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MANIFOLD HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Date: 13th July 2023

Principal: Christian Smith

Business Manager: Jessie Burney & Jacque Clancy

Assistant Principal: Peta Mundine

Administration: Jacque Clancy & Georgia Slater

Important Dates

JULY

Fri 14th July	Naidoc Assembly, 9:05am
Wed 19th July	Prep Letterland Parade, 9:15am, Middle Terrace
Wed 26th July	Prep Toys Over Time Incursion
Fri 28th July	Victorian State School Spectacular Regional Rehearsal, Keilor Park
Sat 29th July	Trivia Night, Multi

AUGUST

Fri 4th August	World Principal's Day
Wed 16th - Fri 18th August	Grade 6 Camp, Cave Hill Creek Beaufort
Thurs 17th August	Grade 5 Excursion, Rollerway
Wed 23rd August	District Athletics, Landy Field, Selected Students
Tues 29th August	Scienceworks Outreach Robotics Incursion, Selected Students
Thurs 31st August	Father's Day Stall

Upcoming Event Consent Forms and/or Payments Due

Prep Toys Over Time Consent & Payment	17th July
VSSS Melbourne Rehearsals Consent & Payment	21st July
Grade 6 Camp Expression of Interest & Deposit	28th July
Scienceworks Robotics Incursion Consent	24th August

NEXT WEEK'S SWPBS FOCI (WEEK 2): I use my Ready to Learn Plan to self-regulate.
(I take responsibility)

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,

Welcome to Term 3! It has been a wonderful start to Term 3 with students eagerly catching up with friends and beginning new curriculum topics. Like the first half of the year, Term 3 will see students engage in an exciting and challenging curriculum and extra curricula activities. We are committed to our mission of every student having access to high quality instruction and wellbeing supports with minimal variation between classrooms. Extra-curricula activities will include excursions and incursions, our Grade 6 Camp and our much anticipated Art Show to support the formal learning in classrooms.

Please keep an 'eye' on the calendar of events in our newsletter to keep abreast of all that is happening.

Farewell Mrs Mundine: Tomorrow is a day that will come with mixed emotions for the Mano community! Tomorrow is Mrs Mundine's last day at Mano. Words can not do justice to the profound contribution and impact Mrs Mundine has had on Mano and the thousands of people she has touched.

Mrs Mundine, on behalf of the Mano school community, we wish you all the very best for the next phase and thank you for all that you have done for our great school. We look forward to our continued connection with you and you returning to Mano for regular visits.

We will miss you!!!!

Welcome Mrs Geary: We extend a warm welcome to Mrs Narelle Geary as our new Assistant Principal. Mrs Geary officially starts with Mano next Wednesday. Mrs Geary spent the day at Mano yesterday and was super impressed with the manner in which our students and staff welcomed her.

Mrs Geary's role will focus on pedagogy and curriculum – this will compliment the wonderful wellbeing strategies we have embedded at Mano.

NAIDOC Week: We are celebrating NAIDOC Week, and this includes students engaging in activities that builds their understanding and knowledge of our First Nations people. NAIDOC Week is a time where we celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Our NAIDOC Week celebrations conclude tomorrow with an assembly where our special guest, Ash, will share with our students the meaning of NAIDOC week, a Welcome to Country and a Smoking ceremony. We will also have some of our Grade 6 students, Charlie, Grace and Isla, share their perspective of NAIDOC Week and the collaborative Art piece each student has contributed to. We warmly invite all families to attend:

Date: Friday, 14th July

Time: 9:05am

Venue: In front of Flag Poles, Middle Terrace

It's not Okay to be away!: Last term I sent an email to all families regarding student attendance. The email focussed on:

- the State (Victoria) and Mano's commitment to promoting regular school attendance
- the correlation between attendance at school and academic and wellbeing outcomes
- Mano's data on student attendance (well below when compared to State)
- students not attending school when unwell
- offering support to families

While we have achieved some minor improvements across the school in the last 5 weeks of Term 2, we will continue to promote regular school attendance. As you can see from the graphic below, we had 39% of students have 20 or more days absence from school in 2022. That equates to one day per fortnight for those students. This is significantly higher when compared to the State average and 'Similar Schools'.

