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MANIFOLD HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Date: 9th February 2023

Principal: Christian Smith

Business Manager: Jessie Burney & Jacque Clancy

Assistant Principal: Peta Mundine

Administration: Jacque Clancy & Georgina Slater

Important Dates

FEBRUARY

Thurs 16th February Seniors North Geelong Secondary College Transition Visit

Wed 22nd February Meet & Greet Parent Teacher Discussions, 2pm - 7:40pm **(1:30pm Student Dismissal)**

Tues 28th February Prep Dental Nurse Visit

SAVE THE DATE

School Photo Day

Tuesday 14th March

MARCH

Thurs 2nd March Grade 1 Dental Nurse Visit

Wed 8th March Mano Family Picnic, 4:45pm - 6:30pm

Fri 10th March Mano House Cross Country, Grade 3 - 6 Students, Parent Helpers Required

Mon 13th March **Labour Day Public Holiday, No Classes**

Tues 14th March Whole School Photo Day
District Swimming, Selected Students, Kardinia Pool

Wed 15th March - Mon 27th March NAPLAN Grade 3 & Grade 5 students

Mon 20th March VSSS Rehearsal, Western Heights College (Selected Students)

Thurs 30th March Summer Lightning Premiership, Senior Students

APRIL

Tues 4th April - Thurs 6th April Grade 4 Camp, Anglesea

Upcoming Event Consent Forms and/or Payments Due

Seniors North Geelong Secondary College Visit Consent

14th February

Local Permission Form 2023 Consent (All Students)

17th February

NEXT WEEK'S SWPBS FOCI (WEEK 3): I recognise and regulate my emotions (I take responsibility)

NEWS FROM MR SMITH

Dear School Community Members,

I continue to be amazed by the wonderful start to the school year! During my visits to each classroom, I have observed and experienced the clear class agreements and the rich cultures developing within each room that will maximise the learning and wellbeing across the school. Classes are completing their 'Starting Right' program and have begun engaging in the 'formal' curriculum. As part of the 'Starting Right' program, our teachers and students are investing time in discussing, practising and working on achieving the high expectations, the routines and rich cultures that are required to allow all students to thrive throughout the year. This will set our students and classrooms up for success in 2023.

Mano is a great place to be!

Meet & Greet Parent Teacher Discussions: Thank you to the majority of families who have 'booked' their Meet & Greet Parent Teacher Discussion. Fostering a partnership between 'Home' and 'School' is a high priority for us – with this in mind, we strongly encourage all families who haven't booked, to log in to Compass as soon as possible.

Date: Wednesday, 22nd February

Time: 2:00pm until 7:40pm

Venue: Classrooms, Manifold Heights PS

These discussions are an opportunity for you to **personally meet your child's classroom teacher** and **provide any information that will support the learning of your child**. The focus will be on parents/guardians providing teachers with information, the transition into their new class and any concerns.

Please note:

- Students will be dismissed at 1:30pm on this day (Wednesday 22nd February)
- After School Care will commence at 1:30pm on this day – bookings can be made with Camp Australia <https://www.campastralia.com.au/>

It's not Okay to be Away!: Our school has higher than normal absence rates when compared to the 'State' and 'Similar Schools'. On average, our students had 16.1 days absent in 2022 (compared to 14.9 days for the 'State' and 13.7 days for 'Similar Schools'). As a result of this data, we have begun exploring 'why' and 'how we can improve'. This exploration will include developing an Action Plan to address our higher absent rates. Part of this Action Plan will include promoting regular attendance through our newsletter and Compass.

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.
- 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 in maintaining regular school attendance. We encourage any family to contact Mrs Mundine (Prep – Gr 2) or Mr Smith (Gr 3 – Gr 6) to discuss their child's attendance at school.

Staff Professional Learning – Social and Emotional Learning:

Our staff forum this week focussed on our teachers exploring the Social and Emotional Learning lessons that our Health and Wellbeing team have developed. Led by Aimee Forsyth (nee Cameron), our teachers familiarised themselves with the Health and Wellbeing Hub where our Social and Emotional Learning resources are stored. These lessons will continue to nurture and improve the wellbeing of our students, and we look forward to sharing updates in this space as the year unfolds. I would like to acknowledge the passion, energy and commitment of Aimee Forsyth in leading us on the journey of further developing and improving the 'wellbeing' of our students. Thank you, Aimee!



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NEWS FROM MR SMITH CONTINUED.....

