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## Manangatang P-12 College Newsletter

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Welcome to the first week of term 3.

Welcome back to Brenda Meinhold. Brenda will resume her role with the Teaching and Learning Team which consists of myself Steve Goodwin and Steve Taylor as the school's Learning Specialist.

Welcome also to Brad Parsons who will be completing his 8 week placement this term. Brad will be working primarily with Brenda teaching English but he will also be involved with Health and Physical Education classes.

### Congratulations to Year 10s completing Year 11 subjects

This semester 6 out of 8 Year 10 students are completing Year 11 Biology, Product Design and Technology, Psychology or Physics. The students will be accessing teachers from neighbouring schools as well as in house to complete their studies. Congratulations to Holly Plant who successfully completed Unit 2 in Accounting and to Jobhi Plant and Tom Cassidy who successfully completed unit 1 in Product Design and Technology, and to Harper McNicol, Alannah Taylor and Justin Hill who completed Units 1 in Physics last semester. Year 9&10's will be commencing Unit 1 Industry and Enterprise as part of the careers program this semester.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Parents can make a time by either ringing the front office or booking through Compass for appointments any night this week between 3.20 p.m. - 5.00 p.m. or at another time as negotiated with the teacher. Interviews can be via Zoom or face to face. It is expected that students will be present at the interview. Teachers will contact parents to find out if a face to face or Zoom meeting is preferred.

Feedback about the reports format will be gratefully received, this can be provided to me via email [Natalie.mouvet@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Natalie.mouvet@education.vic.gov.au) or a phone call to the front office.

### Communication about Curriculum Delivery

As a staff we have a number of aims in terms of curriculum delivery.

- To maintain excellent, documented communications with parents about their children's progress.
- All planning will be completed and shared online before the first day of school of each term.
- That detailed lesson plans are placed on Compass a week ahead.
- Assessment, homework tasks, due dates are shared regularly with families
- Feedback about student progress is posted at least once a fortnight.

The staff and I are determined to capitalise on the increased communications through Compass last term. This term we are aiming to use Compass in a more uniform way to make it easier for parents to access feedback about their children's progress. Useful tools and tips will be shared through Compass Posts and on our website.

### Looking after Student Wellbeing

This term the College continues to work with Fi Mertz from Local Logic Place and Julie Beames a Social Worker, Student Support Services, Department of Education & Training to support primary aged students to develop their personal and social learning skills by providing the following programs:

#### MESH (Mental, Emotional, Social and Spiritual Health)

The Mental, Emotional, Social and Spiritual Health (MESH) program offers a support group for people which empowers them to share their situations, thoughts, and concerns in a safe environment. It helps people develop healthy communication skills, identify and express feelings and to learn to treat themselves and others with respect and dignity. Through MESH, people learn they are responsible for their own lives and based on their choices, have the power to change. In making change, people are better able to engage with their education and employment and there is much personal development.

## KEY DATES

### JULY

22 COLLEGE COUNCIL

### AUGUST

3 YR 10 BOGONG CAMP TO BE CONFIRMED

18 ATHLETIC SPORTS

19 COLLEGE COUNCIL

27 AG EXPO —TO BE CONFIRMED

28 TOOLEYBUC SPORTS TO BE CONFIRMED

### SEPTEMBER

16 COLLEGE COUNCIL

18 FOOTY COLOURS DAY

END OF TERM 3

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

3 JORJA PLANT

5 MR JAMIE FERGUSON

7 AMELIA JOHNSON

11 SHONTELLE HAMMOND

18 DARCY PLANT

25 JASMINE SHAND

26 KAYLA SHAND

30 MRS NAT PLANT



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## *Peaceful Kids*

This program offers strategies to help children manage their worries and there is a lot of mindfulness and meditation built in.

## *Social Thinking Program*

Topics will include:

1. What is social thinking?
2. Social thinking = flexible thinking
3. Social thinking vocabulary
4. Thinking with your eyes
5. Thinking about the hidden rules and expected behaviours
6. Keeping my eyes, body, ears and brain in the group
7. Thinking about others verses just me
8. How big is my problem
9. Thinking about my reaction size

These programs will be tailored to the needs of the students who participate.

