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MANIFOLD HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Date: 2nd March 2023

Principal: Christian Smith

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Important Dates

MARCH

Wed 8th March	Mano Family Picnic, 4:45pm - 6:30pm
Thurs 9th March	School Council Election Ballot Closes, 4pm
Fri 10th March	Prep Proud to Be Me Incursion Mano House Cross Country, Grade 3 - 6 Students
Mon 13th March	Labour Day Public Holiday, No Classes
Tues 14th March	District Swimming, Selected Students, Kardinia Pool
Wed 15th March - Mon 27th March	NAPLAN Grade 3 & Grade 5 students
Fri 17th March	Whole School Photo Day (NEW DATE)
Mon 20th March	VSSS Rehearsal, Western Heights College (Selected Students)
Thurs 23rd March	Grade 6 Preparation for Puberty
Fri 24th March	Grade 1 Big Day Out
Wed 29th March	Grade 6 Preparation for Puberty
Thurs 30th March	Summer Lightning Premiership, Senior Students, Parent Helpers Required
Fri 31st March	Grade 2 Big Day Out



APRIL

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

Upcoming Event Consent Forms and/or Payments Due

House Cross Country Consent & Payment	8th March
Prep Proud to Be Me Incursion Consent & Payment	8th March
Grade 6 Preparation for Puberty Consent & Payment	20th March
Grade 1 Big Day Out Consent & Payment	21st March
Grade 2 Big Day Out	28th March
Grade 4 Camp Consent & Payment	23rd March

NEWS FROM MR SMITH

Dear School Community Members,

Reading, Reading, Reading: By now all students should be into the habit of regularly engaging in a home-reading program (both independently and being read to). As parents, we have the opportunity to project and model the importance of reading onto our children. Professor Anne Bayetto, from Flinders University in South Australia, highlighted students who read:

- **Less than 1 minute** per day will read 8000 words a year
- **4.6 minutes** per day will read 282 000 words a year
- **20 minutes** per day will read 1.8 million words a year

How can they ever catch up? Our role, as teachers, is to provide the explicit reading strategies that children require to be successful readers. As parents/carers, your job is to give the opportunity for them to practise these skills. We expect all students are engaged in a regular home-reading program. Please contact your child's teacher if you require support to facilitate the home-reading program for your child.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Framework Matrix: School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) is a framework that teaches students a clearly defined set of expectations and behaviours. SWPBS assists schools to improve social, emotional, behavioural and academic outcomes for children and young people. Mano is 10 years into the SWPBS journey and is a key feature of our school. Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the SWPBS Matrix that outlines the key foci for each week. We highly recommend that families reinforce the weekly focus each week at home.

Annual Implementation Plan: Like every school in the state, we have developed our school improvement plan that outlines our key areas the school will focus on to maximise student learning and wellbeing outcomes. The plan aligns with our strategic intent of improving student achievement, wellbeing and engagement. Our key improvement strategies for this year will be:

- Develop and implement a whole school approach to health and wellbeing through aligning the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) framework, Respectful Relationships and Berry Street.
- To increase student voice, agency and leadership across our school.
- Implement, monitor and resource the Mano evidenced based Teaching and Learning Model.
- Develop and implement an evidenced based and whole school approach to the teaching of writing.

As a staff team, we are committed to achieving the targets against our improvement plan and have begun work on each of these areas. I look forward to providing our families with regular updates on our progress and achievements.

Morning Tea with our new students: I am thrilled to share with you that our seven new students to the school have settled in incredibly well. Mrs Forsyth (Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader) and I had morning tea with our new students last Friday and each student reported a successful transition to Mano. Our new students stated, "I love the sport", "STEM is my favourite part of school", "the Art room and program is so much fun", and "the Junior Playground is my favourite place at school". They also reported they found the "work harder than my last school" and "because I am shy, making friends has been tricky". We will continue to support these students to ensure their time at Mano is successful.

