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## MANIFOLD HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Date: 4th May 2023

**Principal:** Christian Smith

**Business Manager:** Jessie Burney & Jacque Clancy

**Assistant Principal:** Peta Mundine

**Administration:** Jacque Clancy & Georgia Slater

### Important Dates

#### MAY

Sat 6th May	Mano Mum's Night Out, 4pm, Telegraph Hotel
Thurs 11th May	Mother's Day Stall
Fri 12th May	House Athletics, Grades 3-6, Goldsworthy Reserve
Mon 15th May - Fri 19th May	Education Week Book Fair, 3:40pm, Library
Mon 15th May	Assembly, Choir & VSSS Performance, 9:05am 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 - 3:30pm
Fri 19th May	Pyjama Day Casual Dress & Teddy Bear Picnic Buddy Lunch Dad's Night Out, 6:30pm, Barking Dog
Wed 24th May	Prep Minibeast Incursion

#### JUNE

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

### Upcoming Event Consent Forms and/or Payments Due

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

### DO YOU HAVE A STUDENT STARTING IN PREP NEXT YEAR?

If you have a student due to be starting school in 2024, please contact us so we can email you the application form. Applications close 28th July 2023.

**NEXT WEEK'S SWPBS FOCI (WEEK 3): I ask for help if needed. (I am responsible)**

# NEWS FROM MR SMITH

Dear School Community Members,

**50 Questions to Ask Kids!** Recently a friend of mine and I were discussing some research that highlighted the huge benefits of parents/guardians and their children having regular conversations about learning, play, dreams, friends, happiness, creativity ... and the list goes on. Our discussion focussed on the research that indicated a rapid decline in discussions and chats families engage in. With this in mind, on page 3 you will find a poster of '50 Questions to Ask Kids' that would stimulate these ever-important discussions. I encourage families to consider using some of these questions to have a regular conversation with your children – this could be at the dinner table, incorporate in your child's bedtime routine or even when driving.

**It's not Okay to be Away!:** We will continue to promote the importance of student attendance throughout this year. As advised late last term, our student absence rates are above what is expected of our school. With this in mind, some families have requested support when navigating the "I don't want to go to school" discussion. Below is a link that can support families in responding to the many statement's children can utilise to express their desire to 'stay home':

<https://www.understood.org/articles/what-to-say-when-kids-with-learning-and-thinking-differences-dont-want-to-go-to-school>

Once again, we encourage families to contact us at school if you would like further support to improve your child's attendance at school.

**Education Week:** Like all schools across Victoria, Mano is celebrating Education Week in the week of Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May.

This year's Education Week theme is 'Active Learners: Move, Make and Motivate'. Our activities throughout the week are aligned to this theme.

Education Week is an opportunity for Mano to showcase our wonderful school and the opportunities and experiences that take place every day.

Events include:

- Education Week launch at assembly: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May  
9:05am
- School Tours for Prospective Families: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May  
9:30am and 12noon
- Open afternoon for current families: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May  
2:30pm
- Pyjama Day and Teddy's Bear Picnic: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May

We warmly encourage all families to join us at any of the activities throughout the week. Further information will be provided over the coming weeks from our Education Week committee.

**Welcome to our Visitors:** We warmly welcome Mr Josh Vassallo – Mr V is currently undertaking a leadership program as an aspirant Principal and part of this course is to 'shadow' a Principal.

We also welcome three Pre-Service Teachers (student teachers) to our school. We welcome Miss Daniels (Mr Quinlan's classroom), Miss Trifiletti (Miss Thomas' classroom) and Miss Major (Miss Baum's classroom). To make our visitors feel welcome and valued, please introduce yourselves as you see them around the school.

**Student Learning and Student Voice:** In the coming weeks, we will be conducting a survey to find out what our students think of our school. The 'Attitudes to School' survey is an annual survey for students in Grade 4, 5 and 6. The survey is conducted by the Department of Education and is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's experience at school. All responses are anonymous. The survey will take approx. 30 minutes to complete and will be conducted during class time. The results will be reported back to the school community at the end of July.

