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MANIFOLD HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Date: 6th May 2021

Principal: Barry Rowland

Business Manager: Jessie Burney & Leanne McKenzie

Assistant Principal: Peta Mundine

Administration: Jacquie Clancy

Important Dates

MAY

Fri 7th May	Mad About Science Incursion, Middles & Seniors Mother's Day Stall (Second Chance, 9am)
Mon 10th May	School Council Meeting, 7:30pm, Staffroom
Tues 11th - Thurs 13th May	Naplan Testing, Grade 3 & 5 students
Wed 12th May	Grade 2 Science Discovery Dome Incursion
Wed 19th May	Lightning Premiership - Netball & Teeball
Mon 24th - Wed 26th May	Grade 6 Cave Hill Creek Camp
Mon 24th - Fri 28th May	Education Week Book Fair, 3:30pm
Tues 25th May	Open Day, Tours at 9:30am & 12noon
Wed 26th May	Open Classrooms, 2:30pm
Fri 28th May	Grade 1 Dental Nurse Visit
Mon 31st May	VSSS Rehearsal

JUNE

Wed 2nd June	Winter Lightning Premiership - Football & Soccer Prep Toys Over Time Incursion
Fri 4th June	Prep Dental Nurse Visit

Upcoming Event Consent Forms and/or Payments Due

Grade 2 Science Discovery Incursion Consent & Payment	7th May 2021
Grade 6 Camp Consent & Final Payment	7th May 2021
Winter Lightning Premiership Consent & Payment	17th May 2021

DO YOU HAVE A STUDENT STARTING IN PREP NEXT YEAR?

If you have a student due to be starting school in 2022, please collect an enrolment form at the General Office.

Our cut off date for Prep 2022 is Friday 28th May 2021.

News from Mr Rowland

NAPLAN – Tuesday 11th May, Wednesday 12th May and Thursday 13th May

NAPLAN is the national testing program conducted across Australia in the week commencing Monday 10th May.

All Grade 3 and 5, Year 7 and 9 students are expected to complete 4 tests – Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy (ranging between 40 to 50 minutes allocated to each test, for Grade 3 and 5s).

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) was not held last year due to COVID-19.

Parents/carers can seek an exemption for their child and this must be in writing and provided to the Principal prior to the scheduled testing times. Reasons for this can include English language proficiency or disability. Students may be withdrawn from the testing program by their parent/carer – withdrawals are intended to address such issues as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing. Principals are to seek signed parent/carer consent for all withdrawn students prior to testing.

If you have any concerns regarding NAPLAN testing, please contact your class teacher, Mrs Mundine or myself asap.

Mother's Day Sunday 9th May

A very, very happy Mother's Day to all Mano mums and special people.

Students have been shopping for gifts at our Mother's Day stall today and can also do so tomorrow from 9am (Friday 7th May) with all gifts \$5 (cash only).

Maybe in class students have been making some special gifts too – but let's keep that a secret!

Education Week – Commencing Monday 24th May

The state theme for Education Week this year is Building connections!

We have lots planned for this week:

Monday 24th May – launch of Education Week at Assembly. Grade 6s head off to camp for 3 days! Book Fair on all week – 3:30pm – 4:14pm in Library area.

Tuesday 25th May – Open day at Mano: tours departing from Office at 9:30am and 12noon.

Wednesday 26th May – Open afternoon (all classes welcoming visitors between 2:30 and 3:30pm). Please come and see you children in action! Please sign in with the Mano QR code.

Thursday 27th May – Prep Grandparents morning and morning tea (9-11am).

Friday 28th May – Casual Clothes Day: pyjama theme! Picnic lunch on oval and a likely special canteen menu to order from.

I hope you can join us for some of the above activities.

Victorian State Schools Spectacular - 2021 Mano Captains Announced

Congratulations to Ella Logan and Mikayla Jones on being appointed to these important roles. Our 2021 VSSS team have been busy practicing and are excited about the Melbourne performance planned for later this year. Thank you to Mrs Orford for coordinating our team and making this fabulous opportunity a reality for our students.

