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MANIFOLD HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Date: 18th November 2021

Principal: Barry Rowland
Business Manager: Ros Fantini

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Important Dates

NOVEMBER

Fri 19th November	School Concert Vocal Recording Day
Mon 22nd November	Junior Sports Day, 9:30 - 11am, Peter Lowe Reserve
Wed 24th November	Prep 2022 Transition Visit 2, 12pm - 1:30pm, Prep Building

DECEMBER

Fri 3rd December	School Concert Rehearsal Day, Costa Hall School Concert, 6:30pm, Costa Hall
Mon 6th December	Pupil Free Day - No Classes - Please note change of date
Tues 7th December	Whole School Step Up Day, 9am - 1:30pm Prep 2022 Transition Visit 3, 9:30am - 11am, Prep Building Statewide Transition Day
Wed 8th December	Prep BBQ
Thurs 9th December	Grade 6 Graduation Filming Night
Fri 10th December	Senior Great Mano Hike
Mon 13th December	Booklist Orders Due
Tues 14th December	Prep 2022 Transition Visit, 3:45pm - 4:30pm, Narmbool St Playground Casual Dress Day, Gold Coin Donation for Ronald McDonald House
Wed 15th December	Grade 6 Graduation Day Bowling & Skating Grade 6 Graduation Viewing Party (evening)
Fri 17th December	Term 4 Ends, 2:30pm

Upcoming Event Consent Forms and/or Payments Due

Graduation Bear/Ball Orders & Payment Due	19th November 2021
School Concert Rehearsal Day Consent	20th November 2021
School Concert Film/Photo Consent	30th November 2021
Grade 6 Graduation Day	1st December 2021
Prep BBQ Consent & Payment	2nd December 2021
Senior Great Mano Hike	7th December 2021

News from Mr Rowland

Junior Sports Day – Monday 22nd November, 9:30am Peter Lowe Reserve

This activity (local excursion) will be run straight after assembly on this morning. Parents / carers are welcome to attend and are asked to socially distance from each other and to stay off the oval area and outside the boundary fencing. Our Grade 1 and 2s will be invited to participate in a range of fun sporting events, offering a chance for all to have a go at each event. Thank you to Mr Hambrook who is organising this event.

School Photos Finally Completed

After a few reschedules due to lockdowns and restricted visitors being onsite, we finally got these done!

Families can look forward to orders being processed within the next fortnight and being back ready for distribution – maybe they'll be ideal Xmas presents! Orders can still be placed online until Sunday 21st November. Ordering details can be found on Compass.

A special whole Grade 6 cohort snapshot was taken outdoors and this should prove to be a fabulous keepsake for this group of students, who will graduate from Mano in just 4 weeks. We wish them all the very best as they prepare for secondary schooling in 2022.

Staffing Update

Welcome Mrs Anderson: there has unfortunately been at short notice another change to the teacher position of Grade 1A. Mrs Anderson has taken on this role (from Monday 15th November) and she will also oversee the construction of end of year Student Reports for this group (in conjunction with Mr Santilli Grade 1 Team Leader and the very detailed assessment records kept during this year by Mrs Hardman and Ms Notley).

Ms Dove has accepted a new contract at Mano and will be returning in 2022.

There have also been some new staff appointed to Mano for 2022, to classroom roles and also to the new full time Disability Inclusion Coordinator role. Details of all 2022 staffing positions will be communicated when confirmed roles, duties and time fractions are 'locked in' – which will be before the end of this school year.

A Department of Education & Training (DET) advertisement has been recently published for an Acting Principal to commence from the beginning of Term 1 next year. I would expect that an appointment will be made within the next fortnight and subsequently shared with the community. The school does not have input into this selection process.

End of Year Student Reports

Teachers will be reporting against the standards of the Victorian Curriculum. Progress since the last reporting cycle will be evident and a guide as to how to read / interpret these reports will again be provided. In such a disrupted year there may be some students who do not achieve the progress expected in a 'normal year' – the confirmed funding for Tutoring in 2022 will support many of these students, most evidently in the key areas of Literacy and Numeracy.