**Staff Professional Learning – Individual Education Plans:** Our staff continue to enthusiastically engage in all components of the Disability Inclusion reform. This week, all teaching teams participated in a session focused on reviewing our 'Individual Education Plans (IEPs)'. This session was facilitated by Brendan Beck, our Inclusion Leader. The session included:

1. Further developing our understanding of the Disability Inclusion reform
2. Further developing our understanding of accommodations and adjustments that maximise outcomes for all students
3. Each teacher reviewing their IEPs for the students in their class

Engaging parents and carers in this process is pivotal. With this in mind, parents and carers of students who we have developed an IEP for will be contacted in the coming weeks for input.

**Supervision:** As a staff, we are committed to our 'Duty of Care' and 'Yard Duty and Supervision' policies (can be found on our [website](#)) to maximise the safety of our students. A friendly reminder that our grounds are supervised by school staff from 8:50am until 3:40pm. Outside of these hours, supervision cannot be guaranteed and our Duty of Care policy is not applicable. Families of students who are on school grounds outside of these hours need to contact our Outside of Hours School Care provider, Camp Australia.

**School Pride:** As the cold weather 'kicks' in and students begin to wear winter items of the School Uniform, I remind families of our School Uniform policy that is available from the [school website](#). Recently, we have had to remind students of the correct uniform. This includes non-Mano jumpers and hoodies are not to be worn to school and for safety and health reasons, students with shoulder length or longer hair must have it tied back. I ask families to support us by reinforcing this with their children.

Christian Smith  
Principal

# 50 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR KIDS

(Instead of "how was your day")

1. What made you smile today?
2. Can you tell me something new you learned today?
3. What was the funniest thing that happened today?
4. Who did you play with during recess?
5. What was your favorite subject today? Why?
6. What was the most challenging thing you did today?
7. Did you help anyone today? How?
8. Did you try anything new today?
9. What was the most interesting topic you discussed in class?
10. What did you create or build today?
11. Who did you sit with at lunch?
12. Did you read any books today? Which one was your favorite?
13. Did you have any special visitors or events at school?
14. What did you do in your free time at school today?
15. Was there a moment you felt proud of yourself today?
16. What did you do in music, art, or PE class today?
17. Did you learn any new words today?
18. How did you express kindness to someone today?
19. Can you tell me a story about something that happened at school?
20. What made you feel curious today?
21. What was the most surprising thing you learned today?
22. Did you make any mistakes today? What did you learn from them?
23. What was your favorite conversation with a friend today?
24. Did you have any disagreements with classmates? How did you resolve them?
25. What was your favorite part of lunch?
26. What was your least favorite part of the day? Why?
27. Did you discover any new interests today?
28. How did you help your teacher today?
29. What games did you play at recess?
30. What was the most confusing thing that happened today?
31. Did you learn about any new places or cultures today?
32. Did you set any goals for yourself today?
33. What was the most creative thing you did today?
34. How did you work with your classmates today?
35. Did you learn any new skills today?
36. What was your favorite question your teacher asked today?
37. What did you do in science class today?
38. What did you do in math class today?
39. What did you do in English class today?
40. What did you do in social studies class today?
41. How did you show respect to others today?
42. Did you participate in any group activities today?
43. What are you looking forward to doing tomorrow?
44. How did you show gratitude today?
45. What made you feel brave today?
46. What did you do to stay organized today?
47. How did you practice self-control today?
48. What new idea did you explore today?
49. Did you listen to any stories today? Which one was your favorite?
50. How did you show responsibility today?

