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MANIFOLD HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Date: 23rd March 2023

Principal: Christian Smith

Business Manager: Jessie Burney & Jacque Clancy

Assistant Principal: Peta Mundine

Administration: Jacque Clancy & Georgia Slater

Important Dates

MARCH

Fri 24th March	Grade 1 Big Day Out Hot Cross Bun Orders Close, 3:30pm
Wed 29th March	Grade 6 Preparation for Puberty, 9am - 12:30pm
Thurs 30th March	Summer Lightning Premiership, Senior Students
Fri 31st March	Grade 2 Big Day Out

APRIL

Mon 3rd April	Girls AFL Lightning Premiership
Tues 4th April	Grade 3 Community Walk, Kevin Kirby Reserve Hot Cross Buns Ready for Collection, Old Canteen
Tues 4th April - Thurs 6th April	Grade 4 Camp, Anglesea
Wed 5th April	Grade 6 Preparation for Puberty, 9am - 12:30pm
Thurs 6th April	Grade 6 Preparation for Puberty, 9am - 12:30pm Casual Dress Day, 'When I Grow Up', Gold Coin Donation Term 1 ends, 2:30pm dismissal
Fri 7th April	Good Friday Public Holiday
Mon 24th April	Term 2 commences, 9am
Tues 25th April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday, No Classes

Upcoming Event Consent Forms and/or Payments Due

Grade 4 Camp Consent & Payment	23rd March
Summer Lightning Premiership Consent & Payment	27th March
Grade 2 Big Day Out	28th March
Senior Girls AFL Competition Consent	29th March

NEXT WEEK'S SWPBS FOCI (WEEK 9): I ask permission before leaving the classroom. (I am safe)

NEWS FROM MR SMITH

Dear School Community Members,

Like many schools, this week we are celebrating Harmony Week – a time where we celebrate the diversity of our school community and an opportunity build on our culture of: everyone belongs at Mano! At our Harmony Week launch at Assembly on Monday, some of our student leaders shared a wonderful message about Harmony week and all students joined in singing and dancing to, “We are all in this together”. Students have engaged in activities focussed on diversity and respect throughout the week, and representatives from each class came together to create a Harmony Week mural on our Basketball Court area. I encourage families to have a family discussion about Harmony Week and purpose behind it. Thank you to Mrs Grant, Ms Morris and Ms Schuster for their coordination of Harmony Week.

School Improvement Plan – Wellbeing: The wellbeing of our students is of the highest priority. Whilst we have many wellbeing programs in place at Mano, throughout 2023 we aim to 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 maximise the wellbeing of every student. With the appointment of our Mental Health and Wellbeing leader, Aimee Forsyth, and the leadership of our Wellbeing School Improvement Team, we are well placed to provide our students with high quality wellbeing practices to ensure all students have the wellbeing supports to thrive at school. This will include students having access to an extensive Lunch Times Clubs program, regular Wellbeing Conferences, students engaging in high quality Social and Emotional lessons (SEL), and every teacher delivering consistent classroom routines to improve the wellbeing of students. Stay tuned for further updates throughout the year.

Student Leadership – Junior School Council (JSC): Our Student Leadership Team are making a real difference for our school! Our Student Leadership Team includes our School Captains, School Vice Captains, House Captains, Junior School Council Members (Class Ambassadors) and our Positive Behaviour and Wellbeing Ambassadors.

Recently, our Junior School Council have planned and actioned our Term 1 Social Service event and are well advanced in planning and implementing their Term 1 project. Although Ms Chapman is present and supporting the discussion, the meeting is chaired and minuted by our JSC representatives with the utmost respect shown by all members. This group of leaders have many plans for the remainder of the year. The Term 1 JSC project is to provide an additional set of soccer goals for our students. We look forward to sharing with our community the outcome of this in the coming weeks.

Congratulations to our JSC and we look forward to their continued leadership throughout 2023.

Term 1 Social Service Activity: Following Mano tradition, our Junior School Council (JSC) invite our community to partake in a Social Service activity each term.

A Social Service activity is where our JSC 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 JSC:

Date: Thursday, 6th April
Charity: Royal Children’s Hospital
Theme: When I Grow Up (dress up)

Donation: Gold coin

Students and staff are invited to dress up in the theme, “When I Grow Up...”. Details are in this newsletter and also on Compass. Further information will be provided in the coming weeks.

