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MANIFOLD HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Date: 18th May 2023

Principal: Christian Smith

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Administration: Jacque Clancy & Georgia Slater

Important Dates

MAY

Fri 19th May	Pyjama Day Casual Dress & Teddy Bear Picnic Buddy Lunch Dad's Night Out, 6:30pm, Barking Dog
Tues 23rd May	Grade 2 Sound & Light Workshop
Wed 24th May	Prep Minibeast Incursion Division Cross Country, Selected Students
Fri 26th May	Grade 3 & Grade 4 Queenscliff Marine Discovery Centre

JUNE

Fri 2nd June	Pupil Free Day, No Classes
Tues 6th June & Wed 7th June	Grade 3 - 6 Digital Tattoo Incursion
Wed 7th June	Digital Tattoo Parent Information Session, 6:30pm - 8pm
Mon 12th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday, No Classes
Fri 16th June	Grade 1 Bollard Walk
Sun 18th June	Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser, North Geelong
Mon 19th June	Victorian State School Spectacular Regional Rehearsal
Thurs 22nd June	Parent Teacher Discussions, 2pm - 7:40pm (1:30pm dismissal)
Fri 23rd June	Social Service, Casual Dress Day Term 2 Ends, 2:30pm dismissal

Upcoming Event Consent Forms and/or Payments Due

Prep Minibeast Incursion Consent & Payment	21st May
Grade 3 & 4 Queenscliff Marine Discovery Consent & Payment	23rd May
Grade 3 - 6 Digital Tattoo Consent & Payment	2nd June
Grade 6 Camp Expression of Interest & Deposit	9th June

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.

NEWS FROM MR SMITH

Dear School Community Members,

Education Week: Our Education Week has been a huge success! Our week began with two wonderful performances by our State Schools Spectacular team and the Mano Melodies (choir) at our Assembly on Monday morning. The theme of this year's Education Week is: Active Learners – Move, Make and Motivate.

We had many prospective families tour our school yesterday. Our School Captains, Leila, Archie R, Chloe and Archie G, assisted me with these tours providing authentic insights into our school. The feedback has been extremely positive with one parent stating:

"... thank you for opening your beautiful school for us to look at – we are incredibly impressed with the manner and behaviour of the students and the way your teachers teach."

Our 'Open Afternoon' for our current families is this afternoon. This open afternoon is always a highlight for our students as they enjoy the opportunity to showcase their learning environment with their families.

We thank the many families who have visited our Book Fair this week – this support will enable our school to acquire many new books for our Library. A huge thank you to Megan Wigglesworth for her incredible support in assisting our school staff in setting up and coordinating our Book Fair.

We look forward to tomorrow where our students are invited to wear their PJ's and bring along their Teddy for our 'Teddy Bear's Picnic'.

A huge thank you to our Education Week committee of Mrs Helmore and Mrs Bath for helping to make this week a very memorable one for our community.

Mano Athletics Day: Congratulations to all our Grade 3 – 6 students for their participation in our Athletics Day last Friday. The weather was kind to us and our students showcased the athletic talent across the school. I acknowledge the leadership of our House Captains and a huge thank you to Mr Hambrook for his coordination of the day.

Staff Professional Learning – Teaching and Learning Model: Our staff are committed to and regularly engage in professional learning opportunities to further improve teaching and learning at Manifold Heights Primary School. This week we focussed on finalising our Teaching and Learning Model. A Teaching and Learning Model is an evidenced based approach that describes the structure of the agreed teaching strategies, methods and activities that guide the teaching and learning within a school. We now move into the implementation stage where staff will engage in professional learning on each of the phases of our model. We look forward to sharing updates of the model throughout the remainder of the year.

Maximising Student Attendance: As a follow up from my email sent earlier in the week titled, "Maximising Attendance", I reassure families that the purpose of this email was to:

- continue building a culture of school attendance at Mano
- provide all families with an up-to-date percentage of their child's attendance as many parents and carers had sought clarity on their child's attendance record throughout term 1
- highlight the higher than normal 'absence' rates for Mano as compared to the State and 'like schools'

I also reassure our community that every family in the school received this email.