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

<b>PD</b>	<b>BELLA ADAMKO</b> - Bella sets a great example for others in our class! She always raises her hand to ask questions about something she is unsure of or reaches out for help if she gets stuck during learning time. Brilliant Bella!
<b>PH</b>	<b>MOLLY RYAN</b> - Molly has had a positive start to Term 2! She is working with improved confidence and it is terrific to see her more willing to ask for help when she is unsure. Marvellous, Molly!
<b>PJ</b>	<b>BADEN HARBOUR</b> - Baden always seeks help or clarification when he requires assistance during a task. It's wonderful to see him so confident in reaching out for support when needed. Brilliant, Baden!
<b>1A</b>	<b>CLEMENTINE HAWKER</b> - Clem consistently shows a willingness to learn, asking clarifying questions to further understand tasks and build upon her confidence. Keep it up, Clem!
<b>1B</b>	<b>ANGUS MCLACHLAN</b> - Angus ensures he always seeks clarity when he is unsure of a task and encourages others to ask for help too when they need it. Great work Angus!
<b>1C</b>	<b>THOMAS BARNES</b> - Thomas is showing great improvement in getting straight onto each task and beginning to ask for help when unsure. So great to see! Well done Thomas.
<b>2B</b>	<b>ALFIE COWDELL</b> - Alfie does a fantastic job at recognising when he needs help with a task. He is also working hard to ask his peers for assistance as well as the teacher. Awesome effort Alfie!
<b>2O</b>	<b>FLYNN LITTLE</b> - Flynn politely seeks assistance to help him complete a task and readily supports others when they need guidance. Magnificent work Flynn!
<b>2S</b>	<b>AEDAN O'BOYLE</b> - Aedan made some wonderful text to world connections during Guided Reading this week, sharing his knowledge of the world with his peers. Awesome Aedan!
<b>3G</b>	<b>GEORGIA CURHAM</b> - For always striving to do her best. Georgia is not afraid to seek assistance where needed, and appreciates the fact that being successful requires her to continue learning new skills.
<b>3Q</b>	<b>DUSTIN GREGORIO</b> - Dustin has worked hard this week on all activities. He asks clarifying questions throughout each lesson to ensure he is able to stay on task and make the most of his learning time. Well done Dustin!
<b>3/4S</b>	<b>CHARLOTTE ROBERTS</b> - Charlotte has shown excellent creativity in Writing this week and has shown responsibility by asking for help when needed. Champion, Charlotte!
<b>4F</b>	<b>LOGAN HOUGHTON</b> - Logan is increasingly asking for help when need to make sure he is focused and on task. Well done Logan!
<b>4M</b>	<b>MAX COLLETT</b> - Max has had a fabulous start to Term 2. He is seeking help when needed and working hard to complete his best work. He has also been offering help to others in kind and respectful ways, within the classroom and out in the yard. Keep it up, Max!
<b>SC</b>	<b>GEORGIA ZAMMIT</b> - Georgia continues to communicate effectively, asking for help and advice whenever she is in need. It has been lovely to see her open up and express her challenges and ask for strategies to help her. Well done, Georgia! Keep up the great work.
<b>SL</b>	<b>MAYA BOWEN HORVATH</b> - Maya is a great role model when it comes to seeking help when needed. She seeks clarification to understand a task further. A great skill to have in high school. Well done, Maya!
<b>SM</b>	<b>LUCY MCMAHON</b> - Lucy has been working hard in class and is keen to ask for help to improve her work. Keep up the great attitude Lucy. It's been an awesome start to Term 2!
<b>ST</b>	<b>CHARLEE HOUGHTON</b> - Charlee always puts in her best efforts to tasks and seeks help when needed. She takes responsibility for her learning and always has a 'growth mindset' when tackling new tasks. Well done, Charlee!
<b>SW</b>	<b>RILEY ARMSTRONG</b> - Riley always seeks help when needed, especially to clarify anything with his school work as he loves to challenge himself and take his learning to the next level. Keep it up Riley!
<b>ART</b>	<b>MATILDA GILBERT-KENT</b> - Matilda always comes to Art with a positive attitude and enthusiasm to learn. She regularly assists others, asks questions and creates wonderful masterpieces. Marvellous, Matilda!
<b>PE</b>	<b>CHARLOTTE FILIPOV</b> - Charlotte has shown wonderful enthusiasm during our Athletics training and shown great improvement in her triple jump and hurdles.
<b>STEM STAR</b>	<b>BONNIE HICKMON</b> - Bonnie arrived at STEM this week switched on and ready to go as she participated and responded enthusiastically. Thanks for being the best Bonnie!
<b>PERF ARTS</b>	<b>HUDSON FINNING</b> - Hudson is a very responsible and switched on learner. He is a superstar in the Performing Arts room.