Mano Family Picnic – Save the Date: The annual Mano Family Picnic is a tradition at Mano that serves many purposes. We are delighted to share with you that we have begun planning this event for:

Date: Wednesday, 8th March

Time: 4:45pm – 6:30pm

Venue: Oval, Manifold Heights PS

Our Mano Family Picnic will enable families to connect with their child's teachers in a less formal setting, and further embed the wonderful community spirit at Mano.

A formal invitation will be provided in the coming week – we hope to see you all here!

School Council Vacancies: As of Monday 13th 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 Suzane Charles, Phil Currie, Paul Wigglesworth, Jono Connor and Jacklyn Richardson, along with staff members Aimee Forsyth (nee Cameron) and Lisa Helmore. 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:

- Five 2 year elected parent positions
- Two 2 year elected Department of Education positions

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. Nominations close 4pm, Monday 20th February.

Safety and Parking: The safety of our students and community members is of the highest priority. With this in mind, a friendly reminder to families that the staff carpark is for staff only. As some students utilise the Staff Carpark as they come to and from school, we aim to minimise moving vehicles during these times in the Staff Carpark. Please note: drivers with an appropriate permit displayed in their vehicle are permitted to park in the All Accessible parking bays in the Staff Carpark.

Key Dates in February/March

Wednesday 22nd February - Meet and Greet Parent Teacher Discussions

Wednesday 8th March - Mano Family Picnic

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

Christian Smith

Principal

Privacy Collection Statement

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to read our school's collection notice, found on our [website](#). We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Google Workspace for Education and other educational apps safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Google Workspace for Education and other educational apps, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) — information for parents. This information is also available in ten community languages: Amharic, Arabic, Dari, Gujarati, Mandarin, Somali, Sudanese, Turkish, Urdu, Vietnamese.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

1A	HUDSON ADAMKO - For an amazing start to the year. Hudson has been an ideal role model for the rest of the class, by demonstrating the school values of being Safe, Responsible and Respectful in all he does. Keep up the fantastic work Hudson!
1B	NED GOUGH - Ned has had a wonderful start to his schooling at Mano by showing respect for himself and his peers by working quietly and not distracting others on the floor during instructions. Amazing Ned!
1C	BONNIE BEGELY - Bonnie has been consistently demonstrating the correct time and place for the 5Ls. And in modelling all of these, Bonnie always allows others to learn as 'well' as possible. All of 1C appreciates you Bonnie!
2B	CHLOE PSAILA - Chloe has been an excellent role model in 2B, demonstrating the 5L's and making the most of her learning time. Fantastic start to the year Chloe!
2O	SIENNA LAVARS - Sienna has made a fantastic start in the Grade 2 Learning Community. Sienna is respectful and allows others to make the most of their learning time. Wonderful Sienna!
2S	OLLIE SMITH - Ollie is always switched on and ready to learn at the start of each and every session, allowing him to make the most of his learning time. Awesome Ollie!
3G	AVA WARBY - For being a most respectful member of 3G. She not only allows herself and those around her to do their best learning, but is also more than willing to assist her peers and teacher in any way she can.
3Q	FRANKIE BENSON - Frankie has made a wonderful start to Grade 3. She has made the most of her learning time in each lesson and been a marvellous help to those around her. Fantastic Frankie!
3/4S	ARCHIE PABST - Archie has made a fantastic start to the year, he is always considerate of his peers during learning time and will offer to help others. Amazing Archie!
4F	ISABELLA RICHARDSON - For demonstrating friendship qualities by helping her peers learning. Fantastic Isabella!
4M	RIVER HOLT - River has had a fantastic start to Grade 4, consistently showing the 5Ls within the classroom and allowing and helping others to learn around her. Well done River!
SC	ANGUS WARREN - Angus has shown respect and responsibility this week, adapting his behaviour to ensure his peers and himself are able to learn effectively in the classroom. Well done Angus! Keep up the good work.
SL	HAMISH DODEMAIDE - For listening to instructions and carrying out tasks promptly. Fantastic work Hamish!
SM	INDIA FORSYTH - India has provided wonderful written answers to several tasks using full sentences and providing evidence from the text. Keep it up India!
ST	EVIE CONNOR - Evie consistently allows herself and others to learn by showing the 5Ls and being a calm, respectful member of the grade. She listens to every last detail of a task to extend her learning wherever possible and helps those
SW	HARVEY BEGELY - Harvey has made a fantastic start to Grade 6, going out of his way to help out the Grade 5's to settle into the Seniors Learning Community. Great work Harvey!
ART	JENSEN DIXON - Jensen worked extremely well during Art. He was enthusiastic and determined to complete his self portrait drawing. A fantastic effort Jensen.
PE	GEORGIA CURHAM - Georgia has shown wonderful respect to the PE rules and routines this week, whilst enthusiastically participating in our 'Volleystars' unit. Top effort Georgia!
STEM	ALBERT BUCKLEY-HARRISON - Bertie arrived to STEM this week ready to learn and greatly assisted his peers to code his 'mini fig'. Brilliant Bertie!
PERF ARTS	WILLOW FORSYTH - For putting in 100% during our 'cha cha' dance. You always have a smile on your face.