(see graph below)

With this in mind, we are developing a Manifold Heights Primary School Student Attendance Plan. This plan aims to promote regular student attendance through a range of strategies, including a fortnightly recognition for the class demonstrating the best attendance.

I welcome feedback from families on this matter – please contact me via email on:

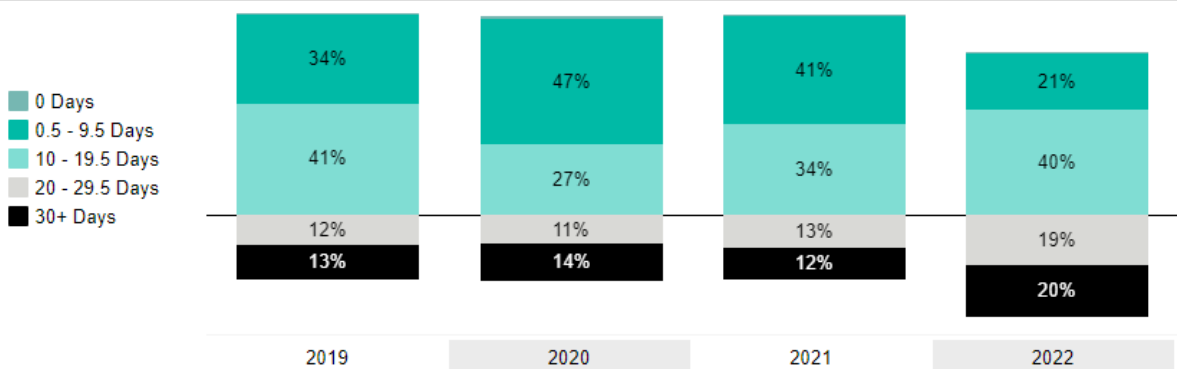
Att: Feedback on Mano's approach to promoting student attendance

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Student Voice - Attitudes to School Survey: As outlined in our 2023 School Improvement Plan, student voice is a key priority for our school. Student voice refers to the values, opinions, beliefs, perspectives and ideas of individuals and groups of students. Research indicates that when schools have high levels of student voice and agency, academic and wellbeing outcomes are higher. Alongside the work led by our Student Voice and Agency Leader, Mr Gibson, we recently engaged our Grade 4, 5 and 6 students in the annual Attitudes to School Survey. The Attitudes to School Survey is a Department of Education survey that seeks the ideas, opinions and views of our students. We recently received the results of our 2023 survey. According to our students, the following aspects of our school are well above the State:

- Effective classroom behaviour
- Stimulated learning

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NEWS FROM MR SMITH CONTINUED

- Advocacy at school
- Student voice and agency
- High expectations for success
- Community connections
- Emotional awareness
- Life satisfaction

According to our students, the following aspects are areas for improvement:

- Self-regulation and goal setting
- Respect for diversity

Our 'Student Voice, Agency and Leadership' School Improvement Team will utilise this year's Attitudes to School survey data to reflect on areas for celebration and opportunities for improvement.

Annual Implementation Plan – 2023: Our Annual Implementation Plan outlines the key areas we will focus on to maximise student learning and wellbeing outcomes. As a staff, we recently reflected on the progress of our Annual Implementation Plan. This included staff highlighting aspects of our plan that we 'have achieved', 'are working on' or 'need further focus'. Our key improvement strategies for this year have been:

- Develop and implement an evidenced based and whole school approach to the teaching of writing.
- Implement, monitor and resource the Mano evidenced based Teaching and Learning Model.
- 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 increase student voice, agency and leadership across our school.

As a staff team, we are committed to achieving the targets against our improvement plan and are highly engaged in each of these areas. In the upcoming newsletters, I will provide our families with regular updates on our progress and achievements.

Reporting to Parents/Carers: Thank you to families who took the opportunity to participate in the Parent Teacher Conferences late last term. This is an important aspect of our reporting to parents and carers program, as well as maintaining the ever important home – school partnership. These discussions are designed to complement the Semester 1 Student Report. I encourage families to provide any feedback regarding the Parent Teacher Conferences and the Semester 1 Report Cards, or any other aspect of the Reporting to Parents program, to me through the school's email address:

Att: Feedback Reporting to Parents Program

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Student Dress Code (School Uniform) Policy: Our School Council are currently reviewing our schools 'Student Dress Code Policy' as part of its commitment to 'continued improvement'. In the coming week, we invite families to participate in this review process by completing a short survey regarding our Student Dress Code – this will be sent out via Compass.

