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Date: 8th December 2022

Principal: Christian Smith

Business Manager: Jessie Burney & Jacquie Clancy

Assistant Principal: Peta Mundine

Administration: Jacquie Clancy & Georgia Slater

Important Dates	
DECEMBER	
Thurs 8th December	Prep BBQ, 3:30pm - 6:30pm
Fri 9th December	Grade 2 Big Day Out
Sun 11th December	2023 Booklist Orders Due
Tues 13th December	Prep 2023 - Grade 6 Transition 9:30am - 12:30pm (Statewide Transition Day)
Wed 14th December Prep - 4 Movie Day	
	Grade 6 Graduation Evening, 6pm, Clonard Hall (Church St)
Thurs 15th December	Great Mano Hike, Senior Students
Fri 16th December	End of Year Celebration (Christmas Concert), 9:30am - 11am
Tues 20th December	Term 4 Ends, 1:30pm dismissal
JANUARY	
Fri 27th January	Staff Commence, Pupil Free Day, Camp Australia Available
Mon 30th January	Term 1 Commences for Grade 1 - 6 students
Tues 31st January	Term 1 Commences for Prep students
FEBRUARY	
Fri 3rd February	Mano Swimming Carnival (Selected Grade 3 - 6 Students)

Upcoming Event Consent Forms and/or Payments Due	
Great Mano Hike Consent & Payment	12th December
Mano Swimming Carnival Consent & Payment	1st February

NEXT WEEK'S SWPBS FOCI (WEEK 11): I make my school proud of me when I am on excursions (I am responsible)

NEWS FROM MR SMITH

Dear School Community Members,

Mano Step Up Day - Tuesday 13th December: The annual Statewide Orientation Day whereby students engage in an extended transition session with their 2023 teacher, 2023 classmates and in their 2023 classroom will take place next Tuesday (13th December). On this day, students will participate in activities and tasks that support their transition into their next year level. Students will be provided with a 'Class Placement' letter that outlines their teacher for 2023. Many of our Grade 6 students will visit their secondary school on this day.

Graduation: Next Wednesday 14th December is our formal Graduation Ceremony for our Grade 6 students. It is an opportunity to celebrate the successful end of our graduate's primary schooling and reflect on their time at Mano. I, along with all staff, are immensely proud of our Grade 6 students, and although it is a time of celebration, it is also a time of sadness as we bid them farewell.

<u>Student Reports:</u> Our Student Reports will be available through Compass from 4pm **Thursday 15**th **December**. A notice will go out COVID cases within our community. on Compass to remind families they are available. If you would like a 'paper copy', please contact the Office to make a request as soon as possible. If your child is exiting Mano at the end of the school year you have until 20th December to access reports on Compass. After that your access to Compass will expire.

Staffing - 2023: I am pleased to inform you that staffing for 2023 is almost complete. We will provide a Staffing List later next week via Compass. We have increased our profile in Learning Support and Instructional Leadership. This aims to maximise the learning outcomes for each of our students.

Farewell: The following staff we will be farewelling at the end of the • year:

Mr Ande Santilli (transfer to Surfside PS for 12 months)

Mrs Alicia Wakeman (Family Leave)

Ms Gemma O'Dea (Bell Park North PS)

Mrs Meegan Baker (Chilwell PS)

Mrs April Hughes (transfer to Cairns for 12 months)

Mrs Julie Walker (Leave for 2023)

Mrs Amy Tickner (Family Leave)

I would like to acknowledge and thank Ande, Alicia, Gemma, Meegan, April, Julie and Amy for their contribution to Manifold Heights Primary School in their respective roles in 2022. I wish . these staff members well in their new roles and new endeavours.

Welcome: The following staff will be returning to our staff or are new to our school for 2023:

Mrs Ashleigh Hardman (returning from Family Leave)

Mr Jackson Davis (Teacher)

Mrs Bree Walton (returning from Family leave)

Ms Claire Morris (Teacher) Mr Alex Murray (Teacher)

Ms Lauryn Carter (Teacher)

We look forward to welcoming Ashleigh and Bree back to Mano. We also look forward to welcoming Jackson, Claire, Alex and Lauryn to our great community.

End of Year Celebration - Friday 16th December: Next Friday will be our End of Year Celebration at 9:30am. Each year level will perform a Christmas Carol or item, culminating with the Grade 6 students performing their Graduation Song. Students will come to school dressed in their clothing for their item. Please feel free to come and join us in our celebrations.

