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MANIFOLD HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Date: 24th March 2022

Principal: Christian Smith

Business Manager: Ros Fantini

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Administration: Jacquie Clancy

Important Dates

MARCH

Tues 15th - Mon 28th March Life Education Visits, Prep - Grade 4

APRIL

Tues 5th April Regional Swimming, Kardinia Pool, Selected Students
Routleys Hot Cross Buns Delivery of Orders Placed

Wed 6th - Fri 8th April Grade 4 Camp, Anglesea

Thurs 7th April Grade 3 Big Day Out

Fri 8th April Term 1 Ends, 2:30pm dismissal

Mon 25th April ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Tues 26th April Term 2 Commences, 9am

Fri 29th April VSSS Regional Rehearsal

Upcoming Event Consent Forms and/or Payments Due

Grade 4 Camp Balance Payment & Consent	30th March 2022
Grade 3 Big Day Out Consent & Payment	4th April 2022
Uniform Screenprinting Garments & Payment	4th April 2022
Grade 6 Screenprinting Garments & Payment	5th April 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,

It's not Okay to be Away! The challenges associated with the pandemic are well publicised. While I acknowledge, understand and recognise the impact the last two years have had on our students, I am confident the Mano community is well placed to support our students on the journey back to 'normal'. The experts tell us the key to achieving 'normality' is compartmentalising all aspects of 'school' and focus on one to two parts. We are currently investing in maximising attendance for all students.

Regular attendance at school plays a vital role for students to achieve their academic potential, as well as setting up a wonderful foundation for their social and emotional development. We hope the table below highlights the importance of regular attendance to school.

How many days will your child miss this semester?

0-6 This is within the normal range. The child can take advantage of the teaching and learning opportunities available to them, as well as develop healthy relationships with peers.

7 – 10 This attendance rate is below average. A child with this attendance rate could miss over one year of schooling between Prep and Year 10.

11- 20 This is a poor attendance rate. A child with this attendance rate could miss up to two years of schooling between Prep and Year 10.

To miss two years of school between Prep and Year 10 places significant risk on any student. It goes without saying that regular absenteeism from school won't do your child any favours. Allowing your child to skip days simply because they 'don't feel like going to school' should not be an option.

Our school provides support and strategies for families to assist regular school attendance. We encourage any family to contact Mrs Mundine or myself to discuss their child's attendance at school.

Curriculum Day – Focus on Numeracy: Each year, all Government Schools have four Curriculum Days to enable staff to engage in professional learning and/or develop curriculum related to the school's Annual Improvement Plan (school improvement plan).

On Monday, our staff engaged in our second curriculum day for 2022 with a full day of professional learning on 'Creating Rich and Balanced Maths Programs' with highly regarded Maths Consultant, Charles Lovitt.

Charles engaged, challenged, shared and collaborated with our staff and school on many key attributes to a highly effective Maths program.

This included:

- converting closed Maths tasks into investigations
- developing a Mano Maths Problem Solving Approach for all students
- reviewing the Mano Maths Instructional Model
- what does 'differentiation' look like in a high quality Maths classroom?
- connecting Maths to real life and extending Maths learning beyond the classroom

- exploring two evidence based Maths planning models
- the power of kinesthetic learning in Maths

Our day was highly successful with much learning, new ideas and building on the strong appetite our teachers have to the teaching of Maths. Most importantly, the day will be the catalyst to review our Maths Instructional Model (an evidence based approach to teaching Maths) and developing greater consistency in the teaching of Maths across the school. Tom Fleming (Maths Leader) and our Maths School Improvement Team will lead this work throughout the year.

Finally, to promote Maths beyond the classroom, we invite families to partake in our 'Weekly Maths Challenge'. This weekly challenge encourages families to work collaboratively on a Maths problem. It will be sent out via Compass each Monday and will be explained at our assembly each Monday. Families who would like to partake are invited to share their response by the 4pm on the Thursday.

A prize will be awarded to the family who emails in their response to the 'Weekly Maths Challenge' which is closest to the answer. In the event that more than one family provides the same response (answer), the earliest response will win the prize.

Stay tuned for the first 'Weekly Maths Challenge' next Monday.



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NEWS FROM MR SMITH CONTINUED.....

COVID-19 Safe Reminders: Thank you to the Mano community for the manner in which you have supported the COVID-19 Safe measures in place.

In the spirit of maintaining a COVID-19 Safe school and minimizing the spread, a gentle reminder of the following:

Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT)

The RAT regime will continue throughout Term 1. The RAT regime has been pivotal to stopping the spread of the virus.

