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MANIFOLD HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Date: 17th February 2022

Principal: Christian Smith
Business Manager: Ros Fantini
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Important Dates

FEBRUARY	
Mon 21st February	Swimming Carnival, Selected Middles & Seniors Students (Rescheduled Date) Prep Parent Info Night, 6:30pm, Webex
Tues 22nd February	Preparation for Puberty, Session 2, Grade 6 Students Grade 1 & 2 Parent Info Night, 6:30pm, Webex
Wed 23rd February	Middles Parent Info Night, 6:30pm, Webex
Thurs 24th February	Seniors Parent Info Night, 6:30pm, Webex Middles Cyber Safety Incursion Seniors Cyber Safety Incursion
Mon 28th February	Prep Geelong Advertiser Photos
MARCH	
Wed 9th March	Mano Family Picnic, 5:30pm
Fri 11th March	Lightning Premiership, Senior Students Grade 1 Big Day Out Victorian State School Spectacular Regional Rehearsal, Western Heights College
Mon 14th March	Labour Day Public Holiday, No Classes
Fri 18th March	House Cross Country, Fyansford Common, Middles & Seniors Students

Upcoming Event Consent Forms and/or Payments Due

Middles & Seniors Cyber Safety Consent	21st February 2022
Prep Geelong Advertiser Photo Consent	23rd February 2022
Local Permission Form 2022	28th February 2022
Grade 1 Big Day Out Consent & Payment	9th March 2022
House Cross Country Consent & Payment	10th March 2022

DO YOU HAVE A STUDENT STARTING IN PREP NEXT YEAR?

If you have a student due to be starting school in 2023, please collect an enrolment form at the General Office. Our cut off date for Prep 2023 is Monday 31st May 2022.

NEWS FROM MR SMITH

Dear School Community Members,

Cyber Safety for Happy, Resilient Digital Kids: As a dad of four children and a leader of a primary school I am regularly investigating ways we, as parents, can support our children navigate their way through the endless possibilities, yet complex world of digital technologies. Setting up 'good habits' with digital technology is something that I encourage all families to consider as we begin a new school year. I recently read a great article regarding Cyber Safety and developing resilient kids, with the link included below. I encourage families to read the article as the messages and advice in this article are practical, achievable and effective.

https://www.parentingideas.com.au/blog/moving-beyond-cyber-safety-for-happy-resilient-digital-kids/

Parent/Carer Information Sessions: As communicated through Compass this week, our annual Information Sessions are:

Dates:	Preps	Monday, 21st February
	Yr 1 and Yr 2	Tuesday, 22nd February
	Middles	Wednesday, 23rd February
	Seniors	Thursday, 24th February
Time:	6:30pm – 7:15pm	
Venue:	Via Webex – due to the COVID Safe Measures in place, our Information Sessions will be held via Webex.	

Please see Compass post or Seesaw for links to each Information Session

We look forward to your attendance.

Mano Family Picnic – Wednesday 9th March: I am thrilled to announce that our Mano Family Picnic is on Wednesday 9th March from 5:30pm. Further details regarding this event will be provided in the coming days.

School Council Elections: As of Wednesday 16th February, we are calling for nominations to the Manifold Heights PS School Council. Although a formal body, the School Council is an enjoyable way of being involved in our school's overall direction, vision and policy development.

The constituting order of Manifold Heights Primary School confirms the composition of Council as being:

- 9 elected parents/carers
- 5 Department of Education and Training employees including the Principal
- 1 community member

This year our retiring members include Madhu Subramaniam, Darryl Johns, Robyn Bohun, and Rowan Costin, along with staff member Tom Fleming. Members retire at the end of their term (2 years) however, they are welcome to nominate for membership again if eligible (e.g. have children here or still work at the school). Many thanks again to our retiring School Council members who have completed their two-year term on Council.

We currently have the following vacancies to be filled:

- Four 2 year elected parent positions

- One 2 year elected Department of Education and Training position

We welcome your nomination – if you are interested in nominating, please see the information provided via Compass or collect a nomination form from the Office.