Rapid Antigen Testing: Maximising the Health of our Community: Over the last three weeks, the number of COVID cases within our school community (students and staff) have slowly increased. While the number of cases is more than manageable and nothing like our numbers earlier in the year, we are committed to maximsing the health and wellbeing of our community as we lead into the festive season. With this in mind, I strongly encourage all students to undertake Rapid Antigen testing as per below:

- Sunday, 11th December
- Wednesday, 14th December
- Sunday, 18th December

Each student was provided with a Rapid Antigen Test kit last week so that families can undertake the testing program strongly encouraged above.

A reminder of the isolation recommendations for students and staff:

- who test positive to COVID-19 stay home and isolate for 5
- should not attend school after 5 days if still symptomatic
- who are symptomatic but have not tested positive should not attend school
- advise the school of the COVID-19 positive test result

Once again, we thank our families for their support in maximising the health and safety of our community.

Key Dates in December

- Tuesday 13th December Mano Transition Day - students meet their 2023 teacher
- Wednesday 14th December Grade 6 Graduation ceremony
- Friday 16th December End of Year Celebration - 9.30am
- Tuesday 20th December Last day of school year - 1.30pm dismissal

Christian Smith

Principal

2022/2023 Transition Program Key Transition Dates:

Date/Term/Week	Activity	<u>Time</u>
Tuesday, 13 th December	Kinder – Grade 6 Orientation session	9:30am – 12:30pm
Term 4, Week 11	(Whole school 'Step-Up' session)	

2023 Voluntary Financial Contributions

Details regarding 2023 Voluntary Financial Contributions were sent to families via post recently. Contributions can be made directly to our booklist supplier Paperchase Office National online or directly to the school via Bpay, Credit Card, Eftpos, Cheque or Cash. We kindly request your payment by the end of **Term 1, Thursday 6th April 2023.**

Paperchase Office National_will provide the schools booklist items in 2023. All booklist items used by each year level will be listed online and will be **delivered directly to the school** the week prior to school commencing in 2023. To ensure your order is delivered to the school the week prior to school commencing in 2023. Please ensure your order is placed by **Sunday**11th **December 2022**. Booklist items orders received after **Sunday 11th December 2022** will incur a late packing fee of \$5.00 per booklist and may not be delivered prior to Term 1, 2023.

2023 Booklists are available at http://booklist.paperchase.com.au

School Code: BTSMHPS

Please ensure that you select the correct student year level for 2023

Music News

Christmas Concert & End of Year Celebration

We will have our Mano Christmas Concert & Final Assembly on Friday 16th December, 9:30am – 11am. All classes will perform an item they have been practicing in Music classes. All Mano families are welcome. Bring a chair or a picnic rug to sit on.

Meegan Baker



City of Greater Geelong Christmas Tree

Once again our students have decorated a tree as part of the local schools Christmas Tree Program sponsored by the City of Greater Geelong. Each student has a small wooden decoration on the tree.

We have had great feedback from families about our Christmas Tree. Make sure you check it out!

The trees are in two different locations again in 2022 – Johnstone Park forecourt and Lt Malop St (outside Market Square). There are many great trees in both locations this year.

Our tree is in Johnstone Park and was photographed by the City of Greater Geelong and the Geelong Advertiser for their

promotion. Thanks to Patrick and Evie Connor who attended the photo shoot.

We hope you enjoy looking for your decoration on the tree.

April Hughes and Julie Walker



Library News

A kind reminder for all Library books to be returned and all borrowing has finished for the year. Presently the Library is in the process of retrieving and reshelving books ready for next year. All support would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you, regards Mrs Bencic.



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) 2023

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 complete a CSEF application form and lodge it with the Office for processing.

Application forms should be completed and lodged with **schools by Monday 27th February 2023**, 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.

<u>Please ensure a copy of your means-tested concession card is provided with your CSEF application form.</u> If you were eligible and received CSEF in 2022, your application will rollover to 2023 and a new application form is <u>not required</u> to be completed.

Jessie Burney & Jacquie Clancy

Business Manager

Victorian State School Spectacular

We are pleased to announce the details of the broadcast of this years Victorian State School Spectacular. Please make a note of it on your calendar.

Start Time: 7pm

Start Date: 17th December 2022

Channel: Channel 7 **Location:** Victoria Only

It will also be streaming nationally on 7plus for 30 days from the broadcast date - www.7plus.com.au

Jeannette Orford

Do You Volunteer at Mano?

If you volunteer at the school, whether it be helping in the classroom, with Bike Ed, helping at sporting events, processing books in the Library, attending excursions or activities such as the Walkathon, it is a Department of Education & Training requirement that you MUST have a valid Volunteer Working with Children Check and have supplied a copy of your card to the Office.