Thank you Parents and Friends: On behalf of the Mano community, I thank, acknowledge and applaud the work of our Parents and Friends Committee (P & F). Through the ongoing

efforts of our P & F, we raised an amazing \$33,000 in 2022 by running the following events: Colour Run, 2 x Election Day BBQ's, Mothers & Fathers Day Stalls and Trivia Night. These funds have been allocated to our Playground and Oval Upgrade program. It is through the commitment and dedication of our P & F that we will be in a position later in the year to begin planning the upgrade of our playgrounds— we look forward to keeping everyone updated.

Classroom and Specialist Resources Donations: We also thank our families for their support and donations to our Classroom Resources and Specialist Resources programs.

We received \$12,400 in donations for the Classroom Resources – this will fund the following items:

- Tuff Activity Trays
- AquaPlay,
- Magnetic Marble & Lego for the Preps
- Whiteboard Tables
- Calming Cloud Chairs for the Grade 1s
- Lockable iPad Cabinet
- Whiteboard Tables and Wobble Stools for the Grade 2s
- Magnetic Rulers and Timers and Desk Dividers for the Seniors

We received \$11,951 in donations for the Specialist Resources - this will be used to fund the following items:

- Gel Printing Plates for the Art Room
- Swimming Caps and Portable Speaker for PE
- Stage Boxes for Performing Arts
- Lego Education SPIKE for STEM

Once again, thank you to all families who donated to these programs – please know your contribution will make a difference to the education of all our students.

Child Safe Standards: Manifold Heights Primary School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This is the primary focus of our care and decision-making. Manifold Heights Primary School has zero tolerance for child abuse. We are committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention will be paid to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability. Every person involved in Manifold Heights Primary School has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role they play individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make. Stay tuned for regular updates on our commitment to the Child Safe Standards.

Dogs onsite at Mano: For student health and safety reasons, including allergies and anxiety some pets can cause some students, please note that **dogs are not permitted onsite** (excluding therapy and guide dogs). Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

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

Christian Smith

Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PD	HUDSON FINNING - Hudson has made a brilliant start to Prep this year. He sets a great example for others through always listening carefully and giving everything a go. Fantastic work Hudson!
PH	AMELIA NEWTON - Amelia has made a wonderful start to school life. She is a kind, responsible classmate and is always ready to give her best effort to all tasks. Awesome Amelia!
PJ	ELENA AKDEMIR - Elena has had an extremely smooth start to Prep. She has shown outstanding responsibility and always makes sure to help others. Excellent work, Elena!
1A	MATILDA GILBERT-KENT - For showing resilience and a determined attitude this last week. Well done Matilda, keep up the great work!
1B	GABRIEL BEAULAC - Gabriel demonstrated his improving ability to independently regulate his emotions when he found a task challenging last week in Writing. Super work Gabriel!
1C	JACK COSGRAVE - Jack has been super consistent all term when learning, working, playing and sharing whether in the room or outside in the playground. Wonderful to see Jack!
2B	JENSEN DIXON - For recognising when his emotions are elevated and choosing the right strategy to calm himself down.
2O	HARRY HUTCHINSON - Harry has been a superstar with his Numeracy. He wrote a long list of equations on his whiteboard with the answer of 3. Magnificent Harry!
2S	SIENNA WILLIAMS - Sienna has really challenged herself during Numeracy this week, expanding and renaming 3 digit numbers with confidence. Sensational Sienna!
3G	NOAH JAMIESON - For being a great role model in 3G. Noah's maturity and honesty has not gone unnoticed and is highly valued in the room.
3Q	HARRY ARMSTRONG - Harry has shown a fantastic effort this week to ensure he is 'Ready to Learn' for all lessons and has completed some marvellous work. Particularly with his vertical subtraction. You're a superstar Harry!
3/4S	RAYYAN AZIZ - Rayyan is always focused on his work and has shown great enthusiasm towards developing his 'Ready to Learn' plan. Well Done Rayyan!
4F	LEXI COWDELL - Lexi has really made a fantastic effort to apply herself to her learning. Well done Lexi!
4M	MADELINE WRIGHT - Madeline has been a great asset to our class, constantly checking in with her emotions, placing her peg on the 'Ready to Learn' scale and caring for those who need extra emotional support. Great work, Madeline!
SC	GRACE CONWAY - Grace continues to take responsibility each day, recognising and regulating her emotions. It has been lovely to see Grace reaching out for help when she is in need of some extra support. Well done, Grace. You're a superstar!
SL	KATLYN SMYTH - Katlyn is effective in recognising and naming her emotions. She uses a range of strategies to regulate these emotions so she is 'Ready to Learn' each day. Keep up the fantastic work, Katlyn!
SM	ASHLYN SIVITER - Ashlyn has worked hard to improve her subtraction skills. She is eager to receive feedback and strives to improve on each task. Well done Ashlyn!
ST	CONNOR O'HANLON - Connor has worked hard to take on feedback and chase his learning goals this week, especially in Maths. He tackled tasks with enthusiasm, sought feedback and took time to complete extra work at home to improve his understanding of subtraction. Good stuff, legend!
SW	HUDSON HOOD - Hudson is a super supportive member of the class! This week he proactively helped a classmate regulate their emotions when they were finding something challenging. Well done!
ART	ELIAH NORTH - Elijah has been a superstar this week in Art, regularly helping others, taking pride in his work and assisting greatly with the 'Artroom Cleanup'! Awesome Eli!
PE	LAURIE WOODFORTH - Laurie showed tremendous resilience this week having a go in PE with a sprained wrist. His positive and willing attitude to have a try was a standout. Super effort Laurie!
STEM STAR	VAN RUSELER - Van came to STEM this week focused and ready to do his best. He expertly understood his digital footprint and assisted his peers as well. Very good Van!
PERF ARTS	ZAARI ANDERSON - Zaari is a responsible and eager member in Performing Arts. She consistently tries her best and listens to feedback. Awesome Zaari!

