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Welcome back to another school year! I am very excited about 2020 and being part of Manangatang P-12 College as we evolve to meet student academic, social and wellbeing needs. It's been eventful already as you'll see in this newsletter.

Firstly, I'd like to **welcome** new staff and students to our community. This year we have five new staff members. Scott Behm will be teaching F-12 PE/Health, Beth Stonehouse is the new F/1 teacher. We welcome back Brenda Meinhold who is the 7-10 English Teacher and Literacy Leader,

Jamie Ferguson is our new 7/8 Science, VCAL Numeracy teacher and Tech Teacher. This week Kim Critchley started working at our College as the new Wellbeing Coordinator.

As well as our five Foundation students we also welcome Chelsea Chapman, Shaela Smythe, Holly Plant and Kale Taylor back to the College and Rylee Taylor who is new to our College. At this stage we have an enrolment of 74 students.

We have all hit the ground running. Eighteen students contributed to the establishment of a new student leadership structure. Beginning this year the Student Representative Council will be made up of 4 senior College Captains (from Year 9-12), 4 Junior Captains (Primary) and the House Captains. These students will develop a calendar of events (through consultation with all students). Each term volunteers from the student body will be asked to join in the planning and delivery of SRC projects. The intention is to have a more inclusive Student Representative Council with the opportunity for more students to develop and demonstrate leadership each year.

House Captains were elected this week – congratulations to Mallee captains Tom Cassidy, Damon Paton, Anders Plant and Ruby Zanker. Congratulations to Holly Plant, Kale Taylor, Jobhi Plant, Cooper Plant and Jayda Plant who are the Wattle captains. These students will be members of the SRC.

The College and Junior Captains will undergo a selection process made up of a written submission. Those short listed will present a speech at a school assembly after which staff and students will vote. We hope to have the SRC established by Week 4.

New student expectations this year include

- No mobile phones use during school hours, phones will be stored in the front office until the new lockers arrive.
- Every student has a diary to help them with their organisation as well as to record when they do and don't have homework.
- In regards to uniform all students should be in blue bottoms, school polos and black shoes. A uniform meeting has already taken place. Uniform items have been selected for further consultation with our College Community.
- Students were informed that reporting will occur differently this year. At the end of terms 1 and 3 they will be asked to share their learning with their parents or significant other at a 3 way conference. This will be an opportunity for parents to contribute to their child's future learning goals.

School for Student Leadership

This week we farewelled Colby Eford and Charli Plant who are at the School for Student Leadership for the rest of the term. They have settled in very well, I for one, cannot wait to hear about their experiences. They are already amazing young people it will be interesting to see how they are influenced by their time away.

Manangatang Stars

Congratulations to Tarryn Plant on her very well deserved Manangatang Citizen of the Year Award. Congratulations also to Kelissa O'Shannassy for receiving the Secondary School Award.

And to Marie Barry for being acknowledged as the Primary School Award recipient. All three recipients are excellent role models and contribute greatly to Manangatang P-12 College's positive culture.

Welcome breakfast

I hope to see you at our Meet and Greet/Welcome breakfast, starting at 8.30 Thursday morning, I also hope you will be available to stay for a parent meeting with members from the Manangatang Pilot group who want to pick parent brains about Wellbeing needs for our students and our Community. This forum should finish at 10am.

Student Netbooks

An important reminder to pay for student netbooks, learning is already being compromised for those who don't have their device.

Wishing you a safe and happy week
Nat Mouvet

KEY DATES

FEBRUARY

- 6 MEET AND GREET BREKKY
- 13 HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS
- 17 5-6 CAMP
- 24 PRIMARY DIV SWIMMING

MARCH

- 4 DIV SWIMMING MILDURA
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Meet and Greet Brekky

Manangatang P-12 College Staff and Students invite you to help celebrate the start of a new school year and to meet our new students and staff.