For more details of the VSSS see: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/pages/spectacular.aspx?Redirect=1>

What is 'comprehension'?

Reading 'comprehension' means being able to understand what you are reading – knowing what the individual words mean and then putting the words together to make sense of the text. To comprehend what they are reading, readers also use the other four key literacy skills (phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary and fluency), as well as general thinking skills. Together, these skills let readers figure out words quickly, understand the words individually, put them together into sentences, and make sense of the whole text.

Comprehension skills increase reading effectiveness and enjoyment.

How can you help your child? Even before they begin learning to read, your little one starts laying the foundation of their comprehension skills while you are reading to them. Use these six tips to support this.

Read, read, read!

The most important thing you can do is read. Read with your little one, read to them and let them see you reading. This will help your little one to develop a love of reading and see it as an enjoyable and useful skill. The more you read to and with them, the greater their comprehension.

Ask questions.

As you read to your little one, ask questions about what is happening in the book. You can answer the questions yourself, or encourage your little one to answer – this lets them re-tell parts of the story in their own words, which is a great way to practise comprehension skills. You can also ask for their opinion, which helps to develop their critical thinking skills. For example, 'Where did the family go on holidays? What do you think they will do there?'

Make connections.

Encourage your little one to connect things from the story to events or people in their own life, or make connections for them. This sharpens their focus and deepens their understanding. For example, 'She was very excited, wasn't she! Do you remember being excited like that? I remember you were very excited last year when Nonna and Poppa came to visit for Christmas!'

Praise.

When you are asking your child about what happened in a book, don't worry if they get some answers wrong – mistakes are part of learning! Praise their effort then encourage them to try again, or give them a bit of help, or move on to something else. For example, 'That's a good answer, but are you sure the girl is feeling scared? She looks pretty brave in the picture. What do you think?' This builds their confidence to keep trying when they are having trouble with something, and makes them a more resilient learner.

Let your child be the guide.

Children develop at their own pace, and your little one may not be interested in letters and sounds right now, or may not remember them. That's ok! Be patient and don't push it – it's important to keep reading fun. Just providing exposure to books, language and stories will lay the foundations for their comprehension skills, and set them up for success at reading.

