

Mano TIMES



Unleashing Potential

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MANIFOLD HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Date: 27th April 2023

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Important Dates

MAY

Thurs 4th May	District Cross Country
Sat 6th May	Mano Mum's Night Out, 4pm, Telegraph Hotel
Thurs 11th May	Mother's Day Stall
Mon 15th May - Fri 19th May	Education Week
Mon 15th May	Victorian State School Spectacular Regional Rehearsal School Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Staff Room
Tues 16th May	Winter Lightning Premiership, Senior Students
Wed 17th May	Open Day, Tours at 9:30am and 12noon
Thurs 18th May	Open Classrooms, 2:30pm
Fri 19th May	Pyjama Day Casual Dress & Teddy Bear Picnic Lunch Dad's Night Out, 6:30pm, Barking Dog
Wed 24th May	Prep Minibeast Incursion

JUNE

Fri 2nd June	Pupil Free Day
Mon 12th June	Monarch's Birthday Public Holiday, No Classes

Upcoming Event Consent Forms and/or Payments Due

District Cross Country Consent & Payment	1st May
House Athletics Consent & Payment (Grade 3-6)	8th May
Prep Minibeast Incursion Consent & Payment	21st May

NEXT WEEK'S SWPBS FOCI (WEEK 2): I use recognise and regulate my emotions.
(I am responsible)

NEWS FROM MRS MUNDINE

Dear School Community Members,

Welcome to Term 2! It certainly is a positive start – beautiful sunshine and lots of happy, smiling faces. We hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful term break and are now ready for a busy and action-packed term!

We'd love to see family members involved in the life of the school so please come along to whatever events you are able to support. Coming up in the first few weeks, we have District Cross Country for Grade 3-6 students, Mano Mum's Night Out, House Athletics for Grade 3-6 students and Dad's Night Out.

On our first day of term, we held an ANZAC Day service commemorating the contribution of all those who have served Australia in times of war or peace-keeping operations. Our Senior Leaders, Ashton Muller, Neve Omant, Poppy Ling, Avery Hickmon and Lucas Baskin and Mr Gibson, led our school community through our annual ANZAC Day commemoration service. Our students spoke confidently and displayed fantastic respect and responsibility in leading this special commemoration for our entire school community.



Unleashing Potential Awards – Term 1

Congratulations to the following students on receiving the Term 1 Unleashing Potential Award:

Prep: Elena Akdemir
Grade 1: Isabelle Sichlau
Grade 2: Lily Wigglesworth
Grade 3: Audrey Beckley
Grade 4: Zara Babar
Seniors: Avery Hickmon

Digital Learning: Our BYOD iPad program continues to provide our students with new and integral learning experiences. The benefits of using iPads for learning are well documented and clearly evident in our school setting, however, it is important to remind students and the school community of our guidelines surrounding the effective and safe use of the device. Manifold Heights PS have developed clear and concise guidelines with input from students, staff and families. Below are some examples that we would like to highlight this week.

•No games during school time (unless teacher directed and educational)

•No messaging at school between friends or parents of students

•iPads to be securely stored in bags while travelling to and from school (riding or walking home from school)

Some of our students enjoy using their devices at home. If you feel you would like to reduce the hours spent on devices, there are a few strategies to consider.

- Agree to some rules with your child and stick to them. Make a schedule with allocated time, negotiated together to ensure the child feels respected and involved in decision making.

-Sign your child up for fun activities after school or at weekends and during school holidays. Engaging with peers doing something they love offline can be a gamechanger.

-Build daily exercise into your child's routine. Even better if you can participate too, so the child gets extra attention free from devices. Devices usually involves sitting stationary indoors, so fresh air and exercise is even more important.

-Nurture other passions. Aim to identify what else your child is passionate about and allow them to design a program to explore that passion. Maybe your child loves cooking – set a goal and enable them to learn something new. The basics of a particular cuisine or the art of baking, for example.

- Be supportive. If your child struggles to reduce their time online or to embark on new projects to distract from devices, repeated telling offs are unlikely to produce results. Positive feedback is proven to be far more effective than negative. Offer your empathy and your practical help (driving them to sports clubs, arranging activities with friends, helping them embark on a new hobby) to enable them to be successful in their attempt to cut down on time on a device.