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: Paul Wigglesworth
Treasurer: Jonathon Connor

Other School Councillors are: Jacklyn Richardson, Terry Gillard, Sarah Francis, Emma Byers, Dr Ragini Flower, Naomi Doody, Bryanna Connell (co-opted member), Peta Mundine, Christian Smith, Aimee Forsyth, Tom Fleming and Jess Chapman.

On behalf of the Mano community, I thank our retiring School Councillors: **Phil Currie, Suzane Charles** and **Lisa Helmore**. Phil, Suzane and Lisa have been wonderful contributors of 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:

- Co-opting a community member: we are pleased to welcome Bryanna Connell to our 2023 School Council as our Community Co-Opted member
- 2022 Annual Report: School Council finalised and endorsed our 2022 Annual Report (this will be available to our community following the completion of the Department of Education’s quality assurance process)
- Manifold Heights PS Farmers market: School Council continued discussions about the possibilities of holding a Farmers Market at Mano. It has been agreed that we will continue planning of having a Framers Market at Mano. A final decision to be made at our next School Council meeting.
- Before and After School Care contract: School Council continued discussions regarding the contractual arrangements for our Before and After School Care service. It was agreed that we would go to tender for this service.
- 2023 Fundraising: School Council determined that all locally raised funds would be directed to our ‘School Grounds and Improvements’ budget. We are well placed to replace one of our playgrounds in 2023 as a result of the incredible fundraising in 2022 (and planned fundraising in 2023).

Each of our School Councillors are deeply committed and invested in our school. Please contact them if you have any feedback or concerns (please visit our school website here).

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

Christian Smith
Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PD	CHARLIE RIMMER - Charlie is an expert when it comes to making sure he has safe hands and feet at all times when sitting on the mat. He sets an amazing example for all of his friends by modelling this and encouraging them to do the same! Excellent effort Charlie!
PH	CHARLIE CUMMINS - Charlie is a caring and safe friend who makes sure he treats classmates with kindness. He always makes an effort to keep his hands and feet safely away from others. Fabulous Charlie!
PJ	LEWIS BUCKBY - Lewis sets a terrific example for his peers by keeping his hands and feet to himself. He is always staying safe in the classroom, while walking in line, and while getting our bags at the lockers. Legendary Lewis!
1A	CONNOR MORGAN - Connor has been a superstar in 1A! He has been making new connections and is quickly learning the routines and expectations of our classroom. Welcome Connor, we are so happy to have you!
1B	FREYA HOLT - Freya leads the way in our class by making sure she has safe hands and feet. She has shown good control of her body this week. Well done Freya!
1C	CHARLIE REED - Charlie always keeps his hands and his feet to himself as he understands that doing so not only maximises his learning, but the learning of all 1C students. Awesome to see Charlie!
2B	HAZEL MORGAN - Hazel has done a fantastic job fitting into our Mano community. She sits well during floor time and always keeps her hands and feet to herself. Top job!
2O	SOPHIE MEREDITH - Sophie readily demonstrates being a safe and thoughtful member of 2O. She drew and shared great ways we can keep our hands and feet to ourselves in the classroom. Sensational Sophie!
2S	ELSPETH STARK - Elspeth always moves safely through the classroom and respects her classmate's personal space. Excellent Elspeth!
3G	MUHAMMAD CHAUDHRY - For ensuring he is safe at all times when at school. Muhammad is an excellent role model, acting safely and responsibly both within and beyond the classroom walls.
3Q	ALFIE TANNER - Alfie is a safe and respectful member of our class. He makes sure he is working and playing safely with his friends in the classroom and out in the yard at all times. Awesome Alfie!
3/4S	JAXON STEFANOVSKI - Jaxon always makes sure he is playing safely and responsibly in the yard. Well done Jaxon!
4F	TOM WEBBER - Tom has been putting in a great effort to focus in class. He has been enthusiastic and caring in his approach to his learning. Keep up the great work Tom.
4M	XAVIER SIMMONS - Xavier has made an amazing effort this week with being safe and responsible within the classroom and at recess and lunch, whilst also keeping his hands and feet to himself and making good choices. You are a superstar Xav, keep it up!
SC	DIA PRASHER - Dia continues to be a fabulous role model in Senior C! She is safe, always uses her manners and followed this week's SWPBS focus by keeping her hands to herself. Keep up the great work, Dia!
SL	GEORGIA JOHNS - Georgia is a great role model of our school values at Mano. She consistently demonstrates our weekly SWPBS focus with a positive attitude. Keep up the amazing work, Georgia!
SM	KAI SCHMIDT - For making an effort to show Mano's school values and listening attentively during class discussions. I always look forward to your comments Kail!
ST	ELBIE STONEHOUSE - Elbie strives to do her best during class each day. She listens to and applies feedback, and enthusiastically takes notes during peer presentations. Excellent Elbie!
SW	NOAH POWER - Noah is doing an amazing job in the classroom with his learning! He confidently joins in discussions, tries his best and supports other students in a kind way. Way to go Noah!
ART	LEXI COWDELL - Lexi completed her 'crayon etching' art piece with persistence, technique and pride. Keep up the terrific efforts, Lexi.
PE	ALBI MAJTARA - Albi will always come to PE with a big smile on his face and make the most of his learning time, whilst applying his skills to all game-play situations. Super effort Albi!
STEM STAR	CHLOE TANNER - Chloe brought her 'A' game this week as she expertly utilised the data the robots collect. Clever Chloe!
PERF ARTS	PIPPA NELSON - Pippa enters the Performing Arts space safely and with an enthusiastic smile on her face. She ensures that she dances and moves safely around her peers showing great passion for performance.