## **Thankyou to Mallee Family Care**

Our Wellbeing Coordinator Kim Critchley has been busy setting up a breakfast program for all students. To support the program Mallee Family Care has kindly donated a brand new fridge. The College is very grateful for this. The Breakfast Program will begin very soon with breakfast available in the Home Ec room from 8.30am on Monday and Friday Mornings.

## **Web Site**

A reminder to check out our new website which went live at the end of last term. <https://www.manang.vic.edu.au/> thanks to Ann Grant and Billy Kydd for their excellent work in updating the information and for the more modern look.

## **Attendance**

No Year level achieved 100% attendance in the last week of term 2.

Wishing you all a safe and happy weekend.

Nat Mouvet



## **Covid 19—Term 3 COVID-19 Face to Face schooling, guidelines for Manangatang P-12 College**

The impact of Covid is still a risk we must keep upper most in our minds. Maintaining high standards and strong practices to maintain a hygienic school environment will continue to be emphasised this term. Please read the guidelines below. I have needed to add a School Arrival and Departure section to align with DET directives.

While the Chief Health Officer has advised that students will not be required to maintain physical distancing at school, there will be a number of important changes to our school operations, consistent with health advice. While it is not practical at any school to maintain physical distancing we will be doing our best to encourage physical distancing, where it is practical and manageable. This will apply until further notice. To support the health and wellbeing of all our students and staff, our school will have in place the following measures:

### **Hygiene**

All staff and students will wash hands regularly- not just after toilet breaks but before and after recess and lunch breaks. Soap as well as sanitiser will be available in all shared spaces e.g. toilets, the library, the staffroom. Students will be encouraged to wash their hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, and will be shown the best way to wash hands properly.

Students will line up outside classrooms and will only be allowed into classrooms after hands are washed or sanitised.

Students will be encouraged to cover their nose and mouth with a tissue when they cough or sneeze. If a tissue isn't available, they will be encouraged to cough or sneeze into their upper sleeve or elbow.

Students will comply with a seating plan, with students being allocated their own seat, in each room.

Supplementary cleaning of taps, door handles and communally used surfaces will be carried out during school days.

Teachers will be responsible for ensuring door handles and hard surfaces are wiped over at the commencement and the end of each session.

Each classroom will be supplied with disposable cleaning wipes.

Play equipment is included in the cleaning schedule

If any confirmed cases of Covid19 are identified amongst the student or staff cohorts at the school, that or those persons will be isolated immediately, the relevant authorities notified ASAP, and the school will be locked-down at the end of that school day for deep cleaning. It will not re-open until declared "safe" by a person qualified to so declare.

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## Health checks

- Staff are especially reminded that if they are feeling unwell with flu-like symptoms – even mild symptoms - they should seek a health check if they are at school when they begin to feel unwell. If at home they should not attend school if feeling unwell.
- If your child is ill or is feeling unwell, they must not attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice.
- Students who feel ill at school will be immediately sent home or isolated for the remainder of the day.
- If the school calls you to advise your child is ill / unwell, then parents/carers are asked to make arrangements for their child to be collected from school.
- Parents/carers of students with complex medical needs (including those with compromised immune systems), should seek advice from the student's medical practitioner to support decision-making about whether on-site education is suitable, noting that this advice may change depending on the status of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in Victoria. This is in line with the DET Health Care Needs policy.

## Operations & return details

- Lessons will continue to be shared on Compass.
- Mobile Phones policy remains in place. Students should clean their phone regularly.
- Full school uniform expectations remain in place.

## Social Distancing

- All staff will be responsible for their own social distancing and out-of- classroom social distancing, wherever students congregate.
- Within classrooms it is the responsibility of the class teacher to implement social distancing in as much as the classroom environment can be managed.

