

**Please Note:**

The Office Foyer has a maximum occupancy of 1 person at a time during COVID-19 restrictions.

This applies to Staff, Students and Parents.



# Linkup

## Manangatang P-12 College Newsletter

Respect

Relationships

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Responsibility

Hello everyone the term is coming to an end and hopefully so is remote learning.

### Return to onsite learning

At this stage, the official stance is that all students will be back to on site learning by the end of week 2 in Term 4. I cannot provide further information on how Manangatang P12 will proceed until I have received further guidance from DET. I will be lobbying for a best fit for our school community. It is likely that as long as there are no cases in neighbouring towns (Mildura, Swan Hill, Robinvale) before the beginning of term 4 that I will be able to make a case for a whole school return at the beginning of the term. I have discussed this with staff who have agreed to support this decision. I will let you know next week about how we will proceed.

### Staffing

Last week we farewelled Brad Parsons who completed an 8 week placement. Brad worked alongside Brenda Meinhold who acted as his supervisor. We wish Brad all the best for his future, he definitely showed a lot of promise.

This term we will be farewelling Terry Gallagher, our technician. Terry has been an amazing support for our staff during and out of school hours and will be greatly missed. Terry will be available to us until a new technician is found.

There are 3 teaching positions being advertised at the moment; a generalist primary teacher, an English/HPE teacher position and a Technology/Science position. Please let people who would be suitable for any of these roles know and encourage them to apply.

### Reports timeline

Completed progress reports will be published on Compass next Thursday. Let the ladies at the front office know if you would like a hard copy or an emailed copy

### Thank you

Thank you for your on-going support this term. Times are tough and tougher still because we have the Covid cloud hanging over us with no signs of it disappearing quickly. Whether we like it or not we are all going to continue to be influenced in one way or another. For me, leading the college has been made easier because of the cooperation of our parents, staff and students. Let's hope that we can get to a place where we all feel safe, our loved ones are safe and where we can see each other how we want as often as we want. Let's remember to take the time to be grateful for what we do have.

Wishing you all a safe and happy weekend

Nat Mouvet

## KEY DATES

### SEPTEMBER

- 16 COLLEGE COUNCIL
- 18 FOOTY COLOURS DAY
- END OF TERM 3

### OCTOBER

- 4 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS



### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 11 LACHLAN JONES
- 14 LEX WILSON
- 20 WILL GRANT
- 30 RYLEE TAYLOR
- 31 MRS BILLY KYDD

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 COOPER PLANT
- 3 JAKE BAKER

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[www.manang.vic.edu.au](http://www.manang.vic.edu.au)



# College News

## Remote Learning with Year 7 and 8 English



Some screen snaps of the “newbies” to Yr 7 & 8 during Remote Learning in English on Thursday’s last lesson.



### Brad’s Last Day –

As a culmination for Brad Parsons’ last placement day at Manangatang P-12 College, Years 7 and 8 celebrated with some Trivia challenges. A surprise ‘dress-up’ moment was planned by the students for the very last session on Zoom and their costumes did not disappoint.

After five rounds of Trivia, the final team scores were:

Spice Girls Go Rogue : 47 points

Mallee Bogans : 42 points

Rigmarole : 30 points

Winners: 27 points

Cheeky Breeky Banana Splits: 26 points



A big SHOUT OUT to the students of English who completed three fantastic Radio Show performances for their Gothic Literature Unit. They wrote their scripts and produced the show on Zoom! Well done!

### GUEST SPEAKERS

For the next few weeks senior secondary students will be hearing from a range of guest speakers about subject choices, career pathways and personal workforce journeys. With the Covid situation students have been unable to participate in an industry camp or local industry excursions or complete work experience. The aim of the guest speakers is to try and provide some valuable insight into a range of career paths. Each week the speaker is a surprise, but all have a connection to Manangatang in some way.

Abbie Walters, Lauren Grant and Kelissa O’Shannassy spoke to the Year 9-12 students on Monday in a Zoom lesson. Abbie spoke about her journey from leaving school and entering the Police Force and the different streams within the force. Lauren spoke about her pathway into University to study Pharmacy and having the opportunities of working in Tasmania, Melbourne and Swan Hill. Kelissa who recently completed Year 12, spoke to the students about subject selection, researching job opportunities in specific fields before selecting a university degree and the importance of leadership, volunteering and community service. Unfortunately Kelissa was unable to take up her spot at Camp America this year but hopes to head off to University in 2021.

We thank Lauren, Abbie and Kelissa for giving up their time to provide such a valuable insight into these careers.

Guest speaker sessions are at 12.30 pm each Monday. Parents are most welcome to also listen in. It may also assist students with making pathway selection choices.

Natalie Plant—Senior Student Co-ordinator

# College News

Dear parents and carers,

There are two helpful new resources to help you support your children during remote and flexible learning.

## Raising Learners podcast

The Department of Education and Training has funded a 10-episode podcast series through the Raising Children Network called 'Raising Learners'. It features parenting experts from organisations including the Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Career Education Association Victoria, as well as the Australian eSafety Commissioner, Julie Inman-Grant.

Raising Learners provides parents with practical advice, tips and ideas for supporting children's health, wellbeing and engagement at school and at home. Topics include how to connect with your child's school and community, how to best support your child's learning, what to expect for VCE and VCAL students and how to keep your child safe online.

These topics were drawn from common questions that parents raised with the Department's coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline and Parent line.

The first three episodes will be available on 1 September, and the rest throughout terms 3 and 4. Raising Learners can be accessed via podcast apps and [Raising Children Network website](#).