Teacher Spotlight

At Monday's Assembly we met Miss Claire Morris.

What is your role here at MANO?

I'm one of the Grade 4 teachers.

What is one of your favourite things to do outside of school?

I love getting a coffee and spending time with friends and family.

What did you do before you came to MANO?

I was a relief teacher for two years in Ballarat and Adelaide but, last year I spent 5 months travelling Europe.

What is your ideal holiday destination?

Anywhere warm and tropical, I love the beach!

What is your favourite movie?

The Parent Trap.

Do you follow the AFL, and if so what team do you go for?

Yes, and I go for the Western Bulldogs

What is your least favourite food?

Egg

When you were at primary school, what was your favourite subject and why?

P.E, I loved being able to learn new skills and play different games with my friends and working as a team.

Welcome to Mano Miss Morris!



School Council Election Ballot

Our School Council Nomination process closed on Monday 20th February. We received more parent School Council nominations than positions available, therefore the parent/guardian community have the opportunity to vote for who they want to be elected to School Council. We have 6 candidates for 5 positions.

Ballot envelopes and candidate statements will be sent home with the eldest child in the family today, Thursday 2nd March.

Completed ballot forms are due back to the School Office **strictly by 4:00pm Thursday 9th March**. These envelopes can be returned via your child's classroom teacher.

We welcome all families to be involved in this process.

NEXT WEEK'S SWPBS FOCI (WEEK 6): I make the most of my learning time. (I take responsibility)

NAPLAN test dates for 2023: 15th to 27th March

Dear Parents of Grade 3 and Grade 5 students,

This year, NAPLAN transitions to an online assessment platform nationwide.

This will impact all the assessments during the NAPLAN period, including writing assessment for Grade 5. Grade 3 writing assessment will still be conducted on paper for 2023.

The **NAPLAN assessment period is from Wednesday 15th March - Monday 27th March, 2023** with most of our assessments scheduled to be completed from **15th - 17th March**.

More information will follow about NAPLAN online in the coming weeks.

To prepare for the NAPLAN Readiness period, ***we need your assistance to do they following actions please*** with the students BYOD iPad devices.