## School arrival and departure

**As the main risk of introducing coronavirus (COVID-19) to the school environment is from adults, close proximity between adult members of the school community should be avoided, particularly during school drop-off and pick-up.**

- **Schools should encourage staff and parents to observe physical distancing measures by not congregating in areas inside or around the school including the carpark and outside the Primary building.**
- **Local school arrangements to practice physical distancing and minimise interaction of students and adults within the school and at school entry points may include:**
  - signs at the school gate to encourage spacing between adults
  - encouraging parents to enter the school grounds only when essential to do so and contacting the school by phone or email as required.
- **Encourage non-contact greetings.**
- **Schools should not conduct wide-scale temperature checking of students as there is limited evidence to demonstrate the value of such checks**

## PPE

- All staff who request masks, shields or gloves will be provided with them.
- Students who bring personal protective equipment from home will be encouraged to make use of it.

## Students:

- We will encourage and teach all students to not share drink bottles or food.
- Students are encouraged to bring their own drink bottles from school, each day, which can be refilled using the school bubble taps water fountains.
- Should be observing social-distancing of 1.5 metres *if practical*.
- Are not to engage in contact activities or activities where contact is likely.
- We will discourage the sharing of personal equipment. It is therefore important that students bring all of their stationery and equipment to school each day.
- We will discourage students from accessing their lockers except for the beginning and end of the school day, as well as the beginning and end of recess and lunch.
- We will discourage students touching each other, for any reason.

## Buses:

Buses will run as normal. The following practices will be put in place:

- Siblings will be seated together where it is not possible to socially distance students
- All hard surfaces will be wiped with bleach
- Hand sanitiser will be supplied but students are encouraged to bring their own

## Chess Tournament



During last term, on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June, VCAL ran their first Mallee vs Wattle Primary and Secondary Chess Tournament. Over 40 students from both Primary and Secondary entered the tournament hoping to earn points for their beloved houses. Primaries began on Tuesday with Luke, Doug, Max, Brock, Jordyn, Kyle, Zoe, Zach, Jack, Jasper, Darcy, Cooper, Jackson, Ruby, Jayda, Caitlin, Isabel, Anders and Lachlan all competing. The grand final for Primaries was held on Wednesday with both Max and Darcy competing with Max declared the overall winner for Primary.



The Secondary tournament began on Wednesday with Alannah, Jorja, Kane, Alex, Charli, Gabby, Kale, James, Justin, Ben, Colby, Jobhi, Bailey, Jake, Lex, Shaela, Kyran, Harper and Tom signing up to take on one another. The grand final took place on Friday with Colby and Kale taking on each other for the secondary championship with Kale taking out the grand prize.

Both Mallee and Wattle were a draw at the end of the Primary Tournament. The Secondary Tournament produced the overall winner in Wattle with a total score 445 to Mallee 365. Big congratulations to Wattle on winning the first ever VCAL Chess Tournament. The trophy and awards will be awarded at the start of term 3. Thank you to everyone who participated and made it a huge success.