Teacher Spotlight

At Monday's Assembly we met Mrs Lisa Helmore.

What is your role here at MANO?

I am part of the Prep Team, and as well as teaching the Preppies, I spend time visiting kinders and meeting our new students and families to help with their Transition to Mano.

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

My family and I LOVE live music, so any chance to go see a band in Geelong or a concert in Melbourne- I'm there! I had awesome fun with my daughter Caitlin, seeing Harry Styles and Ed Sheerin a few weeks ago, as well as going to see a couple of my favourite old local bands too.



What did you do before you came to MANO?

Immediately before coming to Mano I was lucky enough to have the best job in the world- I was at home being a mum while my kids were little!

Before that though, I worked at North Geelong Primary School where I taught grade 3, 4 and Prep and even before that, at Deer Park West Primary in Melbourne teaching the Grade 5/6 kids and Grade 2 and 3.

What is your ideal holiday destination?

It HAS to be warm, sunny and relaxing. We have had a couple of special family holidays but our family favourite is Hawaii. But in Australia, I love visiting family in beautiful Perth or camping in Echuca.

What is your favourite movie?

One favourite- it's way too hard to just choose just one! I love a really old movie called 'Grease' that I first saw at the drive-in for my 14th birthday party with my friends and singing along to the songs. It was a very cool birthday party! One of my favourite kids movies is another old one called Shrek.

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

The Mighty Cats of course!

What is your least favourite food?

Brussel sprouts!! Yuck!

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

It was and still is Reading! I love reading whenever I can, and I love reading stories to my class as well. I have way too many books. I think I need my own Library!

We are so lucky to have you at Mano Mrs Helmore!





Seasons for Growth® Program: Learning to live with change and loss

Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At Manifold Heights Primary School we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce and related circumstances, children may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively.

We are therefore offering a very successful education program called **Seasons for Growth** which will commence in **May, Term 2**. This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research which highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The program focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks.

You will receive a notice in the near future with more details about the **Seasons for Growth** program. If you think your son or daughter would benefit from this we would encourage you to talk to him/her about participating in the program. Please note that it is beneficial for one sibling to attend at a time, and it is likely that this 2023 group will focus on **Grade 2 – 4** students.

Manifold Heights Primary School is pleased to be able to offer this important program and we are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those who wish to be involved. If you require further information please contact the School Chaplain, Cyndee Little, via the school office on 5229 9643.

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, Jacque 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.

Hot Cross Buns Fundraiser

Our wonderful Parents & Friends Committee have organised a Hot Cross Buns Fundraiser for our school. Paper order forms were sent home with students recently, so you can choose a variety of 6 pack hot cross buns flavours and our school gets a percentage of sales.

Orders can be paid for by cash or eftpos at the Office. **Orders close 3:30pm, Friday 24th March.** Hot Cross Buns can be collected on Tuesday 4th April from the Old Canteen.

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 Friday 31st March 2023**. Items will be available for pick up on the first day of Term 2, Monday 24th April 2023. 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: _____

Chill 'n with Kevin

Thursdays 8.30am

A quiet zone for:

- **Milo**
- **Relaxing**
- **Connection**

**P-4 Students welcome between
8.30 - 8.55am**



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Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Manifold Heights Primary School is excited to be participating. The PRC application 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 from birth to Year 10 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 8th September 2023.

