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MANIFOLD HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Date: 31st March 2022

Principal: Christian Smith

Business Manager: Ros Fantini

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Important Dates

APRIL	
Tues 5th April	Regional Swimming, Kardinia Pool, Selected Students Casual Clothes Day, Gold Coin Donation for Barwon Health Foundation Routleys Hot Cross Buns Order Collection, Old Canteen, 3pm - 4pm
Wed 6th - Fri 8th April	Grade 4 Camp, Anglesea Routleys Hot Cross Buns Order Collection, Old Canteen, 8:30am - 9:30am
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 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,

April is **Autism Awareness month**. We have students at our school with Autism and I, along with all Mano staff, are committed to supporting these students to lead a fulfilling and successful time at Primary School and beyond. From time to time, our Autistic students are on the receiving end of inappropriate behaviour that often leads to anxiety and stress. Likewise, occasionally our Autistic students display some actions or behaviours that may be considered challenging. I have noticed that some of our students who do not have a disability, have very little understanding of what Autism is and how it impacts upon their classmates ability to interact with others. Along with other support, we help these students by providing some information on what Autism is. The information may assist families when discussing what Autism is so that we, as a community, are inclusive and supportive of each other.

Autism Spectrum Disorder, commonly known as ASD, affects how people communicate and interact with others. It affects how they make sense of the world. Autism is a developmental condition that typically lasts throughout a person's lifetime. People with ASD experience difficulties with communication, social interaction and restricted/repetitive interests and behaviours. These difficulties are often accompanied by behavioural challenges and sensory issues. Autism was previously divided into various sub categories, such as Asperger's Syndrome, Pervasive Development Disorder and Rett Syndrome. Now under the DSM 5, it all comes under the umbrella of Autism Spectrum Disorder. Autism is reported to occur in all racial, ethnic and socio economic groups across the world. Autism is almost five times more common in boys (1 in 42) than among girls (1 in 189).

Manifold Heights Primary School is proud to be an inclusive environment where diversity is accepted, valued and respected, and we will continue to promote acceptance and understanding of all students.

Student Learning – Grade 2: The Grade 2 students have made a fabulous start to the 2022 school year. In Literacy, the students have been reading and writing recounts and procedural texts - improving their writing through varying sentence length, using time connectives to order and structure our writing and exploring 'vivid verbs'. *We no longer **walk** into the school, but **stroll** down the hallway before **wandering** into the classroom!*

In Numeracy, our students have been engaged in numerous mathematical games, such as Four Corners, Get Out Of My House, Trash Can and Number Mastermind (we encourage you to have your child teach these games to you). These games are a great way for students to be able to explore mathematical concepts such as Place Value and Addition in a non-threatening way. The students have also enjoyed working on Length, 2D Shapes and Graphing. During the Olympics, students examined the medal tally and created their own graphs based on the data they collected. We have brilliant mathematicians!

Our Inquiry topic has enabled students to investigate and explore where our food comes from. Students grew alfalfa in the classroom and created flow charts demonstrating their knowledge of where food is produced and how it gets to our table.

Student Leadership: Our Student Leadership Team are making a real difference for our school!

Recently, they have discussed and planned the re-marking of the lines, courts and games within our school yard and planned our first Social Service activity for 2022.

As a result of the Student Leadership Team, our lines will be re-marked in the school holidays and our Social Service activity for Term 1 is on Tuesday, 5th April.

Congratulations to our student leaders and we look forward to their continued leadership throughout 2022.

Term 1 Social Service Activity: Following Mano tradition, our Student Leadership Team invite our community to partake in a Social Service activity each term.

A Social Service activity is where our Student Leadership Team identify a charity they would like the Mano community to support.

We are pleased to inform you that our Term 1 Social Service activity has been finalised by our Student Leadership Team.

Date: Tuesday, 5th April

Charity: Barwon Health Foundation (The Geelong Hospital)

Donation: Gold coin

Students and staff are invited to wear casual clothes and donate a 'gold coin' on Tuesday, 5th April to support the Barwon Health Foundation (Geelong Hospital).

Gr 4 Camp to Anglesea: Our Grade 4s will head off to Camp on Wednesday where they will partake in some fantastic activities. Activities at the Coastal Forest Lodge include body boarding, taking care of some of the animals who reside at the camp, yabbing and multiple team building activities. Thank you to our Middle Teachers for planning this experience and opportunity for our students.

Prep Attendance: Our Prep students have had a fantastic start to their school life throughout Term 1. Each Prep class has developed wonderful routines and have begun engaging in the formal curriculum such as phonics, correct letter and number formation and number sense up to 20. From the beginning of Term 2, all Prep students are required to attend school 'full time' (5 days per week). We thank and congratulate our Prep learning community for a successful and productive first term at school.

Assembly: We are delighted that our Assembly for Monday will be 'face-to-face'.

Date: Monday 4th April

Time: 9:05am

Venue: In front of flag poles (Middle Terrace)

All families are welcome.

Nude Food: Nude Food is a food that comes to school without disposable packaging (such as extra plastic bags, paper bags, wrappings or cling wrap). Nude food has many benefits – this includes:

Reduces a family's environmental footprint

Nude food is generally healthy food

Nude food educates children about how their actions can impact the environment and their health

Reduces Mano's environmental footprint

Reduces the litter within our school grounds

At Mano, we have many students who have lunch boxes at school full of healthy food with little to no wrappers. In recent weeks, the litter within our school grounds has increased. With this in mind, we encourage families to support our commitment to reduce our environmental 'footprint' and pack 'Nude Food' for your child. Thank you for your support of the Nude Food program.

