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Important Dates

AUGUST

Mon 14th August Hockey 7s Regional Final, Footscray, Selected Students

Wed 16th - Fri 18th August Grade 6 Camp, Cave Hill Creek Beaufort

Thurs 17th August Grade 5 Big Day Out, Rollerway

Mon 21st - Fri 25th Aug Book Week/Literacy & Numeracy Week

Mon 21st Aug Book Week Parade at Assembly, 9:05am, Dress Up Day

Tues 22nd August Grade 1 Inventing the Future Workshop

Wed 23rd August District Athletics, Landy Field, Selected Students

Thurs 24th Aug Parent Info Session, 'Helping your child at home with Maths', Staff Room, 2:30pm

Fri 25th August Pupil Free Day, No Classes

Tues 29th August Scienceworks Outreach Robotics Incursion, Selected Students

Thurs 31st August Father's Day Stall

SEPTEMBER

Wed 6th September Mano Art Show, 5pm - 7pm

Thurs 7th Sept - Fri 8th Sept Victorian State School Spectacular Rehearsal, John Cain Arena

Sat 9th Sept Victorian State School Spectacular Performance, John Cain Arena

Fri 15th Sept Casual Dress Day for Camp Quality, Gold Coin Donation
Term 3 ends, 2:30pm dismissal

SAVE THE DATE

Mano Art Show

Wed 6th September

Upcoming Event Consent Forms and/or Payments Due

Grade 5 Big Day Out Consent & Payment	11th August
Grade 1 Inventing the Future Workshop Consent & Payment	17th August
District Athletics Consent & Payment	18th August
Scienceworks Robotics Incursion Consent	24th August

NEXT WEEK'S SWPBS FOCI (WEEK 6): I play fairly by the rules . (I show respect)

NEWS FROM MR SMITH

Dear School Community Members,

School Values – Responsible Ronnie: As we continue to work on embedding and nurturing our school values into 'life' at Mano, I encourage families to continue the promotion of our values at home. *Responsibility* is **being dependable, making good choices, and taking accountability for your actions**. A responsible person looks out for the well-being of others and understands we all have a part to play in making our school a better place. Our students will continue to learn, through explicit lessons and role playing, about 'responsibility' and how being responsible will enhance and enrich their life. We look forward to the support of our community in promoting our values.

Prep – 100th Day Celebration: Our Prep students celebrate their 100th day of school tomorrow. It is a wonderful day for each of our 66 students and their teachers. It has been amazing to see the growth and development of our youngest students, and their thirst for school and learning. It is a privilege to see the rapid improvements, confidence and fun our Prep students engage in every day. We thank our Prep families for the ongoing support you provide to your child. I encourage families to take the time to celebrate the incredible achievements of their Prep child, with specific examples of what has made you proud. I also encourage families to 'thank' their child's teacher for the wonderful foundation they have laid for our Prep students.

National Day of Action against Bullying – Friday 18th August: Next Friday is the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA). The NDA is Australia's key bullying prevention initiative for schools and provides an opportunity to connect with students, staff and our school community to implement workable solutions to prevent bullying. The 2023 NDA theme, **Growing connections**, promotes the importance of school, family and community connections in building safe and supportive learning environments where all students can belong, feel accepted and respected.

Research has shown that strong school connections and positive relationships can help to prevent bullying. When students feel a sense of belonging and connectedness at school, they are more likely to enjoy school, to trust and respect their teachers, and be concerned about and help others. Our students engage in our Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) program that helps grow connections and promote inclusiveness, respect and community belonging for all students.

School Improvement Plan 2023 – Writing: Our 2023 School Improvement Plan is guided by our strategic intent that every student has access to high quality instruction and the necessary wellbeing supports with minimal variation between classrooms. Our school improvement plan states that we will "develop and implement an evidence based and whole school approach to the teaching of writing." Our Writing School Improvement Team are coming to the end of this work – on our Curriculum Day on Friday 25th August, we will launch our Writers Workshop approach with highly regarded literacy consultant, Andrea Hillbrick. Andrea will provide staff with professional learning on each phase of our approach throughout the day. This professional learning will maximise the consistency in teachers delivering writing instruction across the school. We look forward to sharing some writing samples from students throughout the remainder of the year.

Book Week/Literacy Week/Numeracy Week – 21st August to 25th August: The anticipation is building as we prepare for Book Week. Many fabulous activities have been planned to continue to develop the love of reading and books. Our traditional Book Week dress up day will be on Monday 21st August. All families are invited to the parade which will commence at 9:05am. Students are encouraged to come to school on this day dressed as their favourite 'book' character. Further details regarding the parade and the other events are on page 9 of this newsletter.

