

# Mano TIMES



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## Manifold Heights Primary School Newsletter Date: 30th March 2023

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**Administration:** Jacque Clancy & Georgia Slater

### Important Dates

#### MARCH

Fri 31st March                      Grade 2 Big Day Out

#### APRIL

Mon 3rd April                      Girls AFL Lightning Premiership

Tues 4th April                      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  
Grade 3 Community Walk, Kevin Kirby Reserve  
Casual Dress Day, 'When I Grow Up', Gold Coin Donation for Royal Children's Hospital  
**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



**NEXT WEEK'S SWPBS FOCI (WEEK 10):** I use my Ready to Learn Plan to self regulate.  
(I am responsible)

# NEWS FROM MR SMITH

Dear School Community Members,

**Mano is a great place to be!** Last Friday, I had the opportunity to join the Grade 1 Learning Community on their excursion to the Museum of Play and Art (MoPA). Whilst there was much learning that compliments the learning our students have engaged in throughout Term 1, I came away from this time with the Grade 1 Learning Community with immense pride. Our students and staff displayed our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Safety, incredible manners were on display and a keen sense of fun was evident. At the conclusion of our time at MoPA, the manager sought me out to praise and admire the behaviour and manner of our students and staff. I congratulate our Grade 1 students and staff for being wonderful ambassadors of our school. Mano is a great place to be!



**It's not Okay to be away!** The challenges associated with the pandemic are well publicised. While I acknowledge, understand and recognise the impact the last three years have had on our students, I am confident the Mano community is well placed to navigate our way back to normality. The experts tell us the key to achieving 'normality' is compartmentalising all aspects of "school" and focus on one to two parts. We are currently investing in maximising attendance for all students.

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 year?

- 0-6** This is within the normal range. The child can take advantage of the teaching and learning opportunities available to them, as well develop healthy relationships with peers.
- 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 regular school attendance. We encourage any family to contact Mrs Mundine or myself to discuss their child's attendance at school.

**Term 1 Social Service Activity:** A reminder regarding our Term 1 Social Service event.

**Date:** Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> 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...".

**Gr 4 Camp to Anglesea:** Our Grade 4 Learning Community will head off to Camp on Tuesday where they will partake in some fantastic activities. Activities at Coastal Forest Lodge include body boarding, taking care of the animals who reside at the camp, yabbing and multiple team building activities. Thank you to our Grade 4 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.

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

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

Christian Smith  
Principal

## Teacher Spotlight

At Monday's Assembly we met Miss Eden Dove.

*What is your role here at MANO?*

I am one of the Prep teachers here at Mano!

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

Some things that I love to do include taking my puppy, Indi, out for walks. She can be a bit cheeky, so she needs lots of practice. I also love to bake and make lots of different yummy foods like cake and cookies.

*What did you do before you came to MANO?*

Before I came to Mano, I was a Grade 1/2 teacher at a different school, and before that I actually worked at Supercheap Auto while I was studying to be a teacher at university.

*What is your ideal holiday destination?*

I absolutely love anywhere that is warm and is close to the beach. One of my all-time favourite places to go is Palm Cove in Queensland, it is absolutely beautiful!

*What is your favourite movie?*

My favourite movie would have to be 'Up'. Watching it always makes me feel happy.

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

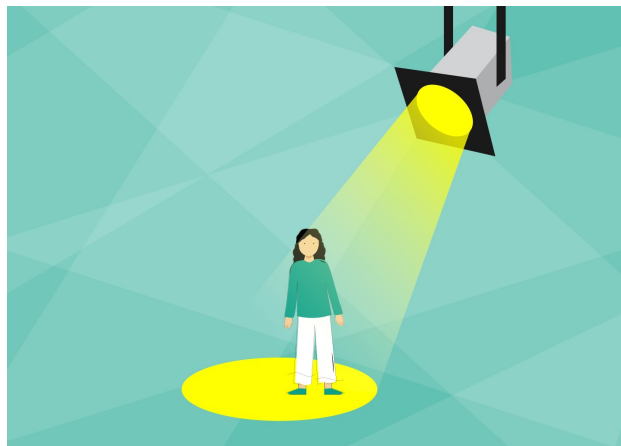
I don't usually follow the footy, (very unusual, I know), but if anyone asks, I always say the Bulldogs.