2024 Prep Enrolments

I strongly encourage families to enrol their Prep child for 2024 ASAP. This allows us to strategically manage our classes (class sizes) and how many Prep students from outside of our zone we can accept. Please join us for a school tour or contact our Office to have an application form emailed to you. Prep 2024 enrolment applications close 28th July 2023. We will then be in a position to offer families places based on residential address being within our designated catchment area, having a sibling already at Mano; and if any places remain, offering places to families just outside our zone. We are aiming to take 3 classes of 22 Prep 2024 students. If you have already registered your interest with our Office then we will be emailing you the Prep 2024 application form later this week.

Education Week at Manifold Heights PS

Our school, along with many other schools, will celebrate Education Week during the week of Monday 15th May. This is an opportunity for our community to celebrate the wonderful opportunities, experiences and achievements our students undertake on a daily basis at Mano.

Please join us – Monday 15th May for Assembly where the School Choir and State School Spectacular students will perform, Wednesday 17th May for school tours at 9:30am or 12noon, and/or Thursday 18th May for Open Afternoons in Classrooms 2:30pm-3:30pm.

SunSmart School

Starting next week it is optional for our students to wear their hats however as the sunshine is here for a few more weeks we are currently encouraging our students to wear their hats. Our SunSmart policy requires students and staff to wear hats from August through to April.

Mother's Day: This very important day on the calendar will be supported at Mano by a Mother's/Special Person's Day Stall to be held on Thursday 11th May and again on Friday 12th May. All gifts will be \$5 (cash only please). Thank you to our Parents & Friends Committee for organising the stall!

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

Peta Mundine
Assistant Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PD	HUNTER MEYRICK - Hunter has made an amazing start to Term 2. He consistently makes an effort to put his best foot forward when entering the classroom. Fantastic work Hunter!
PH	DWISHA PATEL - Dwisha is a calm and thoughtful member of our class.. She has started Term 2 in a positive and responsible manner. What a wonderful effort Dwisha!
PJ	MASON CAMPBELL - Mason is doing a wonderful job of regulating his emotions and getting back 'Ready to Learn'. When overwhelmed, he is utilising his calm tent space before re-joining the class. Magnificent job, Mason!
1A	CHLOE CAMERON - Chloe is continuing to practise identifying what emotions she is experiencing. She has learned many new strategies that she can use throughout the day. What a tremendous effort, Chloe!
1B	XANDER YOUNG - Xander has had a fantastic start to Term 2. He is able to recognise when he is feeling overwhelmed and will use strategies to assist him. Super work Xander!
1C	IZABELA TASCAS - Izabela has made a beautiful start to Term 2, showing great acknowledgement of the SWPBS foci and in turn assisting greatly in helping her peers feel comfortable in the classroom. You superstar Izabela.
2B	LILY WIGGLESWORTH - Lily has a wonderful ability to sit with her feelings when challenging emotions arise. This ability allows her to manage herself in a very responsible and safe way. Lily, you are amazing!
2O	SOPHIA RICHARDSON - Sophia has made a wonderful start to Term 2, demonstrating an awareness of different strategies she can use to assist in her readiness for learning. Sensational work Sophia!
2S	CHARLIE LAZOVIC - Charlie has settled into 2S wonderfully, meeting lots of new friends and making the most of his learning time. We're so excited to have you in our class Charlie!
3G	MILA KIRBY - For making a fantastic start to Term 2. Mila has shown great organisation, initiative and has supported her fellow classmates in their learning through various lessons.
3Q	INDIANA JOSE - Indi has had a fantastic start to Term 2. She is a role model at ensuring she is calm and focused before every lesson. This helps Indi make the most of her learning time at all times. Incredible, Indi!
3/4S	WILL FREEMAN - Will has made a very positive start to Term 2 and is taking responsibility with his learning by asking for feedback. Wonderful Will!
4F	MORGAN BOWDITCH-WHITE - Morgan has made a great start to Term 2. He has been able to regulate his emotions in a positive way in order to focus on his learning.
4M	LEXIE HEATH - Lexie has had a wonderful start to Term 2. She has been an active class member, giving everything a red-hot-go with a positive attitude towards her learning. Keep it up, Lexie.
SC	ZOE BAKER - Zoe continues to be aware of her emotions, regulating herself when times are tough. It has been lovely to see her reaching out for support when she is in need. Thank you for trusting me to guide you Zoe. You're a superstar!
SL	KIRRILY FLETCHER - Kirrily has had a fantastic start to Term 2. She continues to show our school values and is a great role model for her peers. Keep it up, Kirrily!
SM	JUDE CRAWFORD - For working well in class to finish his Maths tasks. Keep up the great attitude Jude, it's fantastic to see.
ST	EVELINA CURRIE - Evelina has gone above and beyond to complete Mathletics tasks over the holidays, and always strives to be the best she can be each and every day. Excellent, Ev!
SW	JACK WARBY - Jack has made a great start to Term 2. Jack is able to recognise and regulate his emotions independently, allowing him to navigate challenges in the classroom and the yard independently. Well done Jack!
ART	JACOB POPOVSKI - Jacob completed a fantastic painting about the Great Barrier Reef. His determination and effort is to be congratulated. Well done Jacob.
PE	ALEXANDER WILDING - Alex was encouraging students this week jumping over the hurdles during our Athletics training. Super job Alex!
STEM STAR	OLIVER KENT - Oliver showed a great amount of responsibility this week in STEM where he worked well within his team to be highly successful. On ya' Oliver!
PERF ARTS	HAMISH DODEMAIDE - Hamish displays respectful and helpful behaviour in Performing Arts classes. He makes thoughtful suggestions for activities and shows joy when performing in groups. Keep up the great effort Hamish!