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

Christian Smith
Principal

Acknowledgement of country SM

On behalf of the SM students we recognise that we live and work on the land of the custodians, the Wathaurong people, we pay our respect to their elders both past and present who lead their people in protecting the land that we thrive on in this current moment. Wela'liog, thank you for listening.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PD	ELKE WALKER - Elke has made a wonderful start to Term 3! She always enters the classroom in a calm manner and sets a great example of how to make great choices at school. Excellent Elke!
PH	RUBY THOMAS - Ruby has worked hard to show a positive 'can-do' attitude! She has been brave and more willing to try new things that are out of her comfort zone. Awesome, Ruby!
PJ	ALEXANDER FLOWER - Alexander has made a terrific start to Term 3! He always makes sure he is doing his best work and has been making terrific choices during our learning time. Amazing, Alexander!
1A	RHYLIE BAKER - Rhylie has been able to recognise and describe gratitude and how this looks in his day to day life. Well done Rhylie!
1B	OSCAR ROOCKE - Oscar utilised a range of regulating strategies this week to assist him when he was working on complex tasks. Well done, Oscar!
1C	LARRY BASKIN - Larry has demonstrated a positive start to Term 3 both towards his classroom peers and in his learning. Watching out for everyone around him has been a pleasure to watch. Well done Larry!
2B	FINN RAHLES-RAHBULA - Finn has done an amazing job this year to regulate his emotions. Becoming more at ease in class when challenging emotions arise, he is learning how to ebb and flow with his feelings. Well done!
2O	JIMMY NIKOLIC - Jimmy has made a fantastic start to Term 3! He is demonstrating a positive attitude towards his learning and persistence with independent tasks. Magnificent Jimmy!
2S	FRANK STATHAM - Frank has made a great start to Term 3, making the most of his learning time and challenging himself during our Numeracy lessons this week. Fantastic effort Frank!
3G	HARRY LING - For making an excellent start to Term 3. Harry has shown great resilience, perseverance and a positive attitude towards his learning this week.
3Q	ESTHER CSAR - Esther has made a super start to Term 3. She has shown confidence and determination to complete her work this week even when feeling slightly unsettled in the mornings. Excellent Esther!
3/4S	EVELYN BECKLEY - Evelyn has made a wonderful start to Term 3. She is showing all of the SWPBS values consistently. Excellent Evelyn!
4F	ALEKS LAZOVIC - Aleks has made a fabulous start to Term 3! He has shown a positive attitude to all his learning and works hard to do his best. Great job Aleks!
4M	ZOE BEGELY - Zoe has had an amazing start to Term 3! She brings a positive attitude to school every day and always tries her very best! Well done Zoe!
SC	KYDEN CRABBE - Kyden has had a wonderful start to Term 3! He has shown resilience and a positive attitude when challenged with his learning. Well done Kyden! Keep up the great work.
SL	XAVIER EISEL - Xavier has had a fantastic start to Term 3. He is showing great responsibility and organisation in his learning. Keep it up Xavier!
SM	EDISON PEEL - Edison has been working hard to put his best effort into his work. Way to go Edison, I'm looking forward to a great term.
ST	WILLOW GLYNN - Willow has made a fantastic start to Term 3. She is showing great persistence on set tasks and has been able to work well with others when required. Well done Willow.
SW	SHARMINA JOVAN - Sharmina has made a fantastic start to Term 3! She is always calm & in control of her emotions, being a positive role model to others. Well done Sharmina.
STEM STAR	EVIE CLELAND - Evie showed a great passion and determination in STEM this week as she problem-solved and learnt new skills. Excellent Evie!
ART	EVIE CONNOR - Evie is an incredible helper in the Art room. She consistently applies herself and supports others to achieve their best. Wonderful Evie!
PE	HARRIET PALMER - Harriet showed wonderful excitement and skills in our new 'Handball' Unit. Her efforts to learn the new skills and rules supported those around her. Super effort Harriet!

