



Linkup

Manangatang P-12 College Newsletter

Respect

Relationships

Resilience

Responsibility

Welcome back to on-site learning and thank you again very much for your patience and cooperation whilst students were remote learning. On behalf of staff, I can tell you we are very excited about having the students back learning at school.

Some reminders and information about returning to school:

- Please return all loaned devices with power packs and headsets to the library. Our technician will reset all devices on their return.
- If this hasn't been done already, please return Student Achievement folders to home group teachers.
- Full uniform is to be worn and mobile phones must be stored in the phone locker outside the staff office.
- Students will have access to soap and sanitiser but it would be a good idea to bring additional sanitiser to keep in school bags for travelling to and from school.

The Term 4 Guidelines are included with this edition of Linkup so please take time to read through it and let the front office staff know if you have any queries.

Parent Survey

Once again parent opinion is being sought to support decision making in the College. Information is on page 2.

There is an information pack included with this weeks Linkup which contains:

Draft Uniform Policy: Parents and carers are encouraged to read and provide feedback to Lisa McNicol, Melanie Jones, Lee-Ann Thompson or myself before Thursday October 15. It would be good to know what parents like about the uniform as well as what they don't. The policy will be taken to College Council this month for ratification.

Student Enrolment Information Form: please review the information on this form and make changes where necessary and return forms to the front office.

Student Collection Policy: Also included is the Student Collection policy. This policy will ensure that the school knows who has permission to collect children when a parent cannot. By completing this form parents will only need to ring the school to inform staff that someone on that list will be picking up their child or children rather than writing a note each time. It is important to formalise this process because there has to be a clear handover of Duty of Care from the school to parents. Please complete and return forms to the front office.

Wishing you all a very safe and happy weekend

Nat Mouvet

KEY DATES

OCTOBER

- 12 ROAD SAFETY SESSION YR 10-12
- 20 FIRST AID COURSE YR 9-12
- 21 COLLEGE COUNCIL
- 22 BOOK PARADE
- 22 IMMUNISATIONS YR 9-10
- 23 AFL PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- 26 BOOK FAIR
- 29 PRIMARY ASSEMBLY
- 30 LAST DAY FOR YR 12



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 14 MS NAT MOUVET
- 15 LILLY ROLLINSON



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www.manang.vic.edu.au

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Parent Survey

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst all parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 12th October** to **Friday 13th November**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

To complete the survey please go to

<https://www.orima.com.au/parent>

School Name: Manangatang P-12 College

School PIN: 965033:

Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.

Congratulations to Maddi Plant

Well done Maddi Plant who has been awarded a Gold Certificate in Mathematics, this is a fantastic achievement because it signifies 20 weeks of sustained effort (4 x silver certificates). Great stuff Maddi.



Manangatang P-12 Ag Program

Roosters:

The school currently has four roosters available. Payment by donation to the school Ag program.

Please contact Nat Plant at the College for details.

Thank You

Thank you to Nicole Carroll and family who cared for the chickens and ducks and watered the vegetable garden over the remote learning and holiday period. Your help was very much appreciated.



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COVID-19 Resumption of face to face schooling, guidelines for Manangatang P-12 College Term 4

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, students and visitors to schools should undertake regular hand hygiene, particularly on arrival to school, before and after eating, after blowing their nose, coughing, sneezing or using the toilet. Staff should direct or supervise young students or where required.
- 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 should bring their own water bottle for use at school, as students should not drink directly from drinking fountains at this time. Taps may be used to refill water bottles.
- Sharing of food should not occur.
- Use non-contact greetings (not shaking hands, hugging or kissing).
- Students will line up outside classrooms and will only be allowed into classrooms after hands are washed or sanitised.
- Students should practise physical distancing where possible. Maintaining a physical distance of 1.5 meters will not always be practical in the school environment and may be particularly challenging in the younger years of primary school. In these contexts, a combination of health and safety measures should be utilised to reduce risk.
- 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

Health checks

- The most important action school communities can take to reduce the risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19), is to ensure that any unwell staff and students remain at home, even with the mildest of symptoms. 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.

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.

Face masks in schools

- All school-based staff must wear face masks at school, and when travelling to and from school. Schools must ensure that staff wear face masks when required.
- A face mask that covers the nose and mouth is now the only permitted type of face covering. Face shields, scarves or bandanas do not meet these requirements.
- Teachers and education support staff are not required to wear face masks while teaching, but those who wish to do so, can. Teachers must wear face masks in other areas of the school when not teaching (for example, in the staffroom, on yard duty and when providing first aid or taking temperatures), and when travelling to and from school.

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- Health, wellbeing and inclusion staff are required to wear face masks, unless an exemption applies, including the need for 'clear enunciation or visibility of their mouth' (for example, when undertaking a speech therapy intervention or working with individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing).

Students

- Secondary school students aged 12 years and over must wear a face mask while at school and while travelling to and from school.
- [Students who attend primary school for on-site supervision, including students in Prep to Year 6 who attend a P-12 school, are not required to wear a face mask. Students who are aged 12 or over by Year 6 who are attending primary school are not required to wear face masks at school.](#)
- Some students and staff are exempt from these requirements. This includes students who are over the age of 12 and are unable to wear a face mask due to the nature of their disability. This also includes students or staff who have a medical condition, such as problems with their breathing, a serious skin condition on the face, a disability or a mental health condition.