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.

Art Donations

The Art Room is seeking donations of cardboard shoe boxes for upcoming activities. If you have any at home please feel free to drop them off at the School Office for our Art Program.

Thank you!
Sue Bencic & Ashleigh Hardman

Grade 6 Tops

This week Grade 6 students got their special 'Grade 6' tops delivered. Last year, students were able to submit a design and then vote on which design they liked the best. The designs that were chosen were designed by Jorja and Tymerah. All the Grade 6 students are very excited to be wearing them! You might see them around the school.

We thank Ms Thomas for co-ordinating the tops, even dropping them off and collecting them on her holidays.

Jorja SW





Dear Parents and Families:

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

- Set the example. Let children see you read.
- Have a collection of books in your home. Update this collection routinely to keep up with changing tastes and reading skills.
- **Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.**

It's a fun reading event that brings the books kids want to read into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Book Fair dates: Monday 15th May – Friday 19th May 2023 (during Education Week)

Time: 3:30-4:15pm

Place: School Library

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

Sincerely,

Library Staff

Manifold Heights Primary School



Education Week at Mano

Week 4 of Term 2 - 14th May – 20th May

'Active Learners: Move, Make, Motivate'

Education Week at Mano will soon be here. Stay tuned for more information in the newsletter over the coming weeks. Put these dates in your diary!

Monday 15th May - Monday Assembly - Choir and State Schools Spectacular Dance Performance

Wednesday 17th May - Prospective Prep Tours - Tour 1: 9:30am. Tour 2: 12:00pm. No bookings required. Meet at the School Office

Thursday 18th May – Open afternoon session for Parents, Grandparents and carers – come along and join in some activities in the classrooms.

Friday 19th May – Pyjama Day. Dress in your PJ's and bring a teddy for lunch with your buddies!

Garden Club

Students were busy in Term 1 in Garden Club! We cleaned out the Community Garden, set up new garden beds and planted vegetables. If you happen to get a chance, feel free to check out the Mano Community Garden on Manifold St behind the Prep Building. It has been great to see students of all ages attending the garden club and enjoying getting their hands dirty.

We thank Bunnings North Geelong for their donation of gardening equipment and supplies to get us started and the work of Mano Community Member Rhonda Coffey who puts in many hours work into the garden outside of school hours, we appreciate it.

Hopefully in Term 2 the students will be able to take home some produce that they chose to plant.

Mr Urquhart



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

Physical Education News, updates and accomplishments!

GIRLS AFL COMPETITION

Last Term 'Mano' had a girls team compete in the AFL Barwon Girls Championships at South Barwon Reserve. The competition was across all of Geelong. With such a huge following of AFL at 'Mano' we managed to get 18 super excited, talented and keen Senior girls to compete in the Grade 5/6 year level. It was an amazing day, with the girls winning all of their matches except for one. They showed outstanding teamwork, sportsmanship and a super competitive attitude that all parents and teachers were super proud of.