MANO ART SHOW

When: Wednesday, 6th September

Where: Manifold Heights Primary School

Time: 5pm-7pm

Cost: Gold coin donation



Put the date in your calendar ready to celebrate the AMAZING art the students at Mano have been busily creating throughout the year. More info to come!

Mrs Hardman & Mrs King

NGSC Advanced STEM Program

At the end of Term 2, we (Asher, Caleb & Luka) presented the project we had worked on to the other students, families and the Principal of North Geelong SC. Luka & Caleb made a presentation about Bacteria, investigating what surfaces collected the most. Asher worked with a student from a different school, making and sharing a presentation on 'Fluffy Slime'.

Some of the other things we did during the program was – building bridges sturdy enough to drive a Sphero over it & making art with VR headsets.

We enjoyed the program and are thankful to North Geelong SC for providing the program.

Luka, Caleb & Asher – Grade 6 students

Victorian State School Spectacular (VSSS) Ticket Information

The 2023 Victorian State Schools Spectacular will be held on Saturday 9th September at John Cain Arena, Melbourne Park. The performance times are 1:00pm and 6:30pm.

Each show is approximately 2hours 45minutes (including a 30-minute interval).

Tickets are on sale from 11am on Wednesday 7th June.

Adult: \$40 Concession: \$30 Child (U15): \$20 (a \$6.30 service fee per transaction applies on all purchases).

Tickets are available through Ticketek: www.ticketek.com.au/spectacular or 132 849.

Mass Dance Seating Recommendations for Mano students.

It is suggested that the most suitable view of the respective quadrants will be from the following seating sections. These sections should be visible on the Ticketek seating map when patrons are making an online purchase.

Mano students - Quadrant Two (South West) Sections 18, 19, 17, 45, 46, 66, 67, 68

If you have any questions please contact Miss Stapleton or Mrs Orford.



Chaplain's Chat

Hello dear school community,

I hope that you all enjoyed the winter school holidays, and that your child/ren are by now well settled into the year of 2023.

With mixed feelings we acknowledge the final week of Mrs Peta Mundine as our Assistant Principal. We are sad that she is leaving us. Some of you may be struggling with the fact, maybe even wondering, "How will Mano survive without Mrs. Mundine?" On the other hand, we are so grateful to have had her reliable support, advocacy and on-the-spot joviality for the past 20 years. We also know that after a long successful career she deserves a wonderful retirement. As shared at her farewell celebration, Mrs. Mundine has grandchildren to spend time with, a massive garden to till, and a bucket load of exciting plans to keep her days full!

Mrs Mundine, I also wish to personally thank you for your genuine care towards our Mano families, and for your guidance and support of me in the chaplaincy role. Invaluable. I am sure others will join with me in this sentiment:

*I wish you the happiness of love,
that does not change with change,
that shines
as surely in age as in youth.
May your life have diamond days!*

Pam Brown, 2003



Warm smiles,

Cyndee & Kevin

Cyndee Little

School Chaplain

Tuesdays & Thursdays



Sports News - District Athletics Training & Equipment

The 'Mano' Athletics team has finally been assembled and the attending students have been spoken to in person about the event/s they are competing in this term at the District Athletics on **Wednesday 23rd of August** at Landy Field. Information and notes will be created next week with several meetings with the students. Between now and Week 7 I am wanting to try and run training sessions for the students once a week at lunch time (1:40pm - 2:20pm) so they can focus on areas of improvement in their event, but also continue to improve to do the best that they can do. I will be running at lunch times on Monday **track events** and high jump training, focusing on sprint work, relay training and hurdles. On Friday lunch times we will run the **field events** such as discus, shot-put, triple jump and long jump up at Peter Lowe Reserve. Obviously if your child has other commitments on these days then that's absolutely fine - they might be able to join on the other training day.

Parents if you have ANY skills in these events and wish to help Mr Hambrook on these days please reach out to me or the Office staff and let Mr Hambrook know as I would love any help or extra guidance and training to better assist our amazing athletes.

Students who are wanting to borrow a piece of equipment to take home and practise with MUST have parent confirmation and permission to take home. This can be done by contacting the Office or notifying Mr Hambrook. Students have been spoken to about this and are aware of the rules and also the purpose for training and improving their skills before District Athletics.

Kind regards,
John Hambrook

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