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Barry Rowland
Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PC	ANNIE KELLY - Annie is a fantastic role model in Prep C. She always tries her best at all learning tasks, uses beautiful manners and listens carefully to instructions. Awesome Annie!
PH	JIMMY NIKOLIC - Jimmy has made a wonderful transition to school and consistently does his very best work, and always with a huge smile on his face. Awesome effort Jimmy!
PK	MAX LYNCH - Max is trying really hard in class to complete his work to a high standard and avoid distractions at his table and on the floor. He shows kindness to others, which was particularly noticeable at Fairy Park this week! Marvellous Max!
1A	DHYAN MANOJ - Dhyan is a responsible and helpful member of 1A. He can always be relied upon to use technology appropriately and safely. You are a role model Dhyan!
1C	PATRICK CONNOR - Paddy is extremely capable when using iPads and stand alone computers in 1C. He also voluntarily assists others to upload photos and sentences to SeeSaw. Well done Paddy!
1S	BILLY SMITTEN - Billy is a wonderful member of 1S. He always ensures when using SeeSaw that he uploads his work responsibly. Brilliant Billy!
2B	MAX COLLETT - For responsibly using technology equipment in the classroom. Well done Max!
2C	LEWIS PABST - Lewis takes great care when using the Grade 2 iPads and will ensure he takes great care when getting or returning an iPad. Amazing job Lewis!
2O	OSCAR KETELAAR - Oscar is consistently responsible for storing technology in the correct place when it is not in use. Wonderful helper Oscar!
MC	GWEN SPANNINGA - Gwen is a 'Spelling Superstar'! She has been eager to learn, practise and test herself on her Red Words and as a result, has made exceptional growth over the last two weeks. Great work Gwen!
MH	ZOE BAKER - Zoe is always a responsible member of MH. She also takes care of her work and belongings. Excellent job Zoe.
MQ	BLAKE GELLION - Blake is always responsible when it comes to using technology in our class and is a wonderful helper to those who need assistance when they are unsure of what to do or where to find something. Brilliant Blake!
MS	MAISIE GALTRY - Maisie consistently shows responsibility when using her own and the schools technology. She is a great role model to the other students. Magnificent Maisie!
MW	LINC DOWIE - Linc has made a fantastic start to Term 2. He walks into the room with a smile on his face each and everyday and with a 'Ready to Learn' attitude. You are a role model to all Linc. Keep up the great work!
SG	DALIA ATANASOVSKI - For having her iPad at school, charged and ready for work every single day. Dalia makes use of this technology in a safe manner to greatly enhance her learning time at school.
SN	SARAH ROBINSON - Sarah is a helpful and kind member of Senior N. She makes the classroom a fantastic place to be everyday. You're sensational Sarah!
SS	ALEXIA BLACK - Lexi has gone above and beyond to perform random acts of kindness for those in our classroom. Lexi, you really are a wonderful member of our class.
ST	ELLA LOGAN - Ella demonstrates the school values each and every day. She is helpful to others and guides her classmates in a positive way. A true leader in every sense of the word! Excellent Ella!
SV	PATRICK COOPER - Patrick makes sure he positions himself safely to work on his iPad. He is responsible with all technological equipment and willingly assists others. Brilliant Patrick!
MUSIC	GWEN SPANNINGA - Gwen is always an attentive student during Music class. She shows respectful listening, participating and always treats equipment. with care. Keep up the fantastic work Gwen!
ART	CHARLIE KENT - Charlie is a great listener, respectful of the Art equipment and a creative worker. Fantastic Charlie.
PE	HARPER WILLS - Harper always comes to PE with a big smile on her face and a positive attitude. She always shows respect by listening and has been a wonderful helper in our PMP program. Ripper job Harper!
SCIENCE	NICHOLAAS SPANNINGA - Nic continuously demonstrates the school values with great enthusiasm when collaborating and working during Science. Keep up the great work Nic!
LIBRARY	RAYYAN AZIZ - Rayyan consistently works to the best of his ability in all Library activities. He is always respectful and a terrific role model for his class. Well done Rayyan!

Student Absences & Late Arrivals

If your child arrives late to school they must be signed in by a parent/guardian and collect a 'Pass In' card at the Office. Due to limited visitors at the school due to COVID-19 restrictions we ask that parents sign their child/ren in at the Office and then leave the school grounds. Students will be collected by a staff member or classmates and walked to class.

Please remember to telephone the Office and speak to either Jacquie, Jessie or Leanne when your child is absent from school or if you are aware of a prior engagement. Alternatively you can submit an absence approval on the Compass app.

Music News

Assembly Performances and Important Dates

- * Monday 17th May in Week 5 the Junior and Senior choir will sing together at Assembly
- * Monday 24th May in Week 6 the Rock Band will have their very first performance for this year at Assembly (pictured)
- * Bush Dance for Middles Tuesday 15th June at 5pm Middle Terrace



Bush Dance:

In Music the Middles are learning about Australian Music and are currently doing Australian Bush Songs and Dances. To support this learning, the Middles will be having a Bush Dance on Tuesday 15th June during week 9. Students will be learning dances in Music and on the day and at 5pm that evening parents and families will be invited to participate in a fun Bush Dance, learning what the students have learnt that day and dancing up a storm! Further details to be published on Compass soon.

End of Year Concert

The end of year concert will be on Tuesday 9th November at Costa Hall. This year our theme will be 'World Music' and each year level has a country or continent that they will be learning about in Music. Listed below are the countries/continents that each year level will investigate throughout this year.