*Could the following actions please be completed by **Monday 6th March**.*

*This will ensure your child is **ready and prepared** for the **NAPLAN Practice Assessments for the weeks ahead**.*

- **iPad Minis:** iPad Minis are not compatible with the NAPLAN browser so they can't be used. If your child has an iPad mini, please inform the classroom teacher and a *school device will be provided to your child to use*.
- **IOS Update:** Update your child's iPad to the latest version of IOS. A minimum IOS of 14 is required to successful download the NAPLAN Browser.

Download the NAPLAN Locked Down Browser: Use this link to download the NAPLAN Locked Down Browser on your child's device. This app is green for 2023 so you will know you have the correct browser. <https://apps.apple.com/au/app/nap-locked-down-browser/id1086807255> The '**Locked Down Browser**' is a secure browser designed to: - Prevent students from accessing other applications, web pages, software or hardware features and only provides access to the test player. - Prevent use of operating system commands - Disable features such as the camera, spell check, screenshot, back and power buttons. - Prevent execution in a virtual machine or virtual desktop. - Prevent the user from exiting without confirmation. Locked Down Browser Apps will not contain test content, therefore a connection to the internet will still be required in order to take the test. Your child's device will still operate exactly as normal when we are not accessing the Locked Down Browser.

Improve capacity of the iPad: Removing excess apps and photos will improve the efficiency of your child's device. You can check the storage amount of your child's device by: Clicking Settings > General > iPad Storage <https://support.apple.com/en-sg/HT201656>

- **iPad Battery charged:** iPads should be coming to school fully charged daily, however, this is essential for participating in NAPLAN. Please ensure your child's device is **fully charged** for all school days in March and especially during the NAPLAN window.
- **Headphones:** Your child requires working headphones for NAPLAN Online. Please ensure your child's headphones are working or provide a plug-in pair of ear buds/headphones for all assessments. These will need to be available from March 6th onwards. Teachers cannot spend their time trouble shooting non-working bluetooth headphones so plug-in headphones are preferred. For devices that only have bluetooth headphones, we ask that you check they are in efficient working order.

In preparing for NAPLAN, we have indicated the number of student owned devices. We will have a small number of devices available on the day in case of an emergency, however, we will be relying on student devices to be used and ready with the action steps completed from above as they are accounted for. Students not participating in the BYOD program will be provided with a school device.

Could all parents please complete these steps by **Monday 6th March** so your child is organised and ready for the weeks ahead for preparation.

For those with capacity issues, it may be a weekend job to clear unused apps that are impacting capacity and deleting/storing photos.

Thank you for your assistance.

Mr Tom Fleming



What have we been up to in Lunchtime Clubs.....?

Last week we were very excited to offer our Lunchtime Clubs to students for the first time in 2023. These have been brainstormed by our Student Leaders and ultimately determine by our students. Here is a snapshot of some of our Lunchtime Clubs from Week 4 & 5:

STEM Club – held on Monday's in the STEM Room

Last week students explored force through Domino Reactions. Students were able to design their own chain reaction of events using ideas such as: creating a spiral, merging one path into two and using falling towers.

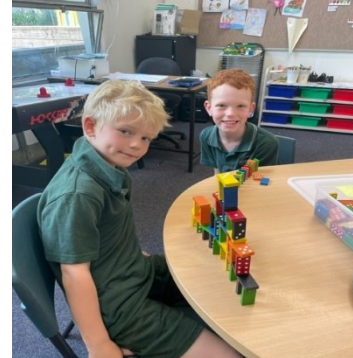
Here are some of the creative design ideas that students came up with...



Sienna, Ely & Adi (2S), Chloe (2B) with Leah (PJ)



Rayyan & Patterson (3/4S) with Edison (4M)



Ziggy & Will (2S)



Bobby, Harry & Darcy (1A)



Luka (1A) with Milla & Sofia (2S)

The Calm Corner – held on Tuesday's in the Library

This week students were able to select an activity that would bring them 'calm' such as sitting and listening to music (slow tempo), mindful colouring/drawing a picture or reading a book from the Library.