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 Hardman & Mrs Bencic

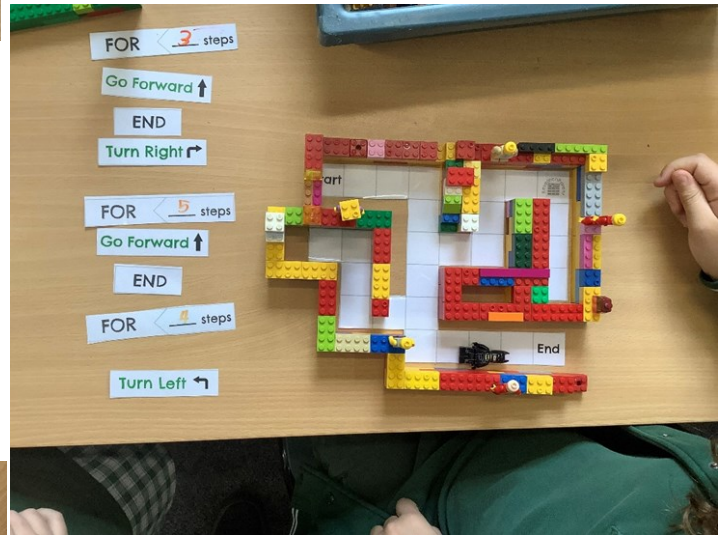
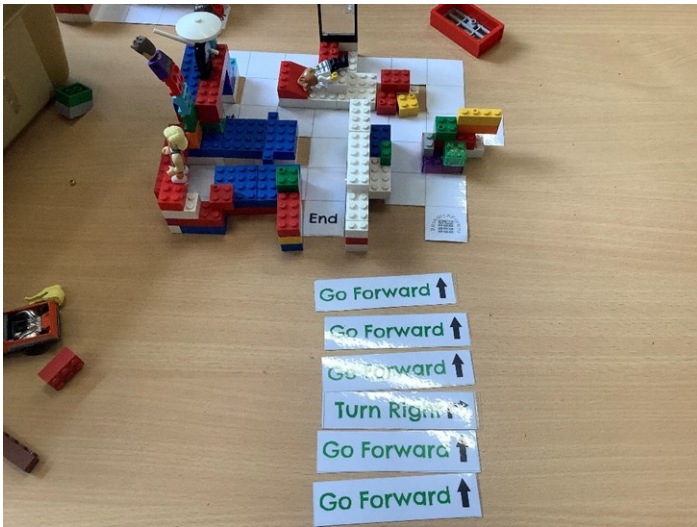
Science Technology Engineering Maths (STEM)

It has been wonderful to welcome Mano students to Stem this year and as such they have all been very excited to begin too.

This week's challenging task was to work together in small teams to code a 'mini fig' around a Lego maze. The younger students concentrated on step by step instructions in the perspective of their mini fig while the older students delved a little further into more complex instructions of coding with loops and 'if' functions.

Thanks.

Mr Valentine





You are invited to the
**Manifold Heights P.S.
Family Picnic**

Wednesday 8th March 2023

4:45pm -6:30pm

School Oval

Come along and meet your child's teacher,
School Council and other families.

The Coffee
Van will be
there if
you wish to
indulge in
a latte or
cappuccino

BYO dinner, drinks, chairs/rug, and any other food your family requires.

Please note - Riding equipment such as skateboards, bikes, scooters etc. are not permitted.

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.

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 2022, your application will rollover to 2023 and a new application form is **not required** to be completed.

Jessie Burney & Jacquie Clancy

Business Manager

Physical Education News and Updates

MANO SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last Friday we had 50 students attend the annual Mano Swimming carnival across Grades 3-6 at Geelong College Pool. WOWWWW we have some talented swimmers at Mano! Students swam in a variety of events such as freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly, all competing for their own best time. Students showed resilience, motivation and enjoyment whilst at the event.

An update on students attending the Divisional level will be communicated over the coming week and given the appropriate information with details.

A HUGE thankyou to all 16 parent helpers who assisted on the day as marshals and recorders. Without such amazing helpers these events are very challenging to run, so Mano greatly appreciates your time and assistance.