- Preps France
- Grade 1 Ireland
- Grade 2 England
- Middles Australia/Aboriginal
- Seniors Africa

Thank you.
Mrs Meegan Baker

Are You Using Compass Pay & Receiving Compass Notifications?

Each week the Office sends notifications to Parents and Staff through Compass. It is crucial that parents keep up to date with school notifications via Compass. If you do not have the Compass app and notifications set up correctly on your phone you could be missing out on important updates.

Each family has a unique family code to log in to Compass.

If you need assistance logging in to Compass please contact the Office on 5229 9643.

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Last Friday Mano had 32 students who represented our school at the District Cross Country and competed against 5 other schools. Our students did a tremendous job, trying their absolute best and giving it their all. We as a Mano community should be super proud. In the photo above, Madison Muir won the 11 year old girls 3 km race, whilst Xavier Willoughby ran his heart out to finish second in the 11 year old boys race. In the 12/13 girls we had Layla Foley who came third and almost caught up within the last 100 metres to win it.

The following students will be continuing their efforts in the North Division Cross Country on Tuesday 25th May. We wish them all the best!

- Archie Rahles-Rahbula
- Thomas Muller
- Madison Muir
- Xavier Willoughby
- Ruby Thompson
- Lincoln Peel
- Layla Foley

SAVE THE DATE - MANO HOUSE ATHLETICS

WHEN: Thursday 10TH June

WHERE: Goldsworthy Reserve

More details to come soon.

Parent helpers to let Mr Hambrook or Office know in coming weeks.



Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

Dear Parents

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Manifold Heights Primary School is excited to be participating. A new application is being used this year that offers a range of exciting features including:

- access to a library catalogue (including book images and blurbs)
 - a modern user-friendly interface
 - rewarding students with badges as challenge milestones are achieved
- the option for students to mark books as a favourite, give them a star rating or complete a book review

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 17th September 2021.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Here are your login details for the 2021 Premiers' Reading Challenge.

Interested students will be provided with the following important details to participate in the Reading Challenge, from Mrs. Bencic.

Username: «Username»

Passcode: «Password»

Further information about how to use the new Challenge application is available at:

[School students and parents](#)

To log in go to:

[Register and log in](#)

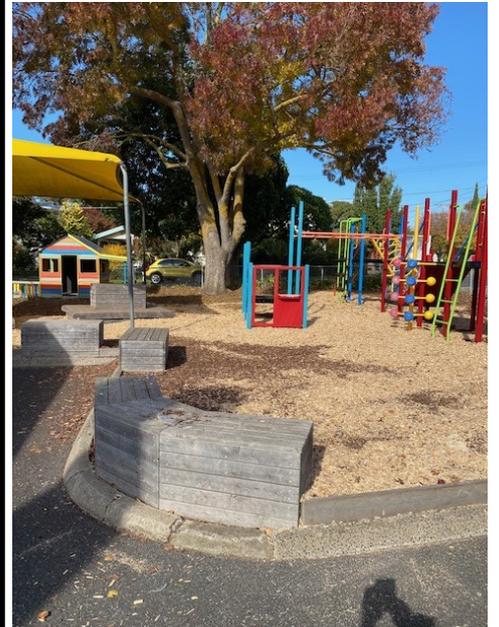
Kind regards, Mrs. Bencic -Library teacher



Working Bee Sunday 2nd May Thank you to our helpers!

Last Sunday morning a small but enthusiastic group tackled some grounds improvement works. Major tasks achieved were new sand in the sandpit and fresh soft play mulch in both Prep and Junior playgrounds. Thank you to those who were able to attend and we look forward to further enhancing our grounds at the next Working Bee, proposed for Sunday 18th July, 9-11am.

Our new handyman/gardener Tim will provide weekly support to maintaining and improving our spacious school grounds.