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 Cross Country!

MANO'S HOUSE CROSS



COUNTRY!

WHEN: FRIDAY 10th MARCH (10am - 1pm)

WHERE: FYANSFORD COMMON, 67 HYLAND ST FYANSFORD

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

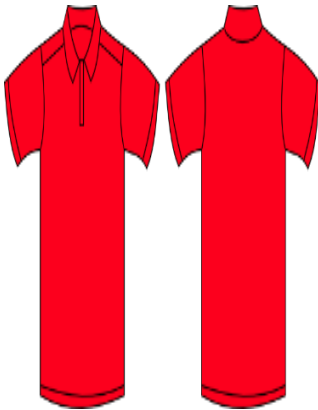
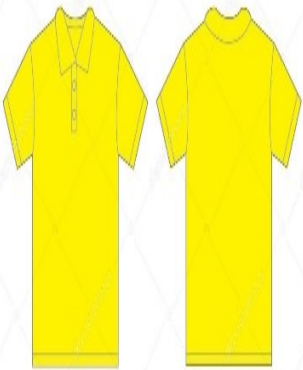


AGE GROUP DISTANCE: 8, 9 and 10 year old students will run 2km track (2 laps). 11, 12 and 13 year old students will run the 3km track (3 laps).

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>
		 Front Back	 <small>PHOTOGRAPH BY ANDREW WILSON</small>

Parent Helpers on the day will be contacted by Mr Hambrook early next week with roles. Mr Hambrook is hoping if any parents can assist him on the morning around 9am to set up marquee and Cross Country course. IF so, please contact the office or speak to him directly

House Cross Country - Outline of the day:

9/10 Year Students Boys/Girls- 2km (2 laps)

Girls start at 10:45am (approx) Boys start at 11:00am

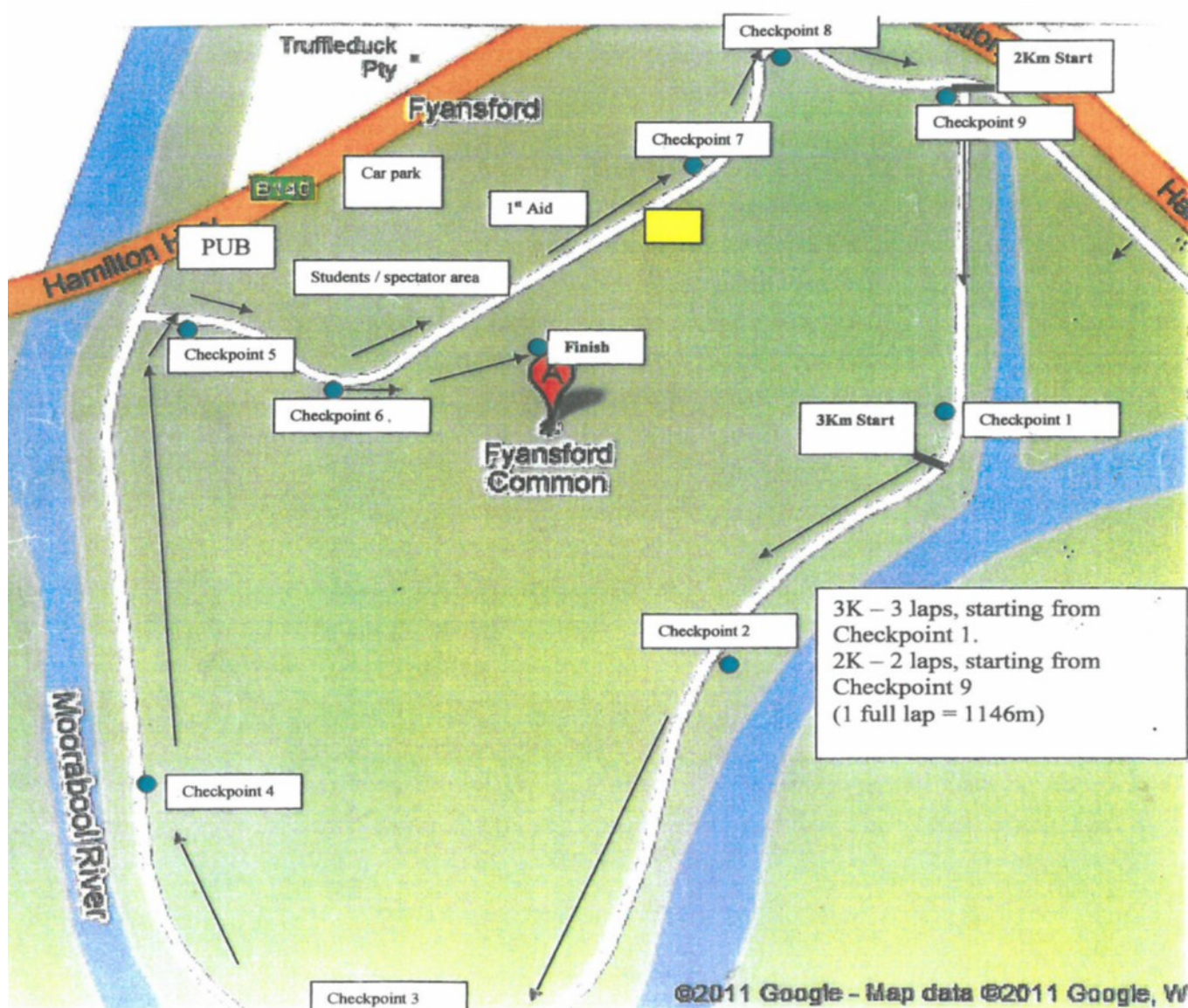
11 Year Students Boys/Girls - 3km (3 laps)