Education Support Week: Next week we are celebrating the wonderful work our Education Support (ES) staff do across our school. Education Support staff include our Administration Team (Jessie, Jacque and Georgia), our Integration Aides (Heather, Kerrie, Christy, Jess, Tania, Tori, Maggie and Julie), our Librarian

(Priscilla) and our Chaplain (Cyndee). Every day, each of these staff members play a pivotal role in the success of our school – supporting our students to learn and our teachers to teach. We have twelve ES staff members and each of them make a profound contribution to all that we do.

On behalf of the staff and the extended school community, we thank the ES staff for all that they do!

Pupil Free Days in Term 2: There are a number of key dates that need to be noted by families for this term. As a school, we are definitely aware of the potential impact these days can have on families. Camp Australia will provide care options and should be contacted directly for bookings (<https://campaustalia.com.au/>)

Friday 2nd June: Teacher Professional Practice Day (Pupil Free Day)

Monday 12th June: King's Birthday Public Holiday (no school)

Thursday 22nd June: Parent/Teacher Discussions (1:30pm dismissal)

Parent/Teacher Discussions: Manifold Heights Primary School is committed to developing an effective 'Home – School' partnership to maximise the opportunities and outcomes for each student. With this in mind, we can confirm our Parent Teacher Discussions (interviews) will take place on:

Date: Thursday 22nd June

Time: 2:00pm – 7:40pm

Please note:

- Students will be dismissed at 1:30pm on this day (Thursday 22nd June)
- After School Care will commence at 1:30pm on this day – bookings can be made with Camp Australia

Further details, including times and how to schedule a Parent Teacher Discussion will be available in the coming weeks.

School Council: Our School Council met again Monday night where key agenda items included:

- We welcomed Bryanna Connell to School Council
- School Council endorsed re-contracting TeamKids for our Holiday Program
- School Council were informed of a Capital Works project to commence at Mano to rectify and upgrade the storm water system of the school
- School Council were provided with an update and the progress of our School Improvement Plan
- School Council celebrated the incredible fundraising efforts of the last two years and identified that we can begin planning the replacement of one of our playgrounds
- School Council ratified one Pupil Free day and an early dismissal day for this term:
 - * Professional Practice Day for teachers: Friday, 2nd June
 - * Parent-Teacher Discussions: Thursday, 22nd June (dismissal at 1:30pm)

Each of our School Councillors are deeply committed and invested in our school. Please contact them if you have any feedback or concerns (details available on our [website](#))