## Teacher Spotlight

At Monday's Assembly we met Mr Brendan Beck.

### **What is your role here at MANO?**

I am really lucky to be part of the Grade 1 team, I teach A two days a week at the moment. The other three days I work with my Inclusion Role. This allows me to work with many students across the school, supporting and helping with their learning which I absolutely love.

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

Outside of school I love spending time with my family, going for walks, visiting playgrounds and beaches and other fun things. I also enjoy keeping fit and active, one way I do this is by doing football umpiring on weekends which keeps me super fit. I also play indoor volleyball once a week.

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

I was fortunate to work at Lara Primary School for 17 years and overseas for 4 years in London.

### **What is your ideal holiday destination?**

I really enjoy getting back to London and visiting friends that I made whilst teaching over there. I just love *travelling around Europe*. My favourite countries that I visited over there were *Poland and Switzerland*.

### **What is your favourite movie?**

I don't have any favourite movies as an adult but I do love watching many different action films. My favourite movies growing up were the 'Back To the Future' movies.

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

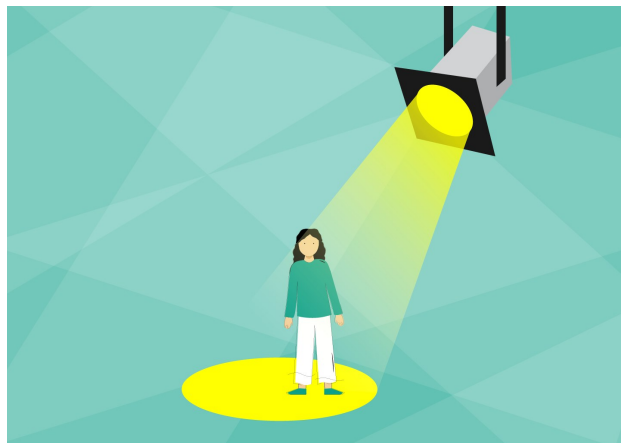
I sure do, I support the Mighty Saints.

### **What is your least favourite food?**

My least favourite food is fish.

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

I really enjoyed Geography and learning about different countries and people from around the world. I also loved PE lessons and playing team sports.



## Premiership Cup Visit

Lots of students and staff were very excited when the 2022 Geelong Premiership Cup visited Mano on Wednesday!

Huge thanks to Shannon Byrnes (parent of Charlie in Prep D) for bringing the cup in for us!



## 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

## Scholastic Book Fair

The Manifold Heights Scholastic Book Fair is fast approaching. It is during Education Week, Monday 15th – Friday 19th May. Students will be receiving a Book Fair brochure next week to share with their parents. This showcases some of the popular books and provides information on how to purchase books online if you are not able to attend the Book Fair. Any online orders are to be presented to the Office. These will then be forwarded to the School Book Fair Organisers so that students will obtain their ordered books.

We hope you can join as at the Book Fair! Open from 3:40pm daily during Education Week.

Thanks.

Priscilla & Mrs Bencic

## 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.

## 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



# SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs

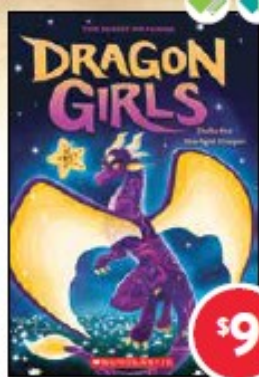
## You're invited to our Scholastic **BOOK FAIR**



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### OBBY CHALLENGE

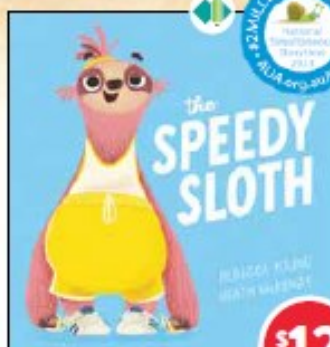
Zeke's dad has built an epic new obby for the army!  
100102678 | PB NOVEL | AGES 8+