Grade 2 Science Day

What a wonderful day the Grade 2s had on Wednesday of this week – Science Day!

Many students took the opportunity to dress up as scientists, share experiments with their peers and solve a range of problems/challenges as presented by their teachers.

It certainly was learning by doing!

Preps of 2022 Visiting

Transition visit number 1 (of 3) has occurred and the Preps of 2022 seemed very settled on 'their first day'. It was a chance for children to meet new friends, interact with some Mano staff, participate in a range of fun activities and become a little more familiar with the school environment. Parents and local kinders have done so well to prepare these children for school in 2022! Two more visits are planned over the next couple of weeks, followed by a 4th session on Tuesday 14th December to be held in the playground after school (for families to interact).

Other Coming Events

Staff are working hard to plan and deliver a range of special events, to help us all finish another tricky year on a positive note.

Please contact the school office if unsure of any upcoming event details.

What our students can look forward to over the remaining 4 weeks of the 2021 school year: Step up transition sessions, Big Day Ins, incursions, Prep BBQ, Grade 6 Graduation, Whole School Concert at Costa Hall, Prep – Grade 4 movie morning at Waurm Ponds, Seniors Hike, a Casual clothes day and maybe a little Christmas Concert.

Geelong RSL Donation

We have been selected for a donation from the Geelong RSL to support the school with some end of year arrangements, including supporting student participation in events and activities, after such a tricky year. A big thank you to the RSL who also recently subsidised the cost of red poppies for all students as part of Remembrance Day.

Barry Rowland

Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PC	JACK CAMMAROTO - Jack is such an enthusiastic member of Prep C! He loves to learn and enjoys using problem solving strategies to complete Maths tasks. Fantastic Jack!
PH	AEDAN O'BOYLE - Aedan uses a range of strategies to solve problems both in his learning and with his friends. Well done Aedan!
PK	INDIE LUKE - Indie tries different strategies to solve problems in her learning and play. She was particularly helpful this week by thinking of ways to provide caring support for a classmate. Fantastic effort Indie!
1A	FRANKIE BENSON - Frankie has used great problem solving strategies in her work this week. Well done Frankie!
1C	ALBI MAJTARA - Albi explains to us all how he works problems out. He does so with confidence and logic. Awesome Albi!
1S	JACOB STEFANOVIC - Jacob has shown great problem solving strategies in his Numeracy work this week, confidently explaining the "building to 10" strategy. Brilliant Jake!
2B	GEMMA WALLACE - Gemma always listens carefully and works quietly in the classroom to produce her best work. Congratulations Gemma!
2C	EDWINA ELTRINGHAM - Edwina always gets a yard duty teacher if there is an issue out in the yard that she cannot solve using another strategy. Fantastic Edwina!
2O	ZOE BEGELY - Zoe is fantastic at thinking of several strategies to solve problems in Numeracy, especially fractions. You're a star Zoe!
MC	MURRAY MILLS - Murray is able to draw on a range of strategies to assist him in all aspects of his learning, including approaching problems and when researching. You are a marvel, Murray!
MH	NOAH MILNE - Noah has shown that he can use many different strategies when he is faced with difficult problems in Maths this week! Well done on a great week of learning Noah!
MQ	OLIVER IVANITSKIY - Oliver is a marvellous problem solver and has worked beautifully in Numeracy this week. Solving some very tricky tasks. Outstanding Oliver!
MS	EVIE CLELAND - Evie always listens to others and values the opinions of others. She is a very caring student and encourages others to display the SWPBS values as well. Excellent Evie!
MW	THOMAS MULLER - Thomas is a fabulous problem solver and loves the challenge of figuring out the unknown. He has thrived this week while completing a range of problems in Numeracy. Terrific Thomas!
SG	LUX GREVILLE - Lux is a responsible learner, this week he has shown this by asking questions and using a range of problem solving skills to solve Maths problems. Great work Lux.
SN	ARCHER CHAPPELL - Archer was an active participant in Guided Reading this week. He shared his thoughts and ideas about figurative language and Author's Craft with his group. Awesome Archer!
SS	MADDI HOSE - For showing great initiative and being a helpful member of Senior S. Maddi looks for ways in which she can be of assistance within the classroom and never hesitates to lend a hand to those in need.
ST	ELOISE PALMER - Eloise consistently shows respect to her peers and teachers alike. She has also sought feedback on her test scores and asked about her next steps in Maths. Well done on taking responsibility for your learning. Just excellent
SV	RUBY THOMPSON - Ruby has used some great strategies this week to overcome a few work problems. Remarkable Ruby!
MUSIC	ZOE BAKER - Zoe has been a respectful member of Music taking care of the instruments and her partner during activities. Keep up the awesome work Zoe!
ART	SIENNA WILLIAMS - Sienna is an outstanding student in Art. She engages in all aspects of learning and her Art skills are excellent.
PE	VIVIENNE HURST - Viv always comes to PE with a positive attitude and willingness to listen and follow all instructions during our games and skills. Tremendous work Viv!
LIBRARY	FRANKIE GRANT - For her efforts in completing a detailed and neat map of the Kakadu National Park during her Library project. Well done Frankie.
SCIENCE	JORJA STEFANOVIC - Jorja has shown outstanding responsibility and respect by always listening to instructions and working cooperatively with her peers to create Igloos. Awesome Jorja!