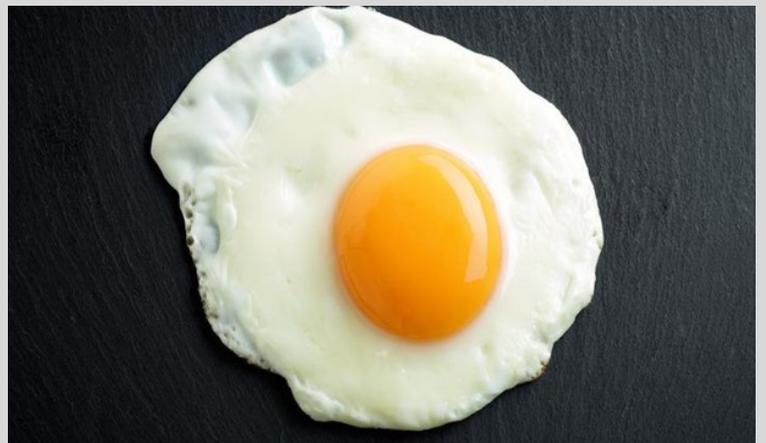
Date: Thursday 6th of February

Time: 8:30am onwards

Bacon, Eggs, Toast, Tea, Orange Juice and Coffee will be provided.

BYO: Fold out chair, nothing else required

We would love to see you there.



2020 SWIMMING SPORTS

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13TH

9AM START



Parents, family and community members are invited to the Manangatang P12 College Annual Swimming Carnival.

Students may go straight to the pool. Bus travellers will be walked to the pool by teachers.

Don't forget the Caltex Cup – 2019 winners Parents. Will they be able to take it again in 2020?

Lunch, tea & coffee and morning tea available.

Forms sent home later in the week.

FOUNDATION 2020



Johnny Walters, Will Grant, Jasmine & Kayla Shand,
Jaice Smythe and Melody Littlewood.

NEW STAFF



Beth Stonehouse



Jamie Ferguson



Scott Behm



Brenda Meinhold



Kim Critchley

College News

PRIMARY SCHOOL PRIVACY INFORMATION for parents and carers

During the ordinary course of your child's attendance at our school, school staff will collect your child's personal and health information when necessary to educate your child, or to support your child's social and emotional wellbeing or health in the school context. Such information will also be collected when required to fulfil a legal obligation, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law. If that information is not collected, the school may be unable to provide optimal education or support to your child, or fulfil those legal obligations.

For example, health information may be collected through the school nurse, primary welfare officer or wellbeing staff member. If your child is referred to a specific health service at school, such as a Student Support Services officer, the required consent will be obtained. Our school also collects information provided by parents and carers through the School Entrance Health Questionnaire (SEHQ) and the Early Childhood Intervention Service (ECIS) Transition Form.

Our school may use online tools, such as apps and other software, to effectively collect and manage information about your child for teaching and learning purposes, parent communication and engagement; student administration; and school management purposes. When our school uses these online tools, we take steps to ensure that your child's information is secure. If you have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact us.

School staff will only share your child's personal or health information with other staff who need to know to enable the school to educate or support your child, or fulfil a legal obligation.

When our students transfer to another Victorian government school, personal and health information about that student will be transferred to that next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of our students and assists that next school to provide optimal education and support to students.

In some limited circumstances, information may be disclosed outside of the school (and outside of the Department of Education and Training). The school will seek your consent for such disclosures unless the disclosure is allowed or mandated by law.

Our school values the privacy of every person. When collecting and managing personal and health information, all school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law. For more information about privacy including about how to access personal and health information held by the school about you or your child, see our school's privacy policy: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, Student Support Service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners and all other staff at our school. This includes employees, agents and service providers (contractors) of the Department, whether paid or unpaid.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ENROLMENT PRIVACY COLLECTION STATEMENT

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Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

Factsheet for school students and children

Last updated 29 January 2020

An outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) was detected in Wuhan, China in late December 2019. Cases have been reported predominantly in the city of Wuhan, in the Hubei province of China, as well as some other Chinese cities and countries, including two confirmed cases in Victoria, Australia.

What is this virus?

Coronaviruses can make humans and animals sick. Some coronaviruses can cause illness similar to the common cold and others can cause more serious diseases, including Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS).

The virus seen in Hubei Province, China is called 'novel' because it is new. It has not been detected before this outbreak. Most people infected live in, or travelled to, Hubei Province, China. There have been cases of 2019-nCoV reported in other Chinese provinces and other countries. It is likely that the virus originally came from an animal, and there is now evidence that it can spread from person-to-person.

What are the symptoms?

Symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, or shortness of breath. Symptoms can take up to 14 days to develop.

What if my child is well, and returning to school after being in Hubei province, China or other countries with cases in the last 14 days?

All students and staff members who have travelled to Hubei Province, China, are advised to stay at home and avoid public settings, including attendance at schools and early learning centres, until 14 days after last being in Hubei province, China.

Children and staff who are well and have travelled to **other provinces in China, or any other areas where there have been reported cases, are NOT recommended to be excluded from schools and child care services unless the following applies:**

The person is a confirmed case of novel coronavirus

The person is a close contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus in the past 14 days

What if my child feels sick now or within 14 days of being in Hubei Province, China or another part of China?

If your child has a cough, sore throat or shortness of breath, they must be excluded from school and be reviewed by a doctor.

Seek medical attention but first place a mask on the student if you have one and call the doctor or hospital before you attend. Tell them your child has been in Hubei province, China, or the location of travel within China.

When you get to the hospital or doctor's clinic, tell them where your child has travelled in China and whether this included Hubei Province.

Ensure a mask is placed on your child before or as soon as you arrive at the medical facility.

If your child has severe symptoms, such as shortness of breath:

Call 000 and request an ambulance, and

Inform the paramedics where your child has been in China.

How can I help prevent the spread of 2019-nCoV?

Practising good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence. The most important actions are:

Wash your hands often with soap and water

Cough and sneeze into your elbow

Where can I get more information?

For Victorian updates to the current incident, go to: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/novelcoronavirus>

For national updates: <https://www.health.gov.au/news/latest-information-about-novel-coronavirus>

For international updates: <https://www.who.int/westernpacific/emergencies/novel-coronavirus>

WHO resources <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>

Friends Program

BUILDING RESILIENCE

Starting on Thursday 6th February, 2020, Fi Mertz (of Local Logic Place) will deliver the *Friends Program* to year 4-6 students. The aim is to build resilience and reduce anxiety in students, strengthening student's ability to recognise their feelings and respond to them in a healthy way.

The program is funded through the Murray Mallee Local Learning and Employment Network and Mallee Family Care (Communities for Children funding).

ANXIETY

Anxiety disorders are the most common form of psychological concern reported by children and teenagers. One in 6 children are affected by anxiety which interferes with school work, social functioning and family life. Early intervention programs like *Friends* can prevent anxiety.

FRIENDS: Inspiring confidence and emotional strength for children

The *Friends* program gives children the resilience, strength and emotional intelligence needed to cope with any of life's challenges. *Friends* helps children understand the different 'feelings' all people can have, including how these make us 'feel' in our head and body. The program explains to children that all feelings are OK, it is how we act on them that can be positive or negative for us and others. *Friends* teaches children how to manage all feelings in positive ways through simple actions like breathing, relaxation, exercise and environment. *Friends* is a world renowned program.

Our programs teach children and adults valuable skills such as:

- ✓ How to develop effective strategies for personal organisation
- ✓ How to build "thinking fitness" and willpower
- ✓ How to remain calm and relaxed
- ✓ How to focus on solutions, not problems
- ✓ How to make and maintain life-long friendships
- ✓ How to deal with bullying and peer pressure
- ✓ How to be kind and empathetic
- ✓ How to communicate effectively with peers and family
- ✓ How to change negative "red" thoughts into positive "green" thoughts

Ten sessions will be delivered to students, with a booster session later in the year.



College/Community News

EMERGENCY SERVICES
SOCIAL BOWLS DAY



Sunday 9th February 2020

Assembly 9.30am

Start 10.00am

Proceeds from day to

Bushfire Appeal

BBQ - Lunch

Contact: Bill Carroll - 0499 503 559

Netbook News

Netbooks will be returned to students only when payment has been made and Agreement is signed and returned to the college.

Netbook Agreements for 2020 went out (with student reports) at the Presentation night at the end of last year to every student.

If you did not receive an agreement please contact the college for a copy.

Many thanks,
Leonie Carroll.

Netbook Coordinator

COLLEGE PAYMENTS ARE NOW DUE

College payments can be paid directly into the College bank account

BSB 033 250

Account number 602160

with your name as a reference,

or by cheque made payable to

Manangatang P-12 College...Thankyou

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