Pupil Free Days in Term 3 and 4: There are a number of key dates that need to be noted by families for the remainder of the year. As a school, we are definitely aware of the potential impact these days can have on families. VillageOSHC will provide care options and should be [contacted directly for bookings](#)

Friday 25th August: Curriculum Day: focus on the teaching of Writing (Pupil Free Day)

Wednesday 25th October: Geelong Cup Public Holiday (no school)

Friday 24th November: Curriculum Day: focus on Assessment and Reporting (Pupil Free Day)

Monday 27th November: Curriculum Day: focus on Curriculum Planning (Pupil Free Day)

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

Christian Smith
Principal

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PD	MAGNUS TEAL - Magnus is a super kind friend, always working well with his peers and making an effort to help others, take turns and let everyone share their ideas. Magnificent, Magnus!
PH	TED GILLINGHAM - Ted has made a considered effort to work and play cooperatively with his classmates this term. He has shown greater empathy and concern for others. Well done Ted!
PJ	CLEMENTINE HOOD - Clem has done a terrific job this year of working cooperatively with her peers. She is supportive of those around her and works well in groups taking turns and listening. Awesome, Clem!
1A	TAHLIA HIJAZI - Tahlia has demonstrated both in class and the yard how she is able to work positively and cooperatively with others. Terrific Tahlia!
1B	TRIXIE MCINNES - Trixie ensures that she shows outstanding respect for her peers and always works well with others cooperatively. Amazing, Trixie!
1C	LAUHLAN MORRISON - Lauchy has been working hard on showing respect and working cooperatively with his peers. It's really lovely to see. Well done Lauchy.
2B	REGAN MEYRICK - Regan participates in all activities in a friendly manner and always shows respect to his peers. Well done Reagan for being a wonderful role model!
2O	DAISY-LAYNE GOODWIN - Daisy-Layne's actions helped her partners to successfully and quickly pass around the hula hoops during our SEL activity called 'Threading the Hoop'. Fantastic work Daisy-Layne!
2S	SOFIA BULTMAN - Sofia has demonstrated amazing resilience and focus this week, making the most of her learning time and sharing lots of amazing ideas with the class. Sensational Sofia!
3G	OLIVER JOHNS - For being a friendly and cooperative member of 3G. Ollie is well respected by his peers and does his best to get along with everyone.
3Q	OLIVER CONNOLLY - Ollie is a wonderful friend to all in 3Q. He works and plays cooperatively with his peers at all times and is a pleasure to have in our class. Outstanding Ollie!
3/4S	EVAN UEBERGANG - Evan is always encouraging of his peers within the classroom and suggests strategies to help others. Excellent Evan!
4F	EDWINA ELTRINGHAM - Edwina is a cooperative and friendly class member to all. She works hard to include all her peers and interacts with all with a positive attitude.
4M	APRIL MCDOWELL - April is a wonderful member of 4M. Always willing to lend a helping hand, she has been able to work well in a team and take on others ideas and feedback. Great work, April!
SC	BLAKE GELLION - Blake continues to work cooperatively with his peers, providing support and having deep discussions to extend his learning. Keep up the great work Blake.
SL	ABBY MACDONALD - Abby is a wonderfully cooperative member of the class. She ensures that each individual in a collaborative group has their say and feels heard. Keep up the fantastic work Abby!
SM	CHARLIE BONGIOVANNI - Charlie has been working hard to create a great narrative. He is willing to review his work and strives for his best effort. Well done Charlie!
ST	TOM ELTRINGHAM - Tom is continuously looking out for his peers and making sure they are ok and feel included. Tom works cooperatively with others inside the classroom and out in the yard. Keep up the great work Tom!
SW	MAISIE BABB - Maisie has had a fantastic term! She has worked cooperatively with her friends on many tasks across all subjects in a positive manner. Keep up the good work Maisie!
STEM STAR	ELLIE CAMERON - Every week in STEM, Ellie cooperates with her peers and helps them to do their best. Excellent Ellie!
PE	ADASHE TOGARA - This week Adashe has showcased some outstanding teamwork during our soccer focus by using passing, running and encouragement to bring his team mates into the game. Great job Adashe!
PERF ARTS	MAX DELAHANT - For his amazing expression, voice and action during the class skit. Well done Max!
ART	RUBY FRANCIS - Ruby is a great role model for her peers by following instructions carefully and always being keen to have a go. Well done Ruby!

MANO ART SHOW

When: Week 9, Wednesday, 6th September

Where: Manifold Heights Primary School

Time: 5pm-7pm

Cost: Gold coin donation



Leaf Art

Our Term 3 whole school AT HOME art collaboration project for the Art Show!
What are we making? A positivity tree! The name of our art collaboration piece:
'Positivitree'

Your task to do at home: every student in the school has been given a tree leaf template. These have been sent home with the eldest child at the school.