*What is your least favourite food?*

I can't stand capsicum!

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

My favourite subject was always Maths. I loved the challenge and using different strategies to work out the answer to a question.



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_



## Grade 1 Big Day Out - 24/03/2023

Last Friday, 24th March, the Grade 1 Learning Community enjoyed their Big Day Out. This included a range of activities from cornhole, parachute and tail-tag to bubbles and a hot chip lunch.

The highlight of the day was the excursion to the Museum of Play and Art (MoPA). There were lots of opportunities for fun including dress ups, construction, craft, the iconic 'car' painting, exploring the Sunset City and engaging in story time.

Students rotated through the activities and were given the opportunity to explore the wonderful surroundings at MoPA. Students enjoyed the activities and finished off with a dance party where they were able to demonstrate groovy moves!

Students did Manifold Heights Primary School proud and all of their behaviour was exceptional. We thank the staff at MoPA for some amazing, engaging activities.

Ms Baum, Mr Beck, Mrs Forsyth and Mrs Charter.





## Mano Easter Picnic

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, we will host our first wellbeing event for the term, our Mano Easter Picnic. This event has been planned by our Positive Behaviour and Wellbeing Ambassadors.

Our picnic will take place on the school oval from 1:20pm to 1:40pm (an extended lunch eating time), so that students can connect with others and enjoy their lunch. There will be an opportunity for Preps to see their Grade 5 buddies, and even a chance for our Grade 1's to reconnect with their buddies from last year, now Grade 6 students!

Our ambassadors will also host some Easter-themed games during lunch time that students are welcome to join – the more the merrier!

We thank our Positive Behaviour and Wellbeing Ambassadors for their hard-work in making this special event happen for our community!

## Lunchtime Club Update – Let's 'Just Dance'

We have had some regular 'movers' and 'shakers' attending our weekly Wednesday lunchtime club, Let's 'Just Dance'!

There have been some favourites so far – especially Waka Waka. Below are some pictures of some students attempting some of the 'moves' with many a smile on their faces.

As we move into Term 2, we are excited to try our hands at some Jive and explore some partner dancing.



**Re: Invitation to attend group**



Dear Parents/Carers,

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 or related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are therefore offering a very successful education program called **Seasons for Growth**.

This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research that 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.

**Seasons for Growth** runs for eight weeks and each weekly session is approximately 45 minutes. The program concludes with a 'Celebration' session.

It will commence on **Tuesday 16th May** at 12:30pm and will be facilitated by myself. Be assured I have received special training in the use of this program. Please note there is a **\$14** cost for your child to participate and to receive a **Seasons for Growth Primary Journal**.

If you think your child would benefit from **Seasons for Growth** we would encourage you to talk to him/her first about this. Child voice and agency in the process is very important. [Please note it is recommended that one sibling attend]. Should your child decide to participate please fill in the tear-off section below and return to the school office by **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April**, along with the **\$14** journal fee.

If you require further information about the program, or wish to talk to me about your child's personal experience, please contact me by phone or appointment.

Warm regards,

*Cyndee Little*

**Seasons for Growth Facilitator**

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I \_\_\_\_\_ give consent for my son/

daughter \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the **Seasons for Growth** program. I have discussed with this with him/her.