Girls start at 11:30am (approx.) Boys start at 11:45am.

12/13 Year Students Boys/Girls - 3km (3 laps)

Girls start at 12:10pm (approx.) Boys start at 12:30pm.

1:00 P.M. FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



If you are signing your child out at Cross Country- Make sure you speak with their classroom teacher to sign them out please.



BELL POST HILL FNC JUNIOR FOOTBALL 2023

Players welcome in all age groups

Auskick

Under 9's

Under 10's

Under 12's

Under 14's

Under 16's

Under 18's

For further
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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. This is an alcohol-free event.



Western Heights College

You're invited

to our Open Night, Wednesday 1 March, 6-8pm
to learn about our 2024 Year 7 Specialist Sports Program

37-61 Vines Road
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RSVP using the QR code above
or at <https://compasstx.com/e/1d6wd6afpe>



MINIROOS EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

THE DEAKIN DUCKS FC ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE ARE RUNNING A MINIROOS PROGRAM IN 2023. WE ARE EXCITED TO BRING JUNIOR SOCCER TO WAURN PONDS. IF YOUR CHILD IS AGED 4-11 AND HAS A PASSION FOR SOCCER, HAVING FUN AND MAKING NEW FRIENDS, PLEASE FILL OUT THE LINK VIA THE QR CODE BELOW. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE DEAKIN DUCKS ON FACEBOOK.



DEAKIN UNIVERSITY, WAURN PONDS



MANO MUMS NIGHT OUT

————— MAY —————
TELGRAPH HOTEL 6 4 PM
 ONWARDS
————— 2023 —————

**COME BY HAVE A CHAT, DRINK, LAUGH
& BITE TO EAT**

WE WILL BE LOCATED UP IN THE TOP BEER GARDEN. DRINKS
& FOOD CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE BAR

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS AN ADULT ONLY EVENT

QUESTIONS??- EMAIL PANDFMANO@OUTLOOK.COM

RSVP- [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/ALWMCVQA3XEOWU717](https://forms.gle/ALWMCVQA3XEOWU717)

mano dads night out

**FRIDAY, MAY 19TH
6.30PM
THE BARKING DOG**

JOIN FELLOW MANO DADS FOR
DINNER, DRINKS AND
MELBOURNE VS PORT
ADELAIDE

RSVP VIA THE
LINK:

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