From VCAL PDS



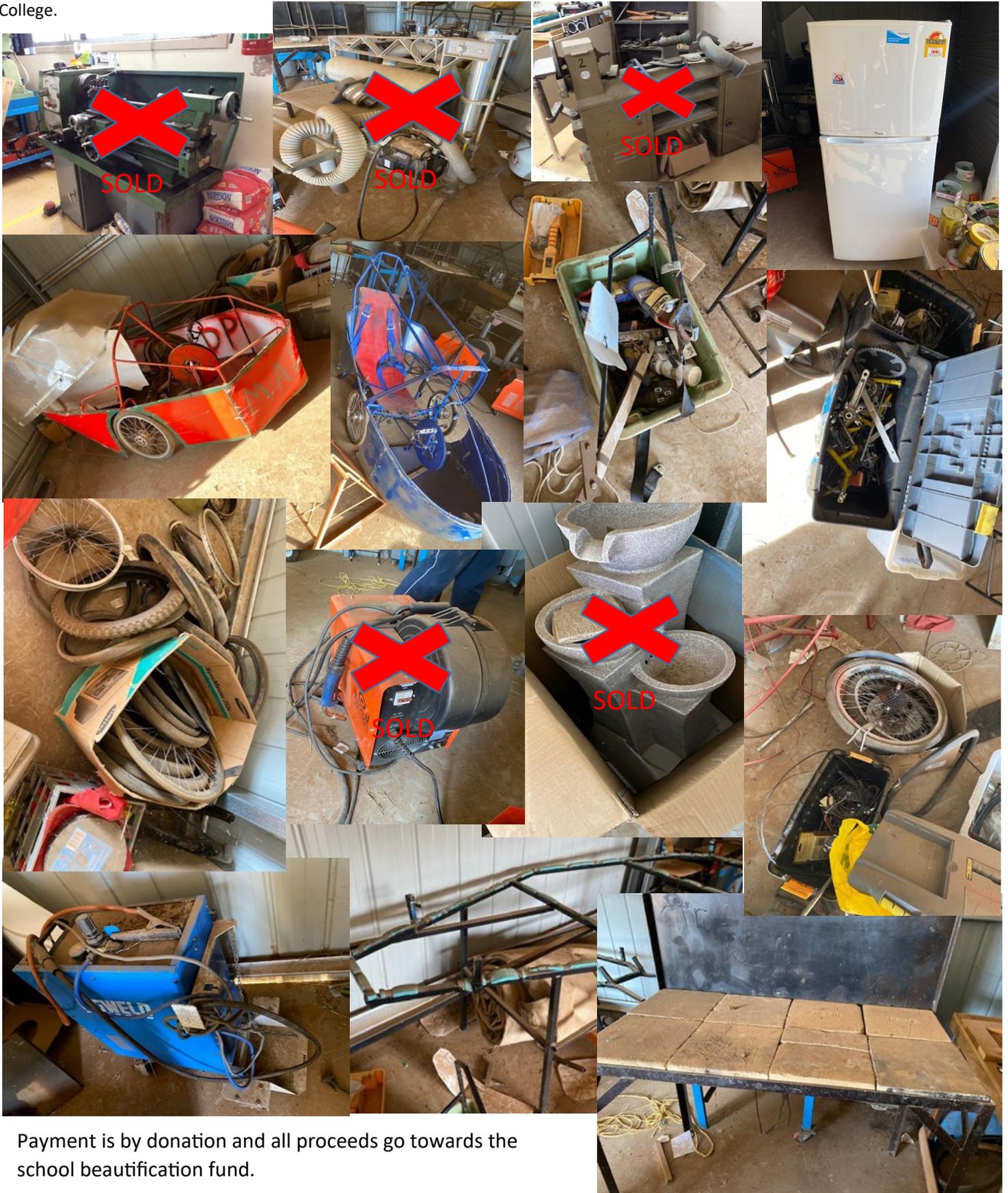
VCAL WRS are inviting you to join our fortnightly Podcast called "MP12 Radio" that is available to download from our schools Facebook page. MP12 Radio is Manangatang P-12 College's first podcast ever and is a summary of what has been happening around the school and the community. Podcast's will premiere ever two weeks in-between Linkups so you do not miss out on important information during that week. Thank you to all who listened to our first podcast and for making it a huge success and we look forward to many wonderful podcasts to come.

Upcoming MP12 Podcast dates:

- 23<sup>rd</sup> of July
- 6<sup>th</sup> of August
- 20<sup>th</sup> of August
- 3<sup>rd</sup> of September
- 17<sup>th</sup> of September

# Shed sale

We have had an overwhelming response to the clearing sale and many items have sold. Items can be viewed by arrangement with the College.



Payment is by donation and all proceeds go towards the school beautification fund.

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## Junior Neighbourhood Watch Program – Bikes

Senior Constable Krystle Williams from Robinvale Police Station has been working with the years 5/6 students over the past 12-18 months as part of the Junior Neighbourhood Watch program. This program aims to teach students in towns and on farms how to stay safe and also offers a range of fun and interesting activities, while developing relationships between students and the police community. As part of the program two students were nominated for their efforts. Congratulations to Rhys McClure and Cooper Plant who received bikes on Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of June at Robinvale Police Station.

KDP



## School Sport

As yet there is still no formal announcement from SSV regarding the return to interschool sport in term 3. The College is anticipating that the Wattle V Mallee Athletics sports will proceed as normal in August.