- If you don't have a valid Working with Children Check please apply at http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/.
- If your card has expired please apply for a replacement and supply a copy to the Office.
- If you have a card and are yet to supply a copy to the Office please do so at your earliest convenience.

There is no cost for a Volunteer Working with Children Check (a passport photo is required). Please ask at the General Office if you need a hand – we look forward to seeing our students continue to benefit from the amazing work that parents/guardians do as volunteers at our school. Please check with your local post office if they process Working with Children Checks.

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. In particular at the moment we are running low on size 6 garments.

Sports News

Dear Grade 2 Families.

Next year on Friday 3rd February 2023 Manifold Heights PS will run a Swimming Carnival at Geelong College Pool for Middle and Senior students only. This is to see which students are successful in attending the next District level for swimming in Geelong and will represent 'Mano'. Mr Hambrook has been asking students of interest who would like to be involved as this event is only for students who wish to participate and are competent and confident in swimming. There has been a wonderful amount of students from Grade 2 who are keen and interested, but I am reminding them that this is a competitive sporting event.

Students will compete in their appropriate age group. Students must be able to swim and race 25 metres up and 25 metres back (50m) in either freestyle, backstroke, breast-stroke or butterfly. If you feel that your child <u>cannot</u> complete this distance please let Mr Hambrook know by the end of the Term. I will be sending out Compass notes for student permission this week!

If any parents are able to help on the morning being a marshall or time-keeper, PLEASE let Jacquie in the office know or come and speak to Mr Hambrook.

Kind regards,

John Hambrook



2023 Sporting Events and Parent Helpers

As 2022 comes to an end a new and exciting year approaches for more sporting events and whole school PE activities at 'Mano'. A HUGE thankyou to all parents who have helped this year in any sporting event which includes swimming, cross-country, House Athletics, Lightening Premierships for the Seniors and or any District or Divisional sport where we had a team represent our school. I truly could not have ran any of these events without your support and in some cases would not have been able to generate a team in some sports, so a BIG BIG thankyou!

In 2023 there is new opportunity for new students from Grade 2 coming up into the Middles and new parents to get involved and help Mr Hambrook in these wonderful 'Mano' events. If you are keen to help out next year please make sure that you have your 'Working With Childrens Check' and to contact Jacquie in the Office. Below are some important dates to keep in mind as Term 1 is very busy with sport. Please let Jacquie in the Office know if you would like to be a parent helper.

- Middle/Senior Swimming Carnival at Geelong College Swimming Pool, Friday 3rd February 2023
- Mano House Cross Country at Fyansford Common, Friday 10th March 2023

Kind regards,

Mr Hambrook

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. Please remember to telephone the Office and speak to either Georgia, Jacquie or Jessie 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.

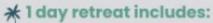
There are lots of illnesses going around at the moment. It is important that if your child has COVID or School Sores or anything else contagious that you phone the Office and record the absence. We need to keep our community updated and aware.



MINDFUL MUM AND KIDS

RETREAT

Wednesday 18th January 9.30am-4pm Cobbin Farm, Grovedale, Geelong



- ·Welcome ceremony
- ·Morning tea, Lunch and Afternoon tea
- ·Jazz it up dance class
- ·Mindful Art Session
- ·Make your own natural body products
- ·Nature walk
- ·Yoga and Mindfulness session
- ·Sound healing session
- ·You both receive a special Wellness gift



Do you struggle finding quality one on one time together?

Have you been looking at something fun to do with your child that sparks joy and laughter?

Every parent wants to give their child the best chance in life for success, to build resilience,

to explore and discover new experiences,

to enhance their social and emotional intelligence

*& most of all feel a strong connection with their loved ones, peers and their community.

Mums, this day retreat is for you, to come and enjoy this sacred time with your child & give yourself the opportunity to relax and have fun together.