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### STELLA THE STARLIGHT DRAGON

Rosie, Phoebe and Stella transform into Night Dragons!  
100123662 | CHAPTER BOOK | AGES 7+



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### THE SPEEDY SLOTH

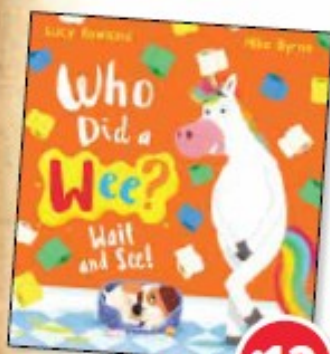
An inspiring story to celebrate all winners, especially those who don't come first!  
100102482 | PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+



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### THE BAD GUYS EPISODE 16: THE OTHERS?!

Can The Bad Guys get any weirder? This one will blow your mind!  
100102367 | CHAPTER BOOK | AGES 7+



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### WHO DID A WEE? WAIT AND SEE!

A little boy steps in a puddle and starts imagining who might have left it...  
100102597 | PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+



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### COLLABORATIONS

The baby frogs work together and discover that small things can have a huge impact.  
100101522 | GRAPHIC NOVEL | AGES 7+



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### MOON RISING

The war is over, and the dragonets have a plan for lasting peace.  
100102246 | GRAPHIC NOVEL | AGES 10+



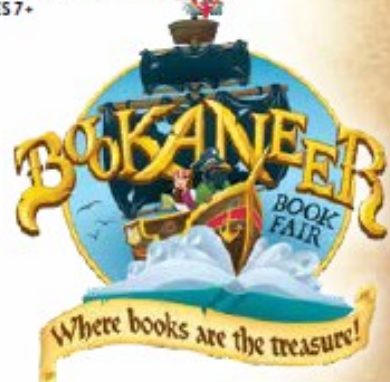
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### FOREVER FRIENDS DIARY

A gorgeous lockable diary with two BFF necklaces.  
100098014 | JOURNAL | AGES 7+

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MONDAY MAY 15TH-  
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# EDUCATION WEEK AT MANO



- **MONDAY:** Choir and State School Spectacular Performances at Assembly
- **WEDNESDAY:** OPEN DAY TOURS for 2024 Preps at 9.30am and 12pm
- **THURSDAY:** Classrooms open for Parents/Carers to visit 2.30-3.30pm.
- **FRIDAY:** PYJAMA Day and Teddy Bears Picnic -wear your P.J's, bring your teddy along, and enjoy a picnic lunch followed by some fun games and activities!
- **BOOK FAIR: EVERY DAY** from 3.40 in the Library

COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE FUN!







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# **Hot Shots Term 2 Program**

**Friday afternoons starting  
from April 28th to June 16th  
4-4:45pm**

8 Week introduction to tennis program, run by experienced coaches. Come along and learn to play! All equipment provided. The program is aimed at children between the ages of 5 and 12.



Cost \$80 for 8 weeks  
Register using the QR code or  
contact Bruce 0402135313

# Incursion

Reptile Encounters - 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023



Camp Australia - Manifold Heights Primary School OSHC wanted to share with you a fantastic experience the children took part in on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

We had Tracey from Roaming Reptiles visit us with some Australian reptiles at after-school care.

This hands-on show educated the children about the weird and wonderful characteristics of Australian Reptiles.

The children went on to discuss and learn about why different animals have different coverings. About their habitats and do they live on land or water or in trees? Do the animals come out in the day or night? What do they like to eat? Why do lizards poke out their tongue? How many teeth do crocodiles have and the list goes on! Children followed up their experiences by drawing and colouring their own favourite reptiles.

It was a wonderful, captivating session.

We especially enjoyed holding the big snake!!!

I have attached some photos for you to see the children in action. We can't wait till the next exciting highlight experience.





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