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 booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: <https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge>

Thanks. Priscilla Clark

'When I Grow Up' Dress Up Day

When: Thursday, 6th of April
Theme: When I Grow Up (dress up)
Cost: Gold Coin Donation

On **Thursday 6th of April**, the last day of Term 1, we will be holding a fundraiser for the **Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne**. The theme for this day will be 'When I Grow Up'. You will need to bring a gold coin donation on the day.



This is a dress up day, and students are encouraged to dress in what they would like to be when they grow up, such as a policeman, an astronaut, a baker, or whatever they like!

We look forward to seeing Mano getting involved and raising money for this valued organisation. Thank you to our Mano Junior School Council for their hard work in preparing this fabulous event!



The Royal **Children's**
Hospital Melbourne

Dress Up Day! **Gold Coin Donation!**

 Fundraiser for the Royal Children's Hospital 



What do you want to be when you grow up?

6/3/23



MANIFOLD HEIGHTS PRIMARY



8:00AM START
6:00PM END

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ON EXCURSION DAYS



IN-HOUSE



INCURSION



EXCURSION

10 th APRIL - MON	11 th APRIL - TUE	12 th APRIL - WED	13 th APRIL - THU	14 th APRIL - FRI
 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	 NATIONAL PET DAY It's National Pet Day! A day to celebrate our loveable fluffy and scaly four legged friends! Bring a photo of your pet and get ready for some PAW-some craft! We'll make paper bag pet puppets and take home a squishy pet friend!	 SILLERS CIRCUS Roll up Roll up! Calling all acrobats and clowns! Prepare to enter a world of entertainment where your imagination will soar like never before, in this completely re-imagined modern Silvers Circus spectacular!	 MOVIE - ARGONUTS Lights down, popcorn ready! TeamKids is off to the movies to watch Argonuts! A young mouse and the cat who adopted her will help old Jason and his Argonauts to save the city of Yolcos by facing menacing mythical creatures.	 SCIENCE OF TOYS Calling all talented Toy Makers! Today we'll be learning all about toys, exploring gravity and energy changes! We'll make some seriously fun pom pom launchers and space-ship spinners, all yours to take home!
	Base Fee \$70.00 Exp Fee** \$8.00 Daily Total \$78.00	Base Fee \$70.00 Exp Fee** \$42.00 Daily Total \$112.00	Base Fee \$70.00 Exp Fee** \$30.00 Daily Total \$100.00	Base Fee \$70.00 Exp Fee** \$21.00 Daily Total \$91.00
	After Max CCS* \$11.70	After Max CCS* \$17.22	After Max CCS* \$15.00	After Max CCS* \$13.65

17 th APRIL - MON	18 th APRIL - TUE	19 th APRIL - WED	20 th APRIL - THU	21 st APRIL - FRI
 BARK TO THE FUTURE Jarrah the Cavoodle is coming to visit and he's only the coolest pet on the planet! He's friendly, he's funny & he knows over 30 PAWS-itively awesome tricks - get ready to be WOWed!!	 DODGEBALL MANIA You can dodge it, you can catch it, just don't let it hit you! Today we're venturing to Geelong Indoor Sports Centre for DODGEBALL MANIA! We'll work on our teamwork, athleticism and resilience - no underdogs here!	 SOFT TIP ARCHERY Today we'll be putting our marksman skills to the test during an EPIC lesson in Soft Tip Archery! We'll learn all about safety, teamwork, sportsmanship and FUN! Will you hit the bulls-eye?!	 CODE BUSTERS Today is all about teamwork. Mini Bosses will race against the clock to complete pressurised STEM challenges where learning success only comes from working together. Teamwork makes the dream work!	 LET'S STREET DANCE Today we'll be locking, hip hopping, popping and breakdancing as we flex our style and get down and groovy in an epic ENERGETIC street dance lesson! We'll learn the moves then perform to some bopping jams!
Base Fee \$70.00 Exp Fee** \$23.00 Daily Total \$93.00	Base Fee \$70.00 Exp Fee** \$30.00 Daily Total \$100.00	Base Fee \$70.00 Exp Fee** \$16.00 Daily Total \$86.00	Base Fee \$70.00 Exp Fee** \$17.00 Daily Total \$87.00	Base Fee \$70.00 Exp Fee** \$16.00 Daily Total \$86.00
After Max CCS* \$13.95	After Max CCS* \$15.00	After Max CCS* \$12.90	After Max CCS* \$13.05	After Max CCS* \$12.90



*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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mano dads night out

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