2022 Parent Voluntary Curriculum Contributions & Booklist Items

Details regarding 2022 Parent Voluntary Curriculum Contributions & Booklist Items was sent to families via post at the start of November. **Curriculum Contributions are Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the curriculum.**

Parents may make Curriculum Contributions directly to our booklist supplier Paperchase Office National online or directly to the school via Bpay, Credit Card, Eftpos, Cheque or Cash. We are expecting to have our Curriculum Contributions for students finalized by the **end of Term 1, Friday 8th April.**

Paperchase Office National will provide the schools booklist items in 2022. All booklist items required by each year level will be listed online and will be **delivered directly to the school** the week prior to school commencing in 2022. To ensure your order is delivered to the school the week prior to school commencing in 2022 please ensure your order is placed before **Monday 13th December 2021.** Booklist items orders received after **Monday 13th December** will incur a late packing fee of \$5.00 per booklist and may not be delivered prior to Term 1 2022.

2022 Booklists are available at <http://booklist.paperchase.com.au>

School Code: BTSMHPS

Please ensure that you select the correct student year level for 2022

Curriculum Contribution Parent Payment plan options are available for families experiencing financial difficulty. If you wish to establish a payment plan please contact our Business Manager, Ros Fantini, on 5229 9643. These discussions are strictly confidential with a focus on supporting students in their learning at the school.

Are You Using Compass Pay & Receiving Compass Notifications?

Each week the Office sends notifications to Parents and Staff through Compass. Parents also use it to consent and pay for incursions and excursions. 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.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Second hand uniforms are available to purchase via the Office. Uniforms, school bags, school hats and book bags are available. If you would like to peruse the stock available please contact the Office to arrange an appointment time.

We also seek donations. Please, only provide items that are in good condition, to the Office to be added to the Second Hand Uniform Shop.

Music News

Important Dates:

Concert Vocal Recording Friday 19th November Whole School

End of Year Concert Friday 3rd December, 6:30pm Costa Hall



Concert Tickets

Concert Tickets went on sale 4pm Monday 8th November. Please follow the below link to purchase tickets.

<https://geelongartscentre.org.au/whats-on/all-events/music-around-the-world-mano-primary-school/>

Families will be able to purchase tickets online with two tickets available per family. Costa Hall has COVID requirements that require all audience members to be double vaccinated to attend this exciting event. Mano students have been practicing hard in the lead up to this concert and it will be filmed and be available for purchase in the form of a DVD or a USB (details to come soon). Costa Hall has informed us that if children are under 18 months of age they don't need a ticket and can sit on an adult's knee, but older children will need a ticket to attend.

Mrs. Meegan Baker



JUNIOR SPORTS DAY



WHEN: Monday 22nd of November

WHO: Grade 1 and 2 students only.