## Managing the Coronacoaster webinar

Renowned child psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is back by popular demand to repeat his Coronacoaster webinar.

On 15 September, Dr Michael Carr-Gregg will again present Managing the Coronacoaster – Tips for building resilient families in the coronavirus era. His first webinar in August booked out in three days, with more than 12,000 registrations.

In this webinar, Dr Carr-Gregg provides tools and strategies for parents and carers to help manage the lockdown period and remote learning. Topics include:

- your supportive role
- setting the emotional tone
- focusing on what you can control
- how to deal with disappointment
- more resources and where to get help.

## Webinar details

**When:** 7.30pm, Tuesday 15 September

**Duration:** 45-minute presentation, followed by a 15-minute question-and-answer session

**Format:** online via live stream

**Cost:** free

[Register for the "Managing the Coronacoaster" webinar via Eventbrite](#)

**If you have recently changed your address, phone number, or email address, please contact the school and make sure your details are accurate.** This is important at this time to enable us to communicate with you effectively during remote learning



# College News

## THANK YOU

A big thank you to Parents and Friends for our new washing machine in the Home Economics room. This new modern marvel is replacing a temperamental dinosaur of a machine, that still washes. Thank you also to Doug Grant for removing the old and installing the new.

The old machine is currently for sale.

Details are: Hoover Automatic 820 Heavy Duty—sale price \$50



## HEAD LICE

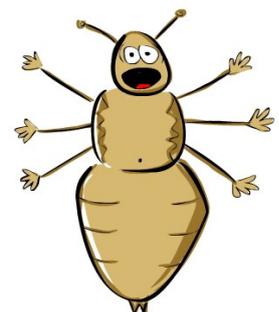
Parents, please regularly check your child's hair. We don't have any active at the moment but we just want to ask parent's to keep checking.

### 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



# College News

Dear parents and carers,

Parents and carers play a vital role in helping children feel safe through uncertain times.

Some resources to check out....

For some tips on managing change, Reachout.com provide some great advice at: <https://au.reachout.com/articles/7-tips-for-dealing-with-change>

Check out this great book to talk to kids about Covid19: When the World Went Inside by Charlie Golding – Author, Read by DAMO MUSIC for KIDSLink: <https://youtu.be/Fc2vJUTXiM>

Smiling Mind have released a pack to help families during this time. There's lots of mindfulness activities, tips for helping with anxiety, helping children to be positive etc. The link to the free pack is: <https://www.smilingmind.com.au/kids-care-packs>

For tips on getting a good night's sleep during the Covid 19 Pandemic, check out the Sleep Health Foundation: <https://www.sleephealthfoundation.org.au/getting-good-sleep-during-the-covid-19-pandemic.html>



## Need to talk?

-  **1800respect:** Support services for people impacted by sexual assault, domestic or family violence and abuse.
-  **Beyondblue 1300 22 4636:** Support for anxiety and depression, available 24/7.
-  **Lifeline 13 11 14:** Provides 24-hour crisis counselling, support groups and suicide prevention services.
-  **Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800:** 24/7 counselling for children and young people aged 5-25.
-  **Blue Knot Foundation 1300 657 380:** Provides support for victims of childhood trauma and abuse.



## Short film competition

*3-5 minutes*

*Stop motion is allowed but no CGI*

*It needs to tell a story based on the theme of isolation*

*You can have up to five people involved in it*



The film is to be submitted on USB. Submissions to be received by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> of September.

Clips will be downloaded to Compass, where you can vote for your favourite one.

There will be Primary and Secondary prize categories.

### Manangatang Podcast

VCAL WRS are inviting to you 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: 17<sup>th</sup> of September



# College News

## R U OK? Day is Thursday 10 September 2020.

It's our national day of action when we remind Australians that every day is the day to ask, "Are you OK?" if someone in your world is struggling with life's ups and downs.



The message for R U OK? Day 2020 is:



2020 has been a challenging year for everyone and circumstances have made it even more important for us all to stay connected and, for those who are able, be willing to support those around us. In the lead-up to R U OK? Day we'll help Australians know what to say when someone says they're not OK and guide them through how they can continue a conversation that could change a life.

You don't have to be an expert to keep the conversation going when someone says they're not OK. By knowing what to say you can help someone feel supported and access appropriate help long before they're in crisis, which can make a really positive difference to their life.

Learn what to say after R U OK? and download our FREE resources for tips and ideas to help you share the message in your community.

<https://www.ruok.org.au/>



## 2021 Pre School Enrolments

Mallee Track families are invited to register their child's details for Kindergarten programs in 2021.

If you are thinking about sending your child to:

Ouyen Pre School – funded 4yo

Sea Lake Pre School - funded 4yo and 3yo

Manangatang Pre School – funded 4yo and unfunded 3yo

Underbool Early Learning Centre (Pre school program) – funded 4yo

Murrayville Early Learning Centre (Pre school program) – funded 4yo

Registering you child now will allow us to plan for program needs in 2021.

Families can enrol at any time during the year for Kindergarten and Child Care.

Mallee Track has a priority of access policy to support service decisions when services are over subscribed.

FOR ALL ENROLMENTS please contact

MTHCS Early Years Office on 0350 910 292



**Ouyen  
Preschool**

**Manangatang Pre-School**



# College News

## 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 be sold and taken 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  
Strait Islander peoples as the first  
peoples and traditional custodians of  
the lands where we live, learn and  
work.***