- Each child has been allocated 1 kit (5 individual tests) for each 2 week block
- It is strongly recommended that each student is tested twice per week throughout Term 1, eg. Sunday and Wednesday
- Please contact Jacquie (office) if you have not received your RAT kit

Face Masks

- Students in Year 3 and above must wear a face mask indoors at school and whilst at our Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) program, unless a lawful exception applies
- Students must wear face masks even if vaccinated
- Students are not required to wear masks outside
- Students in Prep to Year 2 are strongly recommended to wear a face mask indoors at school

Vaccinations for Students

Please see attached letter from the Department of Education and Training (DET) regarding COVID-19 vaccinations for primary aged children.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support, patience and generosity in navigating our way through the challenges associated with the pandemic.

Air Purifiers

A further 13 Air Purifiers will arrive at Mano in the coming days. This will allow us to have an Air Purifier in every learning space in the school as well as many offices.

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

<https://youtu.be/qU5bzkOEudU>

I am thrilled to inform everyone that our Assembly on Monday 4th April will be Face-to-Face where our families can attend. More information regarding this next week.

School Council: We held our first School Council meeting of the new School Council on Monday night. I congratulate the following Councillors on accepting the Office Bearer positions:

President: Madhu Subramaniam

Vice President: Phil Currie

Treasurer: Jonathon Connor

Other School Councillors are: Suzane Charles, Paul Wigglesworth, Jacklyn Richardson, Peta Mundine, Christian Smith, Aimee Cameron, Lisa Helmore, Tom Fleming, Terry Gillard, Sarah Francis and Emma Byers

On behalf of the Mano community, I thank our retiring School Councillors: **Darryl Johns, Robyn Bohun and Rowan Costin.** Darryl, Robyn and Rowan have been wonderful contributors to School Council and their commitment, passion and enthusiasm for Mano is acknowledged and appreciated.

Below is a list of the key agenda items from Monday night:

- School Review: Councillors were provided with the findings from our School Review and outlined the next steps
- Mano Family Picnic: discussed the new format (picnic instead of BBQ) and endorsed Picnic for 2023
- School Community Survey (conducted late in 2021) – prioritised actions from the survey. We are in the process of actioning the following:
 - Upgrading the bubble taps around the school
 - Re-painting the lines, games and courts within the school grounds
 - Exploring more effective waste management strategies
Installing further shade sails

The above improvements are a direct result of the feedback from the School Community Survey conducted late last year. Stay tuned for further improvements as the school year unfolds.

Last Day of Term 1: The last day of Term 1 will be Friday 8th April and students will be dismissed at 2:30pm

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

Christian Smith
Principal

COVID-19 Vaccinations for Primary Aged Children

It's been really fantastic to see such excitement around the return to school and we want to keep it that way. A crucial part of that is getting as many students vaccinated as possible.

Alongside ventilation and other vital COVIDSafe steps such as regular rapid antigen testing, supporting as many students as possible to be vaccinated will help make our school as safe as possible.

Bookings for children aged 5 to 11 to receive the paediatric Pfizer vaccine are open and we encourage parents and carers to get your child vaccinated, if you haven't already done so.

The Pfizer vaccine is safe and recommended for children. The vaccine will help protect your child from getting sick from COVID-19, help to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and help ensure kids can have more time at school and playing with their friends.

Vaccinations for children aged 5-11 years old are delivered at 2 appointments, 8 weeks apart. Children with specific medical vulnerabilities can access their second dose 3 weeks after their first dose.

If you'd like more information about this, you can read a recent statement from the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI): <https://www.health.gov.au/news/atagi-update-following-weekly-covid-19-meeting-19-january-2022>

To book an appointment

You can book at your local GP or pharmacy: <https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/booking>

You can also book at a family-friendly vaccination centre by calling the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398.

You can also make vaccination centre bookings for your children online, though you will need to use an email address that has not been used in the system before: <https://portal.cvms.vic.gov.au/>

Helping children to get their vaccination

Vaccination centres understand that children may feel anxious about vaccination or have other support needs. A range of options are available to help children get vaccinated. Please discuss your child's needs with the vaccination centre when you book an appointment.

Appointments are also available at Aboriginal Controlled Community Health Organisations.