School Council: Our School Council met on Monday night (14th February). The Council play an important role in the school's governance and oversee the formulation of policies, plans for facilities and infrastructure, scrutiny of finance, and the long term vision and direction of the school. Below is a list of the key agenda items:

- A brief report on the installation of Solar Panels at Mano
- A report on the progress of our School Review
- Formalising plans for the Mano Family Picnic
- School Council elections – outline of process
- School Community Survey (conducted late in 2021) – tabled summary of findings and discussions regarding next steps

Each of our School Councillors are deeply committed and invested in our school. Please contact them if you have any feedback or concerns (please visit our school website and select tab, 'About Us', 'Our School Council', 'School Council Members Profiles').

Staff Professional Learning: Our staff focussed on SWPBS and creating a Mano Wellbeing Plan in our Staff Meeting this week. This included:

- Collegiate discussions on how we can best support our students who are challenged by the transition back to school
- Developing a suite of strategies to support students who are not as engaged as their peers
- Brainstorming ideas on how to further nurture the wellbeing of our community

Assembly: Our assembly for Monday 21st February will be live streamed via Youtube. All families are welcome to join us by clicking on the link below:

https://youtu.be/TUKlJcumDV0

Thank you for supporting our school and have a great week.

Christian Smith
Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PREP G	**HUDSON ADAMKO** - Hudson tries hard in everything he does. He is a keen learner and always shows respect by following instructions. Keep it up Hudson!
PREP H	**BONNIE BEGELY** - Bonnie always tries really hard to be a terrific listener so that she knows what she has to do and is ready to be a careful learner. Well done Bonnie!
PREP O	**HARRY STATHAM** - Harry is consistently responsible in the classroom by keeping his table area tidy as well as ensuring he returns things to the right place. Keep it up Harry!
1A	**GEORGE LING** - George always follows instructions and demonstrates respect to both his peers and teachers. You are a gem George!
1C	**JIMMY NIKOLIC** - Jimmy has been concentrating well this week. For example Jimmy was able to find items smaller and greater than the length of a pencil. You are a super listener AND mathematician Jimmyl
1S	**SIENNA WILLIAMS** - Sienna has made an incredible start in Grade 1. She is a wonderful role model with fabulous manners. Sensational Sienna!
2B	**STELA TASCAS** - Stela listens carefully to instructions and is an excellent model for other students in 2B. Keep up the great effort Stela!
2C	**WILLIAM DIMOVSKI** - William consistently keeps his area of the table clean and tidy and ensures he packs up after himself every session. Amazing work William!
2O	**MUHAMMAD CHAUDHRY** - Muhammad's work area is arranged neatly and in order. He returns items to their correct location after he has finished using them. Magnificent Muhammad!
MD	**ELIJAH NORTH** - Elijah consistently sets an amazing example for others. He listens carefully and always remains organised, making sure he is prepared for each lesson or activity. Excellent Elijah!
MQ	**THOMAS SEKULIC-FEARN** - Thomas is a wonderful example of how to show respect to his peers and his teachers. He is ready for every lesson and ensures he follows each step as carefully as possible. Terrific Thomas!
MS	**CHARLEE HOUGHTON** - Charlee consistently shows respect and always follows instructions, she is also very encouraging of her peers. Champion Charlee!
MV	**THOMAS ARNEL** - Thomas brings a large amount of respect into MV every day where he listens and follows instructions magnificently. Terrific Thomas!
MW	**MAISIE GALTRY** - Maisie is a fabulous listener, she always shows respect to the speaker, asks thought provoking questions and always follows the lesson instructions. Amazing Maisie!
SG	**ZARLI PANKHURST** - For ensuring her work station is clean, tidy and well organised. She has the correct equipment ready for every lesson and is able to make the most of her learning time.
SN	**AMBER MCMULLAN** - Amber consistently takes care of her belongings, is organised, keeping her desk neat and tidy. Well done Amber!
SS	**ARCHER CHAPPELL** - Archer has had a fantastic week in SS, keeping his workspace neat and organised, allowing him to make the most of his learning time. I've also been really impressed with his enthusiasm during Numeracy. Awesome Archer!
ST	**SCARLETT REICK** - Scarlett always looks after her belongings, leaving her desk neat and tidy between classes and at the end of the day. What a way to be organised! Sensational Scarlett.
SW	**LAILA COSTIN** - For her outstanding effort on all set tasks this week. This includes her amazing poems in writing that were supported with an excellent graphic presentation. Well done Laila!
MUSIC	**CHARLOTTE COLLETT** - Charlotte participated in all set tasks with enthusiasm after listening to instructions. She played the game, sang and wrote a rap with her team. Delightful Charlotte!
ART	**INDIANA JOSE** - For listening carefully and following important instructions during Art. Your artwork is amazing Indi.
PE	**SUMMER CHERNIH-ELVIN** - Summer shows motivation in all PE activities and is willing to listen and to have a go at anything-. This attitude is a wonderful personality trait to have. Super effort Summer!
SCIENCE	**HAMISH DODEMAIDE** - Hamish for taking great initiative and responsibility completing your Science task on animal adaptations. Keep up the great work Hamish!
LIBRARY	**LAURIE WOODFORTH** - Laurie for sharing his opinions during story discussions, with greater confidence and a terrific smile. Well done Laurie!