You are to decorate your tree leaf so it screams POSITIVITY! You might choose to write a positive word, a positive affirmation, a positive thought about yourself or draw a picture of something you appreciate in your life. The options are endless! You can decorate your leaf however you like! Examples:




Leaves are due to be returned to Mrs Hardman by Monday 28th August.

There will be a box outside of the Art Room for you to return your leaf once completed.

Name & grade to be written on the back of your leaf. Please cut out your leaf prior to handing in.

Thank you! Mrs Hardman & Mrs King



IA's Acknowledgement of Country

We respect the traditional
owners of Wadawurrung
land on which we play and
learn today.

We pay our respects to
our Elders who help us to
care for our environment.

Sports News

Soccer Competition



C'MON MATILDA's!! Womens Soccer in Australia right now is HUGE and we are all enjoying watching the Matildas get through to the finals of the FIFA World Cup! Remember there is a link that YOU as a part of the 'Mano' community can participate in and try and win some prizes! You have to design and colour in a soccer ball and either upload this yourself to the below link and fill in the details or have your classroom teacher do it for you. All you need to do is fill in the part with your name and school!

The link below has the PDF document that you can access and print off or perhaps your teacher has done so already. Good luck and wouldn't it be awesome if a 'Mano' student was able to be selected amongst the best colours and design. Only 2 weeks to go- so make sure you get your picture in!

<https://summitsport.com.au/pages/design-your-own-football-competition>

Upcoming Sporting Events

Monday 14th August - Hockey 7's Regional Championships

Wednesday 23rd August - Districts Athletics @ Landy Field. Students have been training at school on Monday and Friday's. Please make sure to action Compass consent form and payment if not already!

Mano Goal Kicking Challenge

It's upon us! The BIG 'Goal Kicking Challenge' of 2023, (watch previous videos below). I would love to see as many videos of creative and imaginative goals as possible. With the World Cup happening right now and the Matildas doing such an awesome job, goals can be from soccer as well as other sports.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1mfVlq0QgPxQrb-MflqaF13GddYAQMU11?usp=sharing>

This year I am keeping it simple - families and students have access to the link/folder above which you can copy or drag your video into. I encourage parents to upload the student videos. As always if there are any problems with student videos please come and speak to Mr Hambrook, I'm happy to assist!

Mr Hambrook and Mrs King will be assessing the goals based on the criteria below:

- * Creativity and imagination for the goal
- * Difficulty of the trick-shot/goal
- * Use of ICT skills and media for entertainment eg. music, props, imagery
- * Overall enjoyment and participation in the challenge with friends and family :)

Mr Hambrook

Problem Solving

Taken from "Wellbeing activities and conversation starters for parents of primary-school aged children" (Department of Education)

"Your child/ren can develop their critical and creative thinking skills to explore different types of problems.

This can build your child/ren's ability to make responsible decisions that consider the likely consequences of different ways of solving problems."

Prep	Grade 1	Grade 2
<p>Activity – Come up with three positive, and different, ways to solve this problem: <i>You and your family arguing over which show to watch on TV.</i></p>	<p>Activity – Using items that are safe and stackable (e.g. paper cups, playing cards), make a tower as tall as you can. Once your tower is complete, remove one item at a time, trying not to make the tower collapse. Or, if you have Jenga, play it together!</p>	<p>Activity – Talk about this scenario with your child: <i>I had a disagreement with my best friend and felt left out. What are three positive ways one could solve this situation?</i></p>
Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5/6
<p>Activity – Encourage your child/ren to talk to a family member and ask: <i>Tell me about a small problem you faced? How did you solve the problem? If you were faced with the problem again, would you solve it differently?</i></p>	<p>Activity – With your child/ren, decide how big the following problems are. Rank them from 1 (little problem) to 3 (big problem): You miss your friends at school. You are feeling bored being at home all the time.</p>	<p>Activity – Discuss this scenario with your child/ren: <i>Your very important homework task is due today but the internet is down. How could you solve this problem?</i></p>

There are many approaches to problem solving but having one that your family can go back to time and time again can be very helpful. This could even become a sign displayed on the fridge!

Here is an example of a problem-solving formula to try: stop, calm down, define the problem, brainstorm ideas, make a choice, try it out, re-evaluate.

Hand2Mind 2023

Mrs Forsyth



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.





Book Week/Literacy and Numeracy Week, 21st – 25th August Theme: Read, Grow, Inspire!

This year Mano will be celebrating Literacy and Numeracy Week along with Book Week in Week 7 from 21st August to 25th August. Coming up in Book Week ...

Monday 21st – Dress up day and parade – Students are invited to get dressed up as their favourite book character or a book or a character that inspires you. Characters will be parading at Assembly on Monday morning – so come along dressed up ready. Parents are invited to come along and watch the parade.