Geelong Advertiser 'My First Year' Prep Feature

The Geelong Advertiser will again **celebrate the first year of school for Prep students** across Geelong and surrounding regions in a liftout featuring photos of all Prep classes. Each year this is one of the Addy's most popular editions as proud parents, grandparents and family members rush out to grab their souvenir copy as well as purchase their child's class photo. The 48-page **My First Year liftout** will be published on **Wednesday 30th March** and Manifold Heights PS Preps will be featured.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PREP G	VIOLET MCDONALD - Violet is a wonderful friend to everyone in the Prep G class. She always models kindness and shows a willingness to speak up for her friends if they need support. We all appreciate your caring attitude Violet!
PREP H	MATILDA GILBERT-KENT - Matilda regularly demonstrates empathy and a caring attitude towards her classmates and peers. Your kindness is appreciated by all in Prep H!
PREP O	MAXINE MCGILVRAY - Maxine is kind and caring both inside and outside of the classroom. She tries her best to be an active bystander (upstander) wherever she goes. Great job Maxine!
1A	OLLIE URQUHART - Ollie consistently acts with a high level of maturity and demonstrates compassion and consideration to others. Outstanding Ollie!
1C	HUGO WATSON - Hugo has an extraordinary ability to comprehend situations around him, and if an action is required Hugo is often the first to offer a safe 'problem solve'. So appreciated, Hugo!
1S	ADASHE TOGARA - Adashe always looks out for his peers. He is a kind and caring member of 1S. Awesome Adashe!
2B	MORRIS WATES - Morris is a kind, caring member of the class who looks out for and helps his friends both in class and outdoors. What a fantastic friend!
2C	NED PEART - Ned is always looking out for others and will support his friends when they need help in the yard. He is a great role model for being an active bystander! Amazing work Ned!
2O	LUCY BATT - Lucy is caring and helpful to her peers. She recognises when someone needs help and acts in a responsible way. Magnificent Lucy!
MD	PIPPA RICHMOND - Pippa is a patient and attentive friend to all of her classmates in MD. She will go out of her way to ensure everyone feels included and always stands up for those who need help. You are awesome, Pip!
MQ	LEXIE HEATH - Lexie is a kind and considerate member of MQ and is a wonderful friend to everyone both in the class and out in the yard. You are a legend, Lexie!
MS	OLIVER IVANITSKIY - Oliver is a kind and caring friend, he always makes sure everyone feels included and safe in the classroom and in the yard. Outstanding Oliver!
MV	OTTO REES - Otto is a responsible member of the classroom where he will step in and help solve problems around him. Outstanding Otto!
MW	LUCAS BASKIN - Lucas has shown time and time again that he is an active bystander while in the yard. He is always looking out for his peers and making sure that he requests help when problems are bigger than what he can solve. Legend Lucas!
SG	MAX JONES - For showing great initiative within and beyond the classroom walls. Max is very aware of what goes on around him, and will not hesitate to step in and offer assistance where needed.
SN	GWEN SPANNINGA - Gwen, it is always lovely to see you showing such empathy and consideration for others. You continue to be kind, compassionate and support those in need, both within the classroom and out in the yard. These are wonderful traits. Well done!
SS	ZAVIER JARVIS - Zavier has demonstrated wonderful resilience this week, allowing him to make the most of his learning time and really enjoy our Numeracy sessions this week. Way to go Zav!
ST	JACK VICKERS - Jack, you have shown respect to others through your kindness and inclusivity when working with your peers during our lessons this week. You are a great collaborator. Just wonderful, Jack!
SW	TYMERAH YOUNG - Tymerah is proactive in including others and thinking about how others feel. She looks out for her peers and always supports them.
MUSIC	OLLIE URQUHART - Ollie is always participating in Music activities with a smile and is a valued member of our Music class. Keep up the great work Ollie!
ART	ADI HESELWOOD - Adi is a positive student who makes the most of her learning time. She creates fantastic work. Congratulations Adi!
PE	IVY MOZSA - Ivy has participated in our Cross Country training with a positive attitude. This was reflected in her wonderful effort at Cross Country on Friday competing for Manifold. Terrific effort Ivy!
SCIENCE	ZED RUSELER - Zed has demonstrated great confidence and responsibility by being an active Science class member, always putting his hand up to answer questions and work collaboratively with his peers. Awesome Zed!
LIBRARY	HARRY STATHAM - Harry is a terrific role model for his class. He is attentive, respectful and follows instructions very well.

House Cross Country

Last Friday, 18th March, our Middle and Senior students took part in our annual 'Mano' Cross Country event at Fyansford "Common. With some wet and drizzly weather our students showed wonderful resilience and competitiveness to complete the run at their very best. All students tried their hardest for the house they were running for, a super effort by all! A HUGE thanks to the parents who helped on the day, which made the event run smoothly and bring many smiles to the kids faces knowing parents and families could attend to cheer on the students. Purrumbete won the event on the day, beating Strachan who came a close second. Very well done to Narmbool and Manifold who also showed excellent teamwork and participation throughout the day coming third and fourth. Below are some pictures of the students who won their event. Students who have made it through to the next round on Thursday 6th May will be announced next week.

Regards,

Mr Hambrook



Uniform Screen Printing

Do you have school uniform items that need the school logo screen printed on them? We will be running a screen printing service at the end of Term 1.

Please drop off any shirts and/or jumpers you would like screen printed to the Office by 9am on Monday 4th April 2022. Items will be available for pick up on the first day of Term 2, Tuesday 26th April 2022. The cost for the screen printing service is \$6.60 per item.