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

Christian Smith
Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PD	LEO BAXTER - Leo is always a responsible member of our class, taking his time each day to make considerate and safe choices! Legendary work Leo!
PH	WILLA PEOPLES - Willa consistently models behaviours in class, and is responsible and attentive when we use devices for our learning. Wonderful, Willa!
PJ	MEKEALY BUSHELL - Mekealy has displayed lots of resilience during the past week. We are proud of you being so brave and always so kind to others. Magnificent, Mekealy!
1A	HARRY STATHAM - Harry is a terrific role model for his classmates, always trying his best and being a kind and considerate friend! Amazing Harry!
1B	ISABELLA BETTS - Bella consistently looks after our class iPads when she needs to access them. She is safe when she moves around the school. Amazing work Bella!
1C	ZEPHAN JOICE - Zephan has great respect for the technology he has access to in 1C. He always carefully takes photographs and comments on his work when using Seesaw. Great effort Zephan!
2B	WILL THWAITES - Will has shown great leadership skills when using technology for reading. During our weekly guided sessions, he has clicked on all the appropriate icons to complete each task. He is a Safe Sally!
2O	POPPY CLINGAN - Poppy uses technology properly and responsibly. She carries an iPad carefully to her table and returns it safely to an iPad tub. Fantastic work Poppy!
2S	ADASHE TOGARA - Adashe demonstrated our school value of Safety this week, carrying his iPad with two hands when walking around the classroom during Numeracy. Great work Adashe!
3G	CRUZ MORGAN - For utilising his iPad to greatly enhance his learning time at school. Cruz ensures his iPad is charged and at school every day, doing his best to focus on every task at hand.
3Q	PATRICK CONNOR - Paddy is ever reliable when it comes to using his iPad. He is safe, responsible and a role model to those around him on how to use our technology safely. You are a star, Paddy!
3/4S	SAGE GLYNN - Sage is always using her iPad responsibly in class and encourages her peers to do the same. Super Sage!
4F	MAKSIM DABIC - He has used the technology (iPad) in a positive way in his learning. Maksim has applied himself to his learning this week, focusing on challenging himself.
4M	PERRY WOODFORTH - Perry consistently uses his technology in a safe and respectful way, he is a great role model to his peers when it comes to using his iPad during learning time. Great work, Perry!
SC	LILY YOUNG - Lily consistently shows responsibility and safety while using technology in the classroom. This makes her a fabulous role model to her peers. Keep up the great work, Lily!
SL	ZAVIER JARVIS - Zavier has shown great responsibility and respect towards his learning. His attitude towards his school work has been exceptionally positive, too. Awesome work, Zav!
SM	HARPER MADDEN - For showing resilience when doing some tricky maths tasks. It's so great to see you giving your best effort.
ST	NELLY SWANSON - Nelly always puts in her best efforts to each and every task. She shows resilience when tackling new topics, asking questions to ensure she is on the right track and completing her work to the best of her ability. Nice one, Nelly!
SW	FINLEY MCDONALD - Fin showed amazing commitment to the team (AFL) at Lightning Premiership. He was positive and supportive all day, showing great resilience by playing on whilst injured to help out the team.
PE	HARRY ARMSTRONG - Harry consistently shows a positive and outgoing attitude towards his learning in PE. Super effort Harry and keep it up!
STEM STAR	INDI JOSE - For using technology safely in STEM classes. Keep up the great work Indi!
ART	GEORGIE RIXON - Georgie is so creative. Her bird construction was completed with fantastic technique and effort. A wonderful work of art, Georgie.

NEXT WEEK'S SWPBS FOCI (WEEK 5): I use strategies to solve problems. (I take Responsibility)

Wellbeing - Engagement

Each week we will continue to explore and unpack one of the Wellbeing factors outlined through Martin Seligman's research framework, PERMAH. This week, we have put the spotlight on ENGAGEMENT:

Engagement is in line with the concept of "flow". "Flow includes the loss of self-consciousness and complete absorptions in an activity" (Positive Psychology, 2023). This allows you to truly become engaged and focused in the moment, or on the task at hand.



ENGAGEMENT

the regular development of our strengths – those things we're good at and enjoy doing

One of the ways you can increase engagement in your day to day life is to learn about your character strengths, and complete activities that complement and draw upon your personal strengths.

The VIA Character Strengths Survey is a free and scientific survey of character strengths. It is a simple 10-minute test that will reveal your Top 5 strengths. (VIA Institute, 2023).