I enclose the \$14 fee to cover the cost of my child's journal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Child's Signature



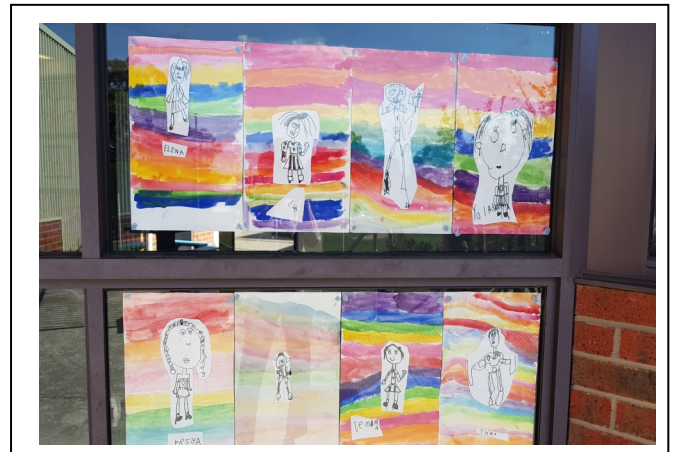


During Term 1, students from Prep to Grade 6 have created some terrific art pieces focusing on the art areas of painting, drawing, collage multi-media, printing, and collaborative art.

Some classes have explored the art styles of the artists, Romero Britto and Ken Done.

**Whole School Collaborative Art**

**Prep, "Being Me"**



**Grade 1, 'Romero Britto' inspired painting**

**Grade 2, Seascape Collages**

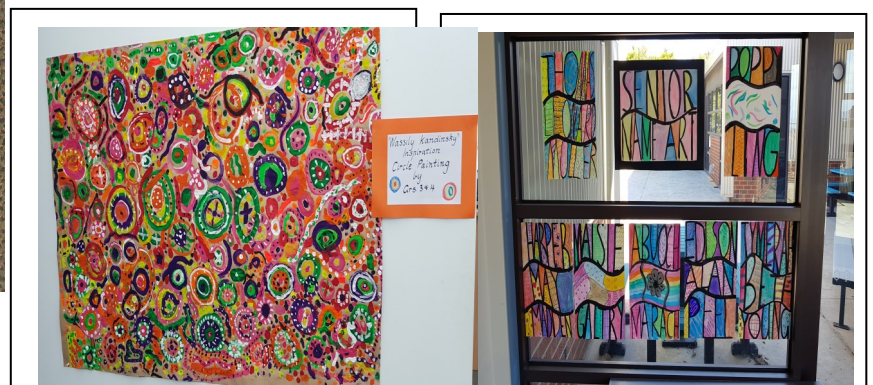


**Grade 3&4, Ken Done-Scratch Art**



**Grade 3&4, Circle painting**

**Seniors, Pop Art**





# Chill 'n with Kevin

**Thursdays 8.30am**

**A quiet zone for:**

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

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



Victorian  
**premiers'  
reading  
challenge**



**WILD  
ABOUT  
READING**



## 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>

To register your child's interest at Mano please contact me in the Library.

Thanks. Priscilla Clark



## 'When I Grow Up' Dress Up Day

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

On **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 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**

PLEASE  
ARRIVE BY 9AM  
ON EXCURSION DAYS



IN-HOUSE



INCURSION



EXCURSION

10 <sup>th</sup> APRIL - MON	11 <sup>th</sup> APRIL - TUE	12 <sup>th</sup> APRIL - WED	13 <sup>th</sup> APRIL - THU	14 <sup>th</sup> APRIL - FRI
 <b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>				
	<b>NATIONAL PET DAY</b>	<b>SILLERS CIRCUS</b>	<b>MOVIE - ARGONUTS</b>	<b>SCIENCE OF TOYS</b>
	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!	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!	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.	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 <sup>th</sup> APRIL - MON	18 <sup>th</sup> APRIL - TUE	19 <sup>th</sup> APRIL - WED	20 <sup>th</sup> APRIL - THU	21 <sup>st</sup> APRIL - FRI
<b>BARK TO THE FUTURE</b>	<b>DODGEBALL MANIA</b>	<b>SOFT TIP ARCHERY</b>	<b>CODE BUSTERS</b>	<b>LET'S STREET DANCE</b>
Jarraah 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!!	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!	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 bullseye?!	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!	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



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# 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](mailto: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

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parents  
& friends  
OF MANO





**GEE LONG  
JAGUARS**  
HOCKEY CLUB



# HOCKEY COME & TRY DAY!

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