00
Grade 2	\$136.00
Middles	\$133.00
Seniors	\$115.00

This includes your child's Student Diary, Athletics & Reading Eggs Online Subscriptions, Photocopied Resources, Assignment & Project Construction Materials. There are additional charges for Life Education Program \$11 (Prep), Prep BBQ \$5, Adolescent Education \$5 (Seniors) and selected Sports activities for Middles (\$10) and Seniors (\$37) students.

Payment of the Essential Student Learning Items can be made directly to Paperchase National with the Book Lists online or directly to the school via Bpay, Credit Card, Eftpos, Cheque or Cash.

Music News

This year at Mano there will be a Junior and Senior Choir and also a Rock Band with a dance group. Students who would like to be part of these exciting groups will practise once a week during half of lunchtime. We had meetings this week to see how many students were interested in attending and the Rock Band had an impressive 43 students sign up.

Practise days are below for these ensembles, I'm looking forward to seeing the talented students of Mano shine in these groups.

Monday lunchtime 1:40pm Junior Choir (Prep, Grade 1 & Grade 2)

Tuesday lunchtime 1:40pm Rock Band – Dance Group (Middles & Seniors)

Wednesday lunchtime 1:40pm Senior Choir (Middles & Seniors)

ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCE

Assembly Monday 8th February there will be a whole school performance of a song that we have been learning in Music. We hope you can join us!

Meegan Baker
Music/Performing Arts Teacher

Art Smock Reminder

Thank-you to everyone who has an Art Smock. Once again if you have a problem sourcing one for your child please let me know and I will help you. All 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!

Thanks.
Mrs Walker & Ms Walton

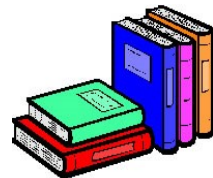
Library News

Welcome to the Library for Term 1. Students in Prep to Grade 2 have commenced the new year with enthusiasm to explore and borrow books from the Library. Students will begin borrowing next week:

Monday 8th Feb.	Tuesday 9th
2C, 2O, 2B, PK	1S, 1A, 1C PC, PH

Students are required to bring a named Library bag to each Library class. They will borrow one book and be encouraged to return the book the following week. Parental support towards this goal, will be helpful and appreciated.

Happy Reading.
Mrs. Bencic



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Amharic, Arabic, Dari, Mandarin, Somali, Sudanese, Turkish, Urdu, Vietnamese



Working Bee Sunday 31st January

WOW what an attendance!

A big big thank you to all who supported this event – almost 60 community members helping to tidy and improve our school grounds.

Outdoor tables and benches were relocated to the Library/Science and Prep outdoor areas, lots of mulch spread around the outdoor covered eating area and timber adventure playground, sandpit area tidied, gutters swept clean, gardens pruned and weeded, walkways swept, community garden tidied, low mulch areas of playgrounds levelled and bike racks painted. And some terrific boys from St Joseph's College attended and helped out, completing some of their community service hours.

We hope to see you at the next Working Bee – planned for the first weekend of Term 2.

If you'd like to volunteer anytime for some grounds related maintenance work, please contact the Office.





Year 7 Enrolment Information Evening

Wednesday 10 March, 2021 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Open Day

Thursday 11 March, 2021 with tours at 9:30am
or 10:30am

Selected Entry Advanced Learning Program Information Evening

Tuesday 16 March, 2021 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm

For further information, contact Damien Toussaint
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