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) 2022

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 Monday 28th February 2022**, 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 2021, your application will rollover to 2022 and a new application form is **not required** to be completed.
Ros Fantini
Business Manager

2022 Voluntary Contributions

Parent Voluntary Curriculum Contributions per student cohort for the 2022 school year are as follows:

Prep	*$142.00*
Grade 1	*$132.00*
Grade 2	$142.00
Middles	*$142.00*
Seniors	*$124.00*

This includes your child's Student Diary, The Playground Craze Incursion, Mathletics & Reading Eggs Online Subscriptions, Photocopied Resources, Assignment & Project Construction Materials. There are additional charges for Prep BBQ $5, Adolescent Education $5 (Seniors) and selected Sports activities for Middles ($9) and Seniors ($9) students.

Payment of the Voluntary Contributions 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.

We request payment for the Essential Student Learning Items is made by the **end of Term 1, Friday 8th April 2022.**

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 & Mrs Hughes

Library News

During library lessons students have displayed some great qualities. They are generally respectful, attentive, ready to learn about books and keen to choose that very special book to take home and share with the family.

Presently students are learning to value and look after our Library resources by ensuring that books are protected through the use of a library bag. It has been great to see many students organised in this process.

Keep up the efforts. Kind regards Mrs. Bencic

MANIFOLD HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

MONDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2022

GEELONG COLLEGE SWIMMING POOL

Please read the following IF your child is participating in the Swimming Carnival (selected Middles & Seniors students).

Pick Up/Departure Time from Mano: **8:40am sharp**. Arrive at Geelong College Pool at 9am. Students need to be at school by 8:40am so teachers can mark the roll and organise onto the buses.

Leave Time back to school: 12:05pm FINISH. Arrive at school around 12:30 pm.

Your child will need the following:

- Packed Fruit Snack AND Recess (Students will eat lunch back at school)
- Water Bottle
- Swim Wear- Appropriate Bathers *AND* school uniform
- Swimming Cap is a must! And please have your own goggles
- students will need to be wearing a mask at all times unless swimming

IMPORTANT: Geelong College Pool does NOT allow observers or parents to watch from the sitting area due to COVID rules and regulations. Only parent helpers to attend. As mentioned, parent helpers along with staff and students MUST be wearing a face mask at all times. Thankyou!

A BIG thankyou to the **parent helpers** attending on the day to assist with officiating. Please meet at the Geelong College Pool (20 Talbot St, Newtown VIC 3220) at 9am. Mr Hambrook will talk with you about your roles for the morning. ***Parent helpers please bring a drink bottle (coffee) and nibbles if you wish as we will not be able to use the small eating room like we have in previous years***

Regards,

Mr Hambrook

Drummond Street Services

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TO BOOK:
https://ds.org.au/events/tuning-into-teens/

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