Thursday August 24th - 2:30 – 3:30p.m. – Parent Information Session - Helping your child with Maths session –
Parents and family members are invited to join in an information session in the staffroom at 2:30p.m. with Mr Fleming and Mrs Bath . Please [RSVP](#) to the Google Survey if you plan on attending. This will help us plan for numbers and resources needed for the day so stay tuned for more information in next week's newsletter.

Family Literacy Competition – in the newsletter/Compass

Students/families – guess which book inspired your teachers! Stay tuned for more details.
Prizes for each grade level will be awarded at Assembly on Monday 28th August.
Student entries due Thursday 24th August.

Whole school Lunchtime Competition – What's the book?

Five staff volunteers will be videoing themselves reading a passage from a favourite picture story book. These will be shown during lunch eating time and classes will guess which book staff member is reading.

Class prize for the class that identifies all 5 readers.

Mathlete of the week

Miss Baum will be encouraging students to get on Mathletics and spend time doing Maths during the week. Certificates for students who spend time will be awarded at Assembly on 28th August.

Author visit for Grades 3 – 4 – Emma Greville

One of our own Mano parents has recently launched her newly published book, 'Raine in the Underlands'. Emma will be working with the Grade 3's and 4's for a session during the week, including a book reading, drawing a cartoon, working in groups to create a storyboard and storytelling. Parents will be able to pre-order a signed copy of Emma Greville's new book, which will be delivered on the day at a discounted price, for those who are interested. You can order a copy on this [link](#)



The following article appeared in the Geelong Independent Friday 28 July.

‘Fantastical’ adventure

Geelong author Emma Greville has released a new book that tackles problems faced by kids in primary schools under the mask of a “fantastical” adventure.

Raine in the Underlands follows the main character Raine as she embarks on a journey of self-discovery after shooting a blue flame from her finger and finding a cursed dragon in the basement.

Ms Greville said the “fun middle-grade fantasy adventure”, released on July 25, looked to help kids struggling with self-perception and confidence through a similar character.

“Eight to 12-year-olds are starting to deal with where they fit into the world, complicated friendships, and standing up for themselves,” she said.

“While the setting is fantastical, the main character Raine is a lonely kid suffering from low self-esteem who wants to find her place in the world and understand who she is.

“If kids can see a character in a work of fiction that is like them, that can really help kids feel more confident in themselves and less alone.”

Ms Greville said she first got the idea for the book close to 20 years ago after she had a “vivid dream” and has continued to work on it throughout the years.

“It’s been a real labour of love and this book is kind of like an ode to my family,” she said.

“It has been 20 years in the making. It’s quite a great sense of achievement now that it is finally out in the world, and very exciting.

“I hope that kids get the message, which is that you are enough, there is a place for you in the world, continue on with your journey, and be confident in yourself.”

By Jena Carr




Emma and her daughter after the launch of her first novel Raine into the Underlands.

RAINE

THE LOREKEEPERS: BOOK ONE

EM GREVILLE

IN THE UNDERLANDS



A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR


WHAT PERIOD OF A LIFE DO YOU FIND YOU WRITE ABOUT MOST OFTEN?
I love writing about and for kids. I think children are innately brave, because the world is new and exciting and still an adventure, so they're more likely to take a risk or suspend their disbelief. This means you can write about crazy or silly things, or have your main character do something brave and dangerous, and kids will get it. They are naturally on board. Whereas an adult reader might put themselves in the character's shoes and think "Oh no, I wouldn't agree to go and fight an evil sorceress, she might turn me into a frog. Someone else can do it."

HOW DID YOUR IDEA FOR RAINE IN THE UNDERLANDS COME ABOUT AND WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR FUTURE BOOK/S?
I love fantasy and humour so it was natural for me to write in that vein. The characters, even though the setting is fantastical, are every day, flawed people who readers can relate to, despite their magical natures.

There are at least two more The Lorekeepers books planned, a YA ghost story is burning a hole in my brain and there's definitely an adult fantasy knocking around in my head as well.

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GMHBA HEALTHY HEROES PARENTS EVENT

You're Invited!

Join us after school on August 14th for an afternoon of FUN, giving parents, carers and children the opportunity to participate in various activities to encourage active involvement in your family's and children's healthy choices and lifestyle.

FEATURING:



DETAILS

Who: Parents, Guardians, Carers and Children

What: A **FREE** event to participate in GMHBA Healthy Heroes activities featuring Geelong Cats AFLM and AFLW players

When: Monday 14 August 4pm-5:30pm

Where: St Mary's Football Clubrooms,
Kardinia Park, Latrobe Terrace

Why: To encourage children, parents, and carers to **LEARN, LIVE & LEAD** our key health messages

RSVP by: Wednesday 9 August

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

*Places are limited. Confirmation of ticket will be sent after registration.



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