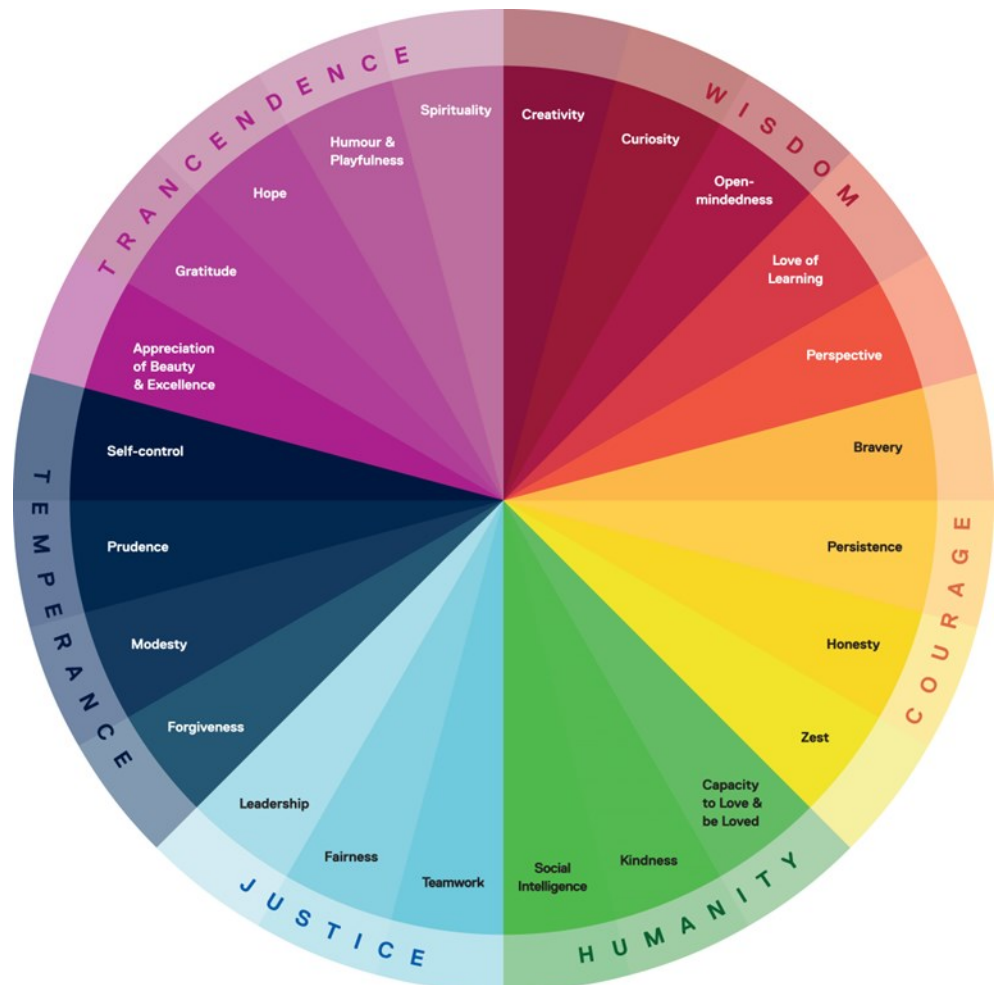
Use the following link to explore the Character Strengths Survey (please note, to sign up for a free-account you must be 13 years or older): <https://www.viacharacter.org/account/register>

The model (below) outlines how the 24 Character Strengths can be displayed according to the six virtues (Institute of Positive Education).

We are more likely to experience the concept of "flow" (outlined above) when we complete activities or set goals for ourselves that allow us to draw upon and share our top character strengths.

"The concept of engagement is something much more powerful than simply "being happy", but happiness is one of the many by-products of engagement (Positive Psychology, 2023).

We encourage you to take the opportunity to explore your own Character Strengths, or use this as an opportunity to discover your child/ren's Character Strengths and brainstorm activities, hobbies or experiences that allow you to draw upon these.



Scholastic Book Fair

The Manifold Heights Scholastic Book Fair is fast approaching. It is during Education Week, Monday 15th – Friday 19th May. Students received a Book Fair brochure this 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 - 4pm daily during Education Week.

Thanks. Priscilla & Mrs Bencic

Sports Update

Mano House Athletics Championships

Last Friday the Grade 3, Grade 4 and Senior students took part in our annual House Athletics Carnival. We had an absolutely beautiful day weather wise with the biggest turn out of supporters we have seen in years. The students loved having parents, grandparents and siblings come along to cheer them on in a variety of events at Goldsworthy Reserve. Students across all Houses showed amazing sportsmanship, team spirit, resilience and enjoyment across the day. A huge well done to all staff and parents who helped on the day to make it run smoothly for the students. As expected, the lightning fast teachers won the relay race against students and parents, but have been given a warning that parents next year will be training harder than ever before!

***CONGRATULATIONS to NARMBOOL
who took out the House Athletics as
Champions of 2023!***

First: Narmbool 5.12%
Second: Manifold 4.98%
Third: Strachan 4.78%
Fourth: Purrumbete 4.74%

Mrs Grant has put together a great video montage of the day:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ffeKAPurCaRCtGIXbY8oPydx1S4soYr_/view?usp=share_link



District Cross Country

On Thursday 4th May, 31 students represented Mano at District Cross Country. We congratulate them on their efforts. Poppy Ling, Thomas Muller and Archie Rahles-Rahbula will go onto the next round to represent Mano at Division level.