The Tooleybuc Sports for Primary Students is now unconfirmed due to border restrictions with NSW. This was to be held in the last week of August. Details will be passed on as soon as a decision is made.

It is hoped the College can still hold a house cross country event this term. Please note that there is no division, regional or state level of cross country this year.



## Athletics Training

Athletics training will be held on Wednesday afternoons. Starting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, from 3.15pm on the school oval. Sessions will conclude approximately 4.15-4.30. There may be an opportunity to run a second session another night if there is enough interest. This will be confirmed next week.

## HEAD LICE

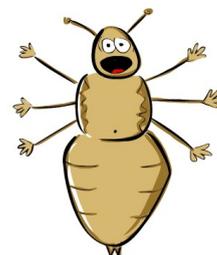
Parents, please regularly check your child's hair. We don't have any active at the moment but we just want to ask parent's to keep checking.

### **Parent or carer detection and treatment responsibilities**

Parents and carers have the primary responsibility for the detection and treatment of head lice.

Responsibilities include:

- not sending their children to school with untreated head lice
  - using safe treatment practices which do not place their child's health at risk
  - regularly checking for lice or eggs in the hair of their child and other household members
- notifying the school if their child is affected and when treatment commenced



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## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our Whole School photo has now been placed online.

Parents can view and purchase the photo on our website [ios.academyphoto.com.au](http://ios.academyphoto.com.au) using the following secure shoot key.



**Academy**  
School Photography  
& Production

### Whole School - PVZRT6TA

We are continuing to reduce our carbon footprint by finding ways to be greener. We will not be supplying copies for display.

Alternatively, parents can view the photos in your school album and then contact our office on 1800 816 224 and place an order over the phone

All orders will be posted directly to the customer's home address

If you require further assistance, please contact me on the number below

Kind regards

**Elise Walters**

School Services Coordinator

T 1800 816 224

Hot drink day will be on Mondays and Thursdays every week for this term

\$2 please bring your own cups or mugs



## Cozy Up!

On these cold Mallee days



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## QUESTIONS TO ASK KIDS AFTER SCHOOL INSTEAD OF "HOW WAS YOUR DAY?"

- What made you laugh today?
- Can you tell me something you learnt?
- What was the best part of today?
- Who did you sit with at lunch?
- Was anyone in your class away?
- What made your teacher smile?
- What was the worst part of today?
- If you were the teacher, what would you have taught the class today?
- What made you feel proud today?
- What are you looking forward to tomorrow?



ParentTV



## MANANGATANG P-12 COLLEGE PARENTS AND FRIENDS

# AGM

## Annual General Meeting

Everyone is welcome.  
Stay informed and get involved.

Thursday the 30th July 9:30am  
at Manangatang P-12 College  
Contact Lisa 0412222379



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# Protect yourself and your family

Wash your hands regularly



**1**

Wet your hands.



**2**

Put soap on your hands.



**3**

Rub the soap over all parts of your hands for at least 20 seconds.



**4**

Rinse your hands under running water.



**5**

Dry your hands thoroughly with disposable paper towel or hand dryer.

Stay germ free and healthy

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## Do you have any batteries that you don't want?

If so, come down to the College and drop them off behind the Music room.

We accept any motor vehicle batteries. These batteries will then be taken for money to Swan Hill where they will be recycled.

The money will then be used for College camps and improvements to the school.

Follow signs in College to reach battery drop off.

Please place batteries on wooden pallet so it is easier to remove.



### WANTED!!!

VCAL are seeking donation of the following items to help complete a number of projects.

Chemical shuttles or just shuttle frames.

Pallets – in very good condition

Mini orb

Timber pieces – suitable for tabletops

If you or anyone that you know has any of these materials, please contact the College immediately.

Items can be dropped off at the back of the tech room please organise with College first.

Thank-you to the Walters family who collected pallets from Swan Hill and dropped them off at School.

### 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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acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres  
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peoples and traditional custodians of  
the lands where we live, learn and  
work.***