Breaks

- Face mask breaks are allowed for staff and students during the day, but they should be kept brief, when seated outdoors having lunch and physically distanced, and ideally used in conjunction with staggered lunch breaks to limit mixing between class groups.

Parents and carers

- Parents and carers are required to wear face masks whenever they leave the house, including for school drop-off and pick-up. If they are travelling in a car alone, or only with members of their household, they do not need to wear a face mask.

Remote learning and transition back

- When students begin to return to school there will be a period when some struggle to settle back at school. Some will be over excited to see their friends and others will be distant. The social and emotional health of students will be given a high priority and I ask that you be alert to identify students who may need support.

Restrictions

- We will expect that parents do not enter any buildings unless invited. Signs will be affixed to doors stating that due to the Coronavirus, access will be restricted until the pandemic is declared "under control".
- No trade or other visiting personnel are permitted on site unless an urgent need exists.

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

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FOOTY COLOURS DAY

The last day of Term 3 was Footy Colours Day. All students were invited to dress in their favourite team colours. Some of the Year 6 class participated and a screen shot of their zoom class is below.



THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING!



Save the Date!

FRIDAY 23rd OCT

LIBRARY NEWS

Our **Book Fair** is confirmed for;
Monday 26th October to Wednesday 4th November, 2020.

Please note change of starting date:

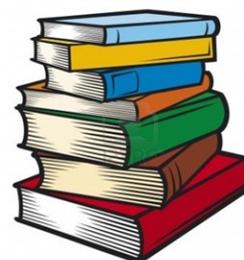
“Arctic Adventure” is the theme for 2020.

Book Week

October 17th – 23rd.

“Curious creatures, Wild minds” Theme – 2020

Storytime – Lunchtime in the Library.



Fun Sports Day

On Friday the 16th of October SRC and the Advance Class will be running a Footy Colours and Pie Day to coincide with a Scavenger Hunt and Fun Sports events. Mallee and Wattle will battle in novelty team events during period 4 and 5.

Students will need to have appropriate clothing and footwear. It will be great to see all students participating in the fun.

Pie orders went home with students on Wednesday.

COVID regulations will be adhered to and due to COVID restrictions parents will not be able to attend.



HEAD LICE

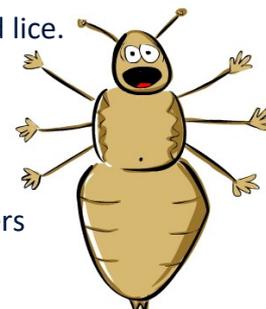
Parents, please regularly check your child's hair. We don't have any active at the moment but we just want to ask parent's to keep checking.

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



WELLBEING UPDATE

Welcome back everyone, it was so wonderful to see all the wonderful faces at school on Monday, Students and Teachers. BREAKFAST CLUB which has sadly been postponed due to COVID is now back on track and will commence on Friday, this Friday 9th October and is open to all students offering a variety of healthy choice foods, no fresh fruit yet, however it is ordered and will be available once it arrives. This will commence from 8:30am.

IT'S OKAY

-to make mistakes.

-to have bad days.

-to be less than perfect.

(What even is perfect anyway?)

-to do what's best for you.

-to be yourself.

Kennedys Boutique

Please see the link below from Health promotions Black Dog Mental Health

Hello to all

The Black Dog Institute hosts a series of mental health online webinars for community which may be of value sharing with your teams and recommending to clients.

They are free and short sessions presented by people with lived experience.

<https://www.blackdoginstitute.org.au/education-services/webinars/upcoming-community-webinars/>

Regards

Sallie Amy

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Community News



MANANGATANG SWIMMING POOL

2020 POOL AGM

The AGM will be held on Thursday, October 15th @ 4.45pm at the Swimming Pool. Social distancing regulations will be adhered to.

Apologies to Nat Plant, President

As you may have seen the Government has permitted outdoor pools to open. However we are yet to receive a specific outline of how the pool will operated under COVID guidelines.

Some major works are happening at the moment. We hope it is all completed before season opening as it's going to be amazing.

Wanted: Experienced Gardener

Expressions of interest are sought for an experienced gardener to maintain the college grounds.

5 hours per week

Must have:

- Public Liability Insurance
- Current Working with Children Check
- Current Police Check
- Driver's licence



For further information please contact the college on 03 5035 1270



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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 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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***Manangatang P-12 College
acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander peoples as the first
peoples and traditional custodians of
the lands where we live, learn and
work.***



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STUDENT COLLECTION FORM

School Name

Student Name:

Grade/Year Level:

Reason for Collection:

I am a parent / authorised adult to take this child from the school

Name: Signature:

Date:

Time:

Office Use:

Photo Identification Sighted: YES / NO

Student Collection Confirmed with Parent: YES / NO

This form should be retained in line with the General Retention and Disposal Authority for School Records – Section 3.4.2 Parents Approval for Student Attendance.

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