Regards,

Mr Hambrook



Mano Sports Shorts

Bellarine Uniforms are now stocking Sport Shorts (pocket with zip) for \$35. These sport shorts can be worn for all school sport events as long as the pocket is zipped up. Perfect for House Athletics!

MANO'S HOUSE CROSS



COUNTRY!



HAVE YOU TRAINED!?



WHEN: FRIDAY 10th MARCH (10am-2pm)

WHERE: FYANSFORD COMMON

PURPOSE: FOR GRADE 3-6 STUDENTS TO REPRESENT HOUSE TEAMS AND GAIN POINTS FOR THE OVERALL YEAR.

AGE GROUP DISTANCE: 8, 9 and 10 year old students will run 2km track (2 laps). 11, 12 and 13 year old students will run the 3km track (3 laps).

STUDENT CHAMPIONS WILL BE SELECTED TO PROGRESS TO THE 'DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY' IF THEIR TIMES MEET STANDARDS.

Remember you will need to wear your house colours on the day along with comfortable running shoes and shorts and bring a drink bottle and an enthusiastic attitude

[CHILDREN TO WEAR A HOUSE COLOURED T-SHIRT.](#)

<u>NARMBOOL</u>	<u>STRACHAN</u>	<u>MANIFOLD</u>	<u>PURRUMBETE</u>

Parent Helpers to please contact Jacquie in the office if you are able to be a marshal or record keep for Mr Hambrook. Parent helpers are a HUGE part of these big events and greatly appreciated any assistance on the day. Parents must have a current Working With Children Check and have supplied a copy to the School Office.

Keep an eye on Compass in the coming weeks for consent and payment.



parents & friends OF MANO

**The Mano PnF would love to welcome
new members**

Please come along and join in the fun of
organising fundraising and wellbeing events
for this wonderful school community

All Welcome

The next meeting is Tuesday 21st February
7pm - School Staff Room

If you have any questions please contact us at
pandfmano@outlook.com

Parents & Friends of Mano

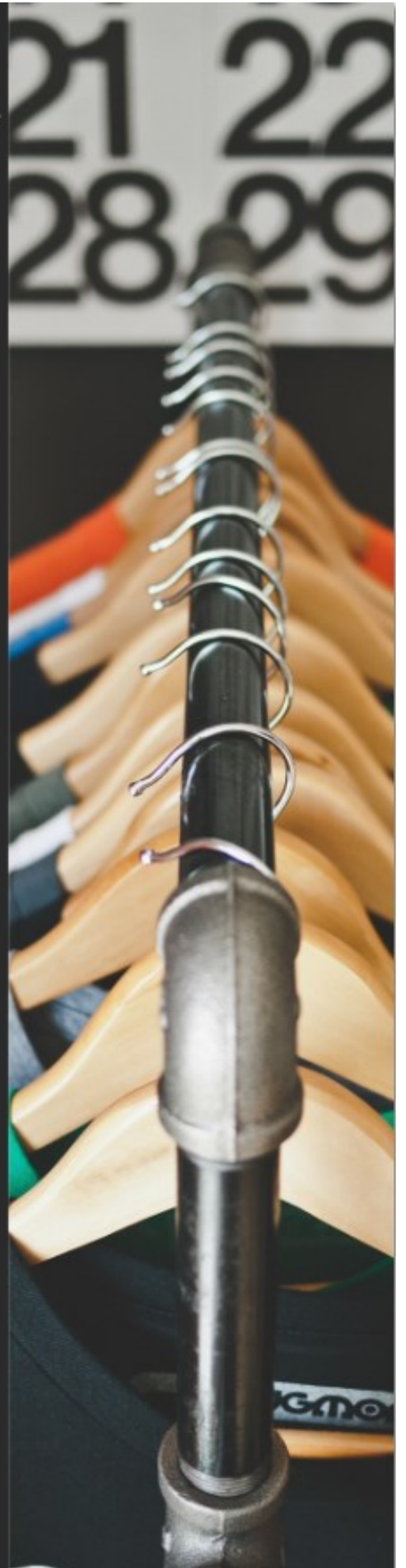
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**TUES 14TH & THURS 16TH
FEBRUARY**

3:15PM-3:45PM

BASKETBALL COURTS

**ALL PROCEEDS OF SALES
GO BACK TO THE SCHOOL**



Parents and prospective students are warmly invited to our

Open Night

Wednesday 8th March, 2023

Commencing 6.00pm



Presentation
6.00 – 6.20pm

Self-guided tours
and specialist
information sessions
6.30 – 7.30pm

Details of our Select Entry Accelerated Learning, Scholarships and Excellence in Sport Programs will be provided at the Open Night.



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