End of Term Arrangements: Next Friday is the last day of Term 1. Please note, students will be dismissed from school at 2:30pm next Friday. After School Care will begin 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.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE TO ORDER ONLINE

Entertainment Books have gone paperless! Digital copies are available online.

It is a great fundraiser for our school with 20% of every membership going directly to our school.

Please head to <https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/1131v43> to order yours today.

BARWON HEALTH FOUNDATION



AIM: \$750 DOLLARS

DATE: Tuesday 5th of April

Please bring a gold coin donation

PLEASE WEAR CASUAL CLOTHES

What it does:

**THE BARWON HEALTH FOUNDATION
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NEEDS OF TODAY WHILE ALSO WORKING TO
BUILD A HEALTHIER FUTURE FOR
TOMORROW.**



**BELL POST HILL FNC
JUNIOR FOOTBALL 2022**

Seeking players in the following age groups
Auskick
Under 12's
Under 14's

● For further information contact Donna
 0423685391

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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
manifold.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Thank you in anticipation.
 Madhu
 School Council President

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.

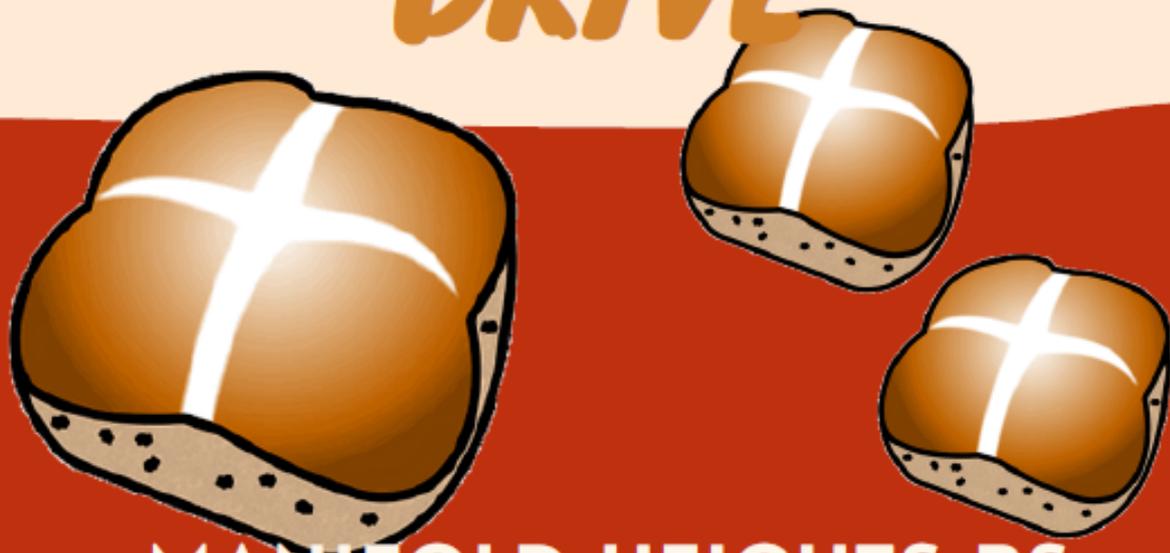
Please include the correct change in a sealed envelope with the completed form below. Unfortunately it may not always be possible for the Office to provide change.

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

Child Name: _____

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

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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, 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 2nd September 2022.

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

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

Library News

As the end of Term 1 is fast approaching, it would be appreciated if all library books are returned by next Tuesday 5th April. There is no borrowing during the last week of Term.

Thank you for your support. Regards Mrs Bencic.



AFL VICTOIRA FOOTBALL CLINICS

On Wednesday 30th March Senior students participated in a one hour clinic with AFL Barwon representatives. The clinics focused on promoting AFL in the community, game awareness and skill development.

Students had a great time!

Mr Hambrook is seeking players to form a Mano girls AFL team of Grade 5 & 6 2023 students.





**Drummond
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Services**

Enquiries to Sinem at
9663 6733 or **events@ds.org.au**

ds.org.au

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD STRUGGLES TO ATTEND SCHOOL

Hosted by
Drummond Street
Services Geelong

Is your child or young person refusing to attend school completely or very anxious about attending sometimes?

Recovery and return to school is complex, after the experiences of the past two years of Covid.

All are welcome to come and hear presentations and ask questions of a panel of experienced and passionate speakers.

Speakers:

Julie Yeo – Family therapist, Drummond St Services

Kate Daley – Navigator program

Amelia Shanahan – Headspace

Chris Loughheed – St Josephs Flexible Learning

Pete – Parent with lived experience

**Wednesday
April 27th**

Belmont High
school (in person)
Rotherham St
Belmont

**7.00pm to 8.30
pm**

FREE Event

BOOK: <https://ds.org.au/events/what-to-do-if-your-child-struggles-to-attend-school/>



We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land where we work and pay respects to elders past, present and future.



8:00AM START
6:00PM END

PLEASE
ARRIVE BY 9AM
ON EXCURSION DAYS



IN-HOUSE



IN-CURSION



EXCURSION

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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*Child Care Subsidies may apply. **Experience/Activity Fee. Programs may be subject to change. Administration, Late Booking Fees, and cancellation fees may apply. Third Party Payment Fees apply. Payment plans are available. Terms and Conditions can be found on our website - www.teamkids.com.au



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