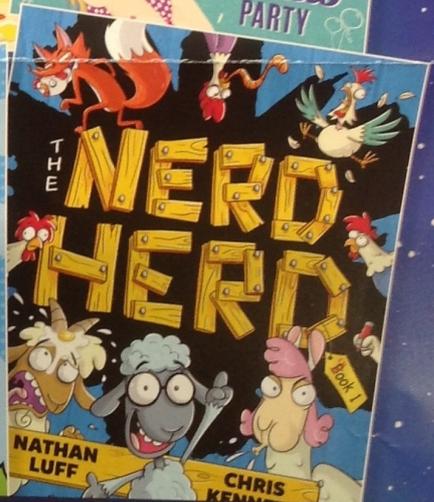
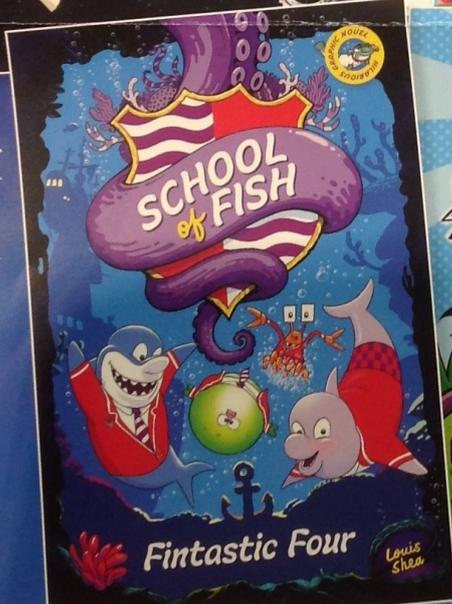
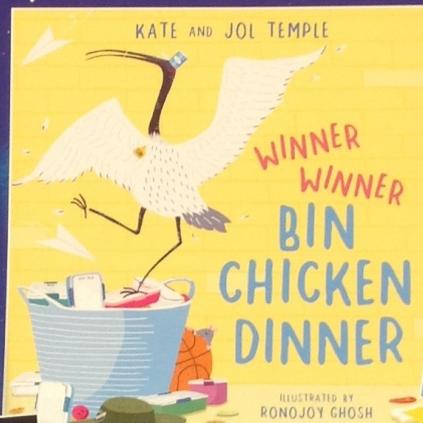


See what's NEW at our

BOOK FAIR

Read More in May 2021!

This year's National Simultaneous Storytime story will be read by astronauts *from Space!*



FIND THESE BOOKS AND HUNDREDS MORE AT THE FAIR!

Date *Mon. 24th - Frid. 28th May* Time *3:30 - 4:15*

Place *School Library Manifold Heights*

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Re: Invitation to attend group

Dear Parents/Carers,

Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At Manifold Heights Primary School we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce or related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are therefore offering a very successful education program called *Seasons for Growth*.

This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research that highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The program focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks.

Seasons for Growth runs for eight weeks and each weekly session is approximately 45 minutes. The program concludes with a 'Celebration' session. It will commence on **Tuesday 1st June** and will be facilitated by Cyndee Little, School Chaplain, who has received special training in the use of this program. Please note that the usual cost for this 2021 group has been covered by the organisation.

If you think your son or daughter would benefit from *Seasons for Growth* we would encourage you to talk to him/her first about this. Child voice and agency in the process is very important. [Please note it is recommended that one sibling attend, as others will be offered an opportunity at subsequent groups.] Should he/she decide to participate please fill in the tear-off section below and return to the school by **Friday 21st May**.

An information session for parents and carers who would like their children to participate will be held on **Tuesday 18th May 9:30am** in the **Prep foyer** area.

I warmly encourage you to attend this session to gain an insight into the value of the program.

Kind regards,
Peta Mundine

Seasons for Growth Site Coordinator

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I _____ give consent for my son/

daughter _____ to attend the *Seasons for Growth*

program. I have discussed with this with him/her.

I am able/unable to attend the parent information session on Tuesday 18th May.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Child's Signature

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