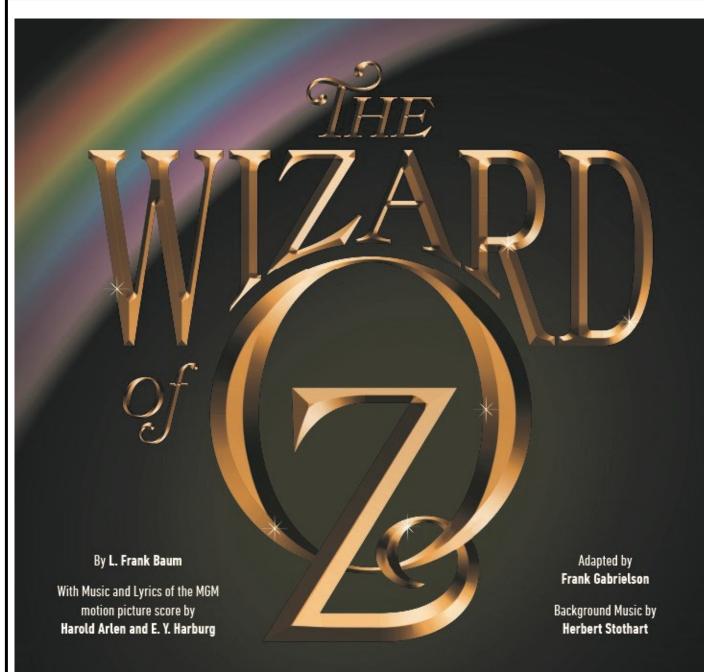






Ages: Daughter/Son: 9-16 year olds \$349.00 for Mum and child/teen (extra child/teen \$ 115) To book go to www.revitaliseescapes.com.au or email hello@revitaliseescapes.com.au or scan the QR code





16-17 DECEMBER 2022

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Western Heights Uniting Tennis Club 27-31 Douglass St, Herne Hill

Hot Shots Community Play

November 18th November 24th December 2nd December 9th

4-4:45pm 4:45-5:30pm

Four week introduction to tennis program, run by experienced coaches. Come along and learn to play! All equipment provided.



Cost \$40 for 4 weeks Register using QR code or contact Bruce 0402 135 313



MANIFOLD HEIGHTS PRIMARY



8:00AM START 6:00PM END

PLEASE ARRIVE BY 9AM ON EXCURSION DAYS



11th JAN - WED





13th JAN - FRI

9th Jan - Mon

10th JAN - TUE

NO HANDS CURSTACKING RACE

Today, we're making our way

to the tippy top as we go Rock

Climbing! We'll learn the ropes

& then there'll be countless

climbing challenges for us to

'Closed shoes required.

+ JUMPING FROGS

We're going on a cave hunt...

Today we'll be dressing up

and using props and set

materials to make our very

own SECRET caves! We'll make

our characters come to life



12th JAN – THU

+ FOOSBALL KIT



+ PAPER HELICOPTERS

Do you love soccer, netball and

American football?! Handy at

flying a frisbee? Then you're

going to love todays incursion!

We're playing ULTIMATE Frisbee!

All of these sports combined

make this fun NEW sport!

+ NARWHAL CRAFT

Where can endless fun with your friends be found? At TeamKids! Today, we're embarking on a Scavenger Hunt that'll really get us thinking. We'll follow all the clues to find complete. How high will you go? the hidden treasure at the end-*Closed toe shoes rgd.

	Base Fee
œ	Exp Fee**
	Naily Total

After Max CCS*

\$70.00 \$15.00 \$85.00

\$12.75

Exp Fee** Daily Total After Max CCS*

Base Fee \$70.00 \$37.00 \$107.00 \$16.05

Exp Fee** **Daily Total** After Max CCS* \$12.45

with a special group drama performance! Base Fee \$70.00 \$13.00

\$83.00

straight to TeamKids! We're holding the ultimate day time slumber party! Wear your pyjamas and get ready for some "sleepy" games including 3D

Hop out of bed and come

popcorn craft and a bed time relay race! Base Fee \$70.00

Exp Fee** \$6.00 **Daily Total** \$76.00

\$11.40

Base Fee

\$70.00 Exp Fee** \$20.00 **Daily Total** \$90.00

After Max CCS* \$13.50

16º JAN – MON

17º JAN -



19th JAN • THU

After Max CCS*



+ ZOMBIE TAG GAME

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.

C	Base Fee	\$70.
	Exp Fee**	\$19.
	Daily Total	\$89.

nn .00 .00 \$13.35 After Max CCS*



+ DIY KITE KIT

Today we are having an EPIC day of STEM! Our science, technology, engineering and maths skills will be put to the test! We're making awesome popsicle stick boats and watching lemon volcanos erupt plus more!

<u>@</u>	Base Fee	\$70.00
	Exp Fee**	\$6.00
	Daily Total	\$76.00

After Max CCS*

MINIATURE GARDENS

+ HANDPRINT LILLIES

Calling all green thumbs! We're rolling up our sleeves to explore the exciting world of succulents! Create a Little Garden masterpiece of your own using succulent cuttings and fun decorations, yours to take home.