The girls made it into the finals and only just lost to Bannockburn PS. It truly was a super effort and ended up being a top 4 school in our entire region with Geelong College being on top. Well done once again girls!

Mr Hambrook truly appreciated all the parent helpers on the day cheering and screaming from the sidelines, with 'Mano' once again having the biggest following and support base for our team. How great it was to see! A special thanks to Yvette, Robert and Matt who helped with coaching, scoring and team organising.



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DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY STUDENTS

FYANSFORD COMMON- NEXT THURSDAY 4TH MAY

Well done to the students below who are representing Mano at next week's District Cross Country. Mr Hambrook will meet with you all this week and hand out required information from the District in following days.

SENIORS

LUCAS BASKIN

AVA BEYER

ADA DONALDSON

AMELIA DOODY

CHARLOTTE DUPE

TOM ELTRINGHAM

INDIA FORSYTH

ARCHIE GRANT

KELLY HOSE

GERTIE HURST

SADIE HURST

POPPY LING

ISLA MCDONALD

MURRAY MILLS

THOMAS MULLER

ARCHIE RAHLES-RAHBULA

PIPER RICKARD

GWEN SPANNINGA

ZEPLIN VAN DEN HAM

HARRY WATSON

GRADE 3 AND 4 STUDENTS

ISLA CRABBE

PRESTON DAVYS

ASHER DONALDSON

VIVIENNE HURST

PATERSON NORMAN

ARCHIE PABST

LEWIS PABST

JACOB POPOVSKI

HARMONY POWER

PIPPA RICHMOND

JACOB STEFANOVIC

EVAN UEBERGANG

AVA WARBY

Mother's Day Stall

On Thursday 11th May all students will have an opportunity to visit the Mother's Day Stall with their class to purchase a \$5 gift for their mother/grandmother/stepmother/other special person. The stall is cash only. There are plenty of gifts on offer and students are welcome to purchase for more than one special person. We encourage students to bring along a plastic bag to store their gifts in their school bag and keep it a surprise from their special person.

A second chance stall will be held from 3pm-3:30pm on Friday 12th May for any swaps and last minute purchases.

We thank our lovely Parents & Friends Committee for organising the stall.

Physical Education News, updates and accomplishments!

THE GERTIE AND NEVE SHOW!

Late last term we had two very talented tennis players make it through to the Divisional Tennis Championships at Geelong College. Both Gertie and Neve who play for Western Heights Tennis Club competed to represent 'Manifold Heights PS.'. Both girls came up against some of the best talent in Geelong and not only won some games and matches but took it right up to the other players throughout the day. From all accounts both girls enjoyed the experience of competing against some of the best in Geelong and are continuing to train to keep improving. SUPER effort girls!



UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS

THURSDAY 4TH MAY-(Next Week) District Cross Country at Fyansford Common- Mr Hambrook meeting with students this week and next week prior to event to hand out information from the District. Well done to the 33 students across Grade 3, Grade 4 and Seniors who will represent our school at District Cross Country.

FRIDAY 12TH MAY- Mano House Athletics at Goldsworthy Reserve- Reminder that parents helpers are still needed, please contact Jacque or Mr Hambrook if able to assist on the day J Any help would be much appreciated!

TUESDAY 16TH MAY- Seniors Lightning Premiership - Students are once again super excited to be playing a range of sports against our District schools to showcase their teamwork, skills and competitive edge.

AFL and Soccer @ Bell Post Hill

Netball and Tee-Ball @ Kardinia Park

North Geelong Secondary College Advanced STEM Program

This semester 3 students (Luka, Caleb & Asher) from the Senior Learning Community have had the opportunity to attend North Geelong Secondary College weekly to participate in an Advanced STEM program. Students attend from local schools, giving them a chance to collaborate in a series of challenges.

Currently students have been working on building a bridge. Students have completed designs, experimented with materials and built a prototype.

Luka, Caleb & Asher will continue with the program in Term 2 before 3 more students from the Senior Learning Community get the opportunity to attend the program in Semester 2.

Thank you.
Mr Urquhart





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