We ask that all families bring clean items of clothing that require screen printing in a plastic bag labelled with your child's name, class and ensure each piece of clothing is also named.

Please include the correct change in a sealed envelope with the completed form below. Unfortunately it may not always be possible for the Office to provide change.

If you have any questions regarding the screen printing please contact the Office on 5229 9643.

Child Name: _____

Grade: _____ Number of Items: _____ Total Cost: _____

Bannockburn P-12 College would like to invite you to our 2023 Year 7 Information Evening and College Tours

Information Night:

Date: Wednesday, 30 March **Time:** 6.15pm

Who: New 2023 Year 7 Students

Online Zoom Meeting: Please download or log into the Zoom App & use the following codes

Meeting ID: 937 8598 8769

Passcode: wPOWEp

College Tours:

Date: Thursday, 7 April **Time:** 5pm - 6pm

Who: New 2023 Year 7 Students

Date: Friday, 8 April **Time:** 9:30am - 10:30am

Who: New 2023 Year 7 Students

Please complete and return Expression of Interest forms to book. These have been provided to the school office.

Dear Mano Community,

In response to the feedback from our School Council Community survey conducted late last year, we are exploring ways we can be more inclusive and acknowledge the diverse cultures we have among us.

With this in mind, we are hoping that all of you will respond and inform us on the main festivities you celebrate across the year. Please also include the dates when these celebrations occur.

The intention is to start educating the community on the vast array of festivities that occur among members of our community and to wish them well accordingly via our P&F Facebook Group and through various platforms at school.

Please respond via email or the Mano Facebook Group post with your main festivities and the dates.

Email: Att: Festivities my Family celebrate
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Thank you in anticipation.
Madhu
School Council President

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11 th APRIL - MON	12 th APRIL - TUE	13 th APRIL - WED	14 th APRIL - THU	15 th APRIL - FRI
				<h2>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</h2>
CREATE LIKE DA VINCI	PUSH IT TO THE MINUTE	NARANA ABORIGINAL CULTURAL CENTRE	THE MYSTERY OF MAGNETS	
+ 3D PUZZLE ANIMALS	+ THE OYSTER SHELL GAME	+ CROSS THE RIVER	+ LITTLE NINJAS	
Today will be CHALK full of fun with Create Like Da Vinci! We'll transform into magnificent artists ourselves as we create Optical Illusions, make Mona Lisa Line Art & play the Human Knot game.	The clock is racing & TeamKids is chasing to beat fast world records. We need your help in Push It to the Minute! We'll work as a team to defeat a series of unique challenges, all before the time runs out.	Did you know that country & place are both very important aspects of Australian Aboriginal Culture? Today, TeamKids will learn all about traditional life, dance & ceremony at Narana Aboriginal Cultural Centre.	You'll want to stick with TeamKids for The Mystery of Magnets! We're exploring the magnificent magnetic field through a series of games & challenges. Will you be able to make something levitate like magic?	
Base Fee \$70.00 Exp Fee** \$7.00 Daily Total \$77.00	Base Fee \$70.00 Exp Fee** \$16.00 Daily Total \$86.00	Base Fee \$70.00 Exp Fee** \$34.00 Daily Total \$104.00	Base Fee \$70.00 Exp Fee** \$17.00 Daily Total \$87.00	
After Max CCS* \$11.55	After Max CCS* \$12.90	After Max CCS* \$15.60	After Max CCS* \$13.05	

18 th APRIL - MON	19 th APRIL - TUE	20 th APRIL - WED	21 st APRIL - THU	22 nd APRIL - FRI
<h2>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</h2>				
	GLOBE TROTTING	MOVIE - MONSTER FAMILY 2 [PG]	BUCKETS OF FUN	ALIEN INVASION
	+ SHARK WEAIVING	+ KNOCK OVER GAME	+ ZOMBIE TAG GAME	+ PICA-PAIR
	Have you ever wanted to travel to exotic lands? TeamKids has just the ticket with Globe Trotting. We'll take on games & challenges from many different cultures on Earth in this fitness-based workshop.	TeamKids is in the limelight with Monster Family 2! We'll see the Wishbone Family transform into a Vampire, Monster, Werewolf & Mummy to save their friends. *Allergy alert, packet popcorn provided.	Drum roll, please! We'll have Buckets of Fun today at TeamKids because a high energy, action-packed drumming session is waiting for us. We'll be taken on a musical journey of rhythm & imagination.	WATCH OUT! There's been an Alien Invasion at TeamKids. Today, we're banding together to save our home planet. We'll play Astronaut Dodgeball, do the Moonwalk Freeze & create Space Shuttle Craft.
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After Max CCS* \$12.90	After Max CCS* \$15.00	After Max CCS* \$13.20	After Max CCS* \$11.55	

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