Base Fee \$70.00 Exp Fee** \$16.00 Daily Total \$86,00 After Max CCS* \$12.90

GEELONG GALLERY

+ BEETLE GAME

TeamKids is getting our creative hats on with a visit to Geelong Gallery. A wonderous workshop awaits as we create industrial landscapes using oil pastels and images of buildings, machines and local mining sites.

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e	Base Fee	\$70.0
	Exp Fee**	\$22.0
	Daily Total	\$92.0

After Max CCS*

+ ORIGAMI BIRDS

TeamKids is igniting our creativity with an awesome STEM session! Get ready to stretch your imagination HIGH as we use Lego to engineer our very own amusement park including working Ferris wheel!

	\$13.80	After Max CCS*	\$13.20
al	\$92.00	Daily Total	\$88.00
OR .	\$22.00	Exp Fee**	\$18.00
9	\$70.00	Base Fee	\$70.00



*Child Care Subsidies may apply. \$5 Admin Fee per family. \$5 Late Fees apply within 7 days per child. Payment plans available. **Experience/Activity Fee. Programs may be subject to change. Third Party Payment Fees apply. See Terms and Conditions for cancellation policy

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MANIFOLD HEIGHTS PRIMARY



8:00AM START 6:00PM END

PLEASE **ARRIVE BY 9AM** ON EXCURSION DAYS









GETTING READY TO ATTEND...

Please ensure children are signed in no later than 9am.

What to wear

At TeamKids we love to get outside, so please remember to pack a hat - clearly labelled and wear suitable footwear for running around. Where possible avoid wearing singlets, thongs and open-toed shoes.

Ideally, please apply sunscreen before coming to the program, and the children will reapply later in the day. If your child is susceptible or reacts to different sunscreens, please bring your own sunscreen and bring this to the attention of our educators. The Cancer Council recommends using a high protection sunscreen (Minimum SPF

Double Check TeamKids Room Location

30) with a high UVA rating (4-star minimum).

It is very important to double check our website prior to attending, in case of a room change. We are sometimes required to temporarily change rooms due to school building maintenance over the school holidays. Last minute changes will be announced via SMS to attending families.

Medical Information? Have a Plan

If your child has Asthma, Anaphylaxis, an Allergy or any other medical condition, upload plans to your TeamKids account and bring along a completed Risk Minimisation Form, found on our website. Please provide required medications to your venue coordinator on the first day of attendance - In their original packaging, clearly labelled with your child's name and a use-by date.

**Please note children are unable to attend our venues without their medication and action plans.

Receiving Child Care Subsidy

After your TeamKids booking is placed, you must log into your MyGov account to check you have a confirmed enrolment.

Extended Hours of Operation

During the school holidays, our customer service team are available from 7:00 am

Booking and Cancellations

Bookings are subject to availability and may be placed/ amended until the start of the session via your TeamKids online account. An additional fee of \$5 per child applies to bookings made within 7 days of attending.

Cancellations made within 48 hours of the session commencing will incur the normal fee and will be charged accordingly. Cancellations made with more than 48 hours' notice will not be charged. In the event of a medical illness, please email a medical certificate to info@teamkids.com.au WITHIN 48 HOURS of the absence to avoid being charged for the booking. Please refer to our website for full cancellation T&C's.

Electronic Sign-In/Out

All TeamKids venues require electronic sign in/out. Any person signing your child in or out from TeamKids care MUST be listed on your TeamKids account and know your TeamKids account pin number, if this has been activated. These details can be updated via your TeamKids account at any time.

Pack a Healthy Lunch

A delicious, nutritious, morning and afternoon tea are provided in all programs. Children are required to bring a packed lunch and refillable water bottle.

When packing your child's lunch, please consider that some children in attendance have been diagnosed with food allergies or the risk of anaphylaxis.

Additional Needs

For new families, our TeamKids Inclusion Manager will discuss attendance options for children with additional needs before they attend. Please contact Customer Service on 1300 035 000.

Please note: We require a minimum of four weeks' notice for funding applications for children requiring an extra staff member to help support their time with us. Places cannot be guaranteed if less notice is given.

Please call with any questions: 1300 035 000

TEAMKIDS.COM.AU 1300 035 000



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School Holiday Program Here!

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Mano's before and after school care program is run by Camp Australia.

More information can be found at



OSHC school number: 0405 422 142

Customer Service: 1300 105 343

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You can now use CompassPay to consent and pay for excursions online! CompassPay is a quick and easy way for parents to consent and pay for an event at anytime from anywhere. Compass Pay is a secure payment portal and will not store any payment information you enter.