Sports Update

Winter Lightning Premiership

On Tuesday of this week our Senior students took part in the Winter Lightning Prem in Netball, Tee-ball, AFL and Soccer. The Mano students competed exceptionally well with many teams winning and playing off in grand-finals. We wish the Boys/Mixed Netball team all the best who will progress through to the Divisional round in coming weeks



Thank You to Parents & Staff

A BIG thankyou to the parents who in recent weeks have put their hand up to assist at the Athletics and Lightning Premiership. Mr Hambrook wants to thank them *greatly* once again! We are truly so lucky to have so many keen, helpful and supportive parents and families within our 'Mano' community. The extra help as coaches, supervisors, assistants, scorers and at times even umpires makes the events run so much smoother and helps all the staff on duty that day So from all the staff and Mr Hambrook a BIG thankyou to all parents and staff!

Mr Hambrook

MONDAY MAY 15TH-
FRIDAY MAY 19TH

"MOVE, MAKE,
MOTIVATE"



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!





MANO NEEDS YOUR HELP

MANO ARE RUNNING A
BUNNINGS BBQ

SUNDAY 18TH JUNE

CAN YOU **DONATE 2 HRS** OF YOUR
TIME TO THE **BBQ?**

SHIFTS WILL START @ 7AM
IF SO PLEASE EMAIL
PANDFMANO@OUTLOOK.COM

BATForce & Manifold Heights PS
present

"DIGITAL TATTOO"

Wednesday 7th June 2023

Parent Carer Presentation: 6.30-8.00pm

Young People live in an amazing world, they seamlessly move between their 'online world' & 'living directly world'. As a community this can create questions as they baffle us with their speed & connectivity, take risks & sometimes make mistakes.

BATForce acknowledges the pandemic has changed how we use technology, this is a great opportunity to explore how we reset & move forward in our online worlds.

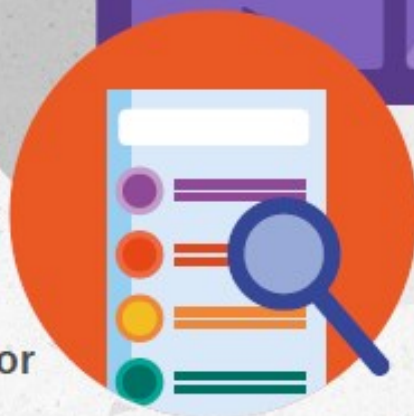
TOPICS INCLUDE:

- healthy online relationships -gaming
- consent -social media -gambling
- importance of role modelling -screens & your body -staying safe -looking out for your mates -what to do when things go wrong

Parent Carer sessions are interactive & focus on how Families can best support their Young Person when they are online.

Please RSVP via the School Office or using the Google Form

<https://forms.gle/DPXqVFjMTHh2G8k47>



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Outside School Hours Care Newsletter

17/05/2023

Camp Australia – Manifold Heights PS OSHC



Your
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This week at Camp Australia, we have been doing some super fun activities such as making playdough, painting, designing your own fish with lots of fun colours, making your own sandwiches and painting our very own moon rocks.

We are excited to launch a menu enhancement project, so next week, we will be able to enjoy some new yummy snacks such as blueberry and Oat breakfast cookies and Corn chips with Avocado dip these two recipes' children will be given the chance to help prepare throughout the afternoon session. In addition, Camp Australia will be operating full day care on upcoming student-free day on Friday, 2nd June 2023. So please book in for lots of fun and enjoyment.

We also have some fun and engaging activities for the children next week of jewellery making for the children to take home, creating pet rocks and a group activity using recycled materials such as shopping bags and cardboard to make and create a Rocketship for everyone to fit in. We hope to see you in the OSHC room!



Activities coming up

- Cooking – Pancakes & Blueberry and Oat Breakfast biscuits
- Painting activities
- Construction challenges
- Soccer Incursion – Coming Soon!!!

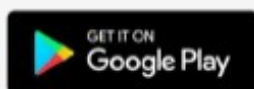
Make a booking

Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

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