TIME: 9:30am - 11am (recess)

WHERE: Peter Lowe Oval, 80 Minerva Rd, Manifold Heights

Students from Grade 1 and 2 have been training super hard this term in many events to get ready for the Junior Sports Day. They have been practising modified athletic events with a twist! The events include hurdles, 50m sprint, long jump, egg and spoon race, discus and shot-put. The students will most importantly have fun, learn about sportsmanship, teamwork and how trying their best in all events is self-rewarding.

Parents who wish to attend ***must*** please watch and encourage from the outside of the oval as this is an organised event through the Geelong Council. The amount of students and staff has been recorded via the council and extra numbers cannot attend on the oval but can certainly watch from around the fenceline. The children would love to see you all watching and cheering on supporting them!

Kind regards and hope to see you around 9:30am!

Mr Hambrook



AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN'S LITERARY BOARD

OZ KIDS IN PRINT

A huge congratulations goes out to **Sharmina Jovan** from MQ. Her literary work "Save Or Be Safe" was published this month, in the 2021 Edition 4 of 'Oz Kids In Print' magazine, and also online. (www.ozkids.com.au).

Sharmina's impressive work was chosen from many, many entries submitted by students from right across the country, and has been nominated for consideration in the '2021 Young Australia Writer's Awards'.

Please enjoy Sharmina's work below...

SAVE OR BE SAFE

AS THE elephant bent down so I could clamber onto his back, I felt scared, but excited. Where was he going to take me? What if I fall? What if he takes me somewhere and leaves me alone? I reluctantly swung my leg over his back, patting him gently. As he rose up I heard him hum a song. Up we went into the bright blue sky. I felt the wind in my hair, flapping wildly behind me. I almost lost my breath when I saw the breathtaking ground below. Full of houses and cities. All of a sudden the elephant flew down into a beautiful forest, full of trees and waterfalls.

When the elephant landed I hopped off and once I touched the ground I had bathers on. I knew it was the elephant's magic. He slowly made his way to the water and jumped in. It made such a huge splash that I got drenched! So, I jumped in after him, laughing and splashing around. When I got out, I walked around and found my best friend hiding in the bushes. "What are you doing here?" I asked her "I got lost!" She sobbed "Come with me!" I cried, pulling her up from the ground. As we ran through the bushes I could hear the elephant having fun in the water. "Stop!" My friend Maisie said "Why?" I questioned

"Because there is an elephant over there!" She screamed "Oh don't worry, that's my friend, his name is Bruce."

The waterfall sparkles as Maisie and I approach it. It sprays cold specks of water onto my skin that makes my hair on my arms stick up straight. The waterfall is majestically shiny when it meets the water below. My friend and I jumped into the water and felt the water pound on our backs. After Maisie met Bruce we flew off into the air again and Maisie was amazed at all the beautiful sites she could see!

When we got to Afghanistan we saw smoke and rubble everywhere! "What is going on?" I cried tears streaming down my face listening to all the cries and screams of the innocent people that live there. That's when Bruce abruptly stopped! It was so hard that Maisie fell off the back of Bruce! I heard her scream and Bruce flew down after her so I could grab her. "HELP!" She screamed, nearing closer to the ground. "I've got you!" I said, holding her in thin air. I sat her back onto Bruce but in front of me this time. We soared down to the ground taking a look of what was going on. "BAM!" Fired a gun. I spotted an elephant

drop dead to the ground! Bruce groaned looking at his old friend laying on the cold, dusty ground. I quickly got off Bruce with Maisie and ran over as fast as I could to the poor elephant. I blocked out all the screams of other people and focused on the elephant. The air was thick and smokey around me. I saw a bullet land right near me, that made a ring of fire circle the elephant and I. But I didn't care. Bruce gave me a small glass of water to pour over the elephants ears, I knew it contained magic. I gave it a go, and I held my breath. It worked! The elephant woke up and sprayed water from it's trunk onto the fire. When we walked through the ruined town every step that we took the land became normal and the terrorists died while firing bullets. The bullets disappeared into the air and everyone was happy again!

When we got home we told all our parents what we had done and Bruce stayed with me forever so we could go on more adventures together!

*By Sharmina Olive Jovan
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