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College payments can be paid directly into the College bank account

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Manangatang P-12 College Newsletter

Respect

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KEY DATES

FEBRUARY

- 10 NO PREPS
- 11 SWIM SPORTS
- 17 NO PREPS
- 22 PRIMARY DIV SWIM
- 24 NO PREPS

MARCH

- 2 SECONDARY DIV SWIM
- 5 SUMMER SPORTS
- 11 SCHOOL PHOTOS
- 18 REGIONAL SWIMMING
- 26 PRIMARY DIV TENNIS



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 6 CHELSEA CHAPMAN
- 10 KIM CRITCHLEY
- 14 LEONIE CARROLL
- 27 ZACH LEHNER
- 28 JAICE SMYTHE
- 31 NICHOLAS VINE

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 KYRAN HAIGH
- 4 ALANNAH TAYLOR
- 5 RUBY ZANKER
- 12 GABRIELLE ZANKER
- 17 MR T
- 18 ZOE JOHNSON
- 24 DONNA MACKENZIE

Welcome to 2021! Two weeks in and many of us feel like the holidays were a lot longer ago.

Firstly, I'd like to welcome returning and new staff and students to the Manangatang P12 community. It is with great pleasure that we welcome back Sarah Plant who will be leading the Sports, Health and Physical Education teaching and learning program as well as developing the capacity of our student leaders as the SRC Coordinator.

This year we welcome six new staff members. Welcome to Nick Vine who will be delivering Sport, Health and Physical Education as well as 7/8 English. Shelley Kay joins us as the Teaching and Learning Pedagogical Leader and 9/10 English and Legal studies teacher. Amanda Shalders joins us as the F/1 Teacher and Literacy Leader, assisting Amanda with the F/1 class is Nicole Carroll, to teach 6 Maths and 9/10 Maths and Science we welcome Melinda Siphthorpe. 9-11 Technology subjects will be taught by Filimone Afa. We have all the staff necessary to hit the ground running so that our students have the best opportunities possible to be happy learners.

We also welcome six Foundation students to the college; Hurley Anderson, Carter Arentz, Zoe Mcnicol, Seth Michau, Daniel Zanker and Savannah Blake. At this stage we have an enrolment of 70 students.

Covid Practices

Our College will continue to maintain safe Covid hygiene practices. Staff and students have been asked to wash and sanitise their hands regularly, students are seated as close to 1.5 metres apart as is practicable, our cleaner is working overtime to clean each room thoroughly each night. Students aged 12 or older must wear a face mask indoors when at school. Staff must wear face masks in indoor areas of the school.

Visitors to school sites must also wear masks when indoors.

Students are reminded to bring a water bottle that they can fill from the bubble taps.

Meet n Greet/ Induction Ceremony Save the Date Feb 15

Our Meet n Greet breakfast will be held on February 15 from 8am. This year as well as introducing our new staff it is planned to also incorporate the Student Induction Ceremony and to also provide resources about the programs being implemented at the College this year. We anticipate that the morning including breakfast will conclude at 10am at the latest.

Student Representative Council

Our student Representative Council has been finalised with the election of our house captains. Congratulations to Harper Mcnicol, Sienna Togatuki, Holly Plant, Jorja Plant, Maddie Plant, Anders Plant, Caitlin Johnson, Douglas Jones and Zoe Johnson who were voted in as out College Captains. Our House captains are Harper Mcnicol, Jobhi Plant and Luke Thompson for Wattle and Tom Cassidy, Ben Zanker and Douglas Jones for Mallee. Sarah Plant will be supporting these students to develop the leadership skills they need to make Manangatang P12 College a more engaging school for students.

Student expectations

The staff and I ask for your support to implement the following expectations by being aware of the expectations and discussing them with your children.

- No mobile phone use during school hours, phones will be stored in the lockers outside the staffroom.

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- Every student uses their school diary daily. Please sign these weekly.
- All students should be in full school uniform including black shoes.
- All students must wear a hat when outdoors this includes when exiting the bus.

Parents are reminded that teachers will be on yard duty from 8.30am, students should not arrive before this time.

Manangatang Stars Australia Day Awards Celebration

Come along and celebrate our College award winners Kale Taylor (Year 12, 2020) who will receive the Senior Award and Cooper Plant (Year 6, 2020) who will receive the Junior Award. We are very proud of Kale and Cooper for their achievements and service to the Manangatang community. Please come along and enjoy a lovely evening at the pool on Friday 5th February to show your support.

Student Netbooks

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

Attendance

Year levels F, 2, 5, 8 and 10 achieved 100% attendance in the last week.

Happy and safe weekend

Nat Mouvret

FOUNDATION CLASS OF 2021

Manangatang P-12 College is pleased to introduce our new Foundation students for 2021. All students have been working hard to settle into the routine of school and have been making lots of new friends already.

From left to right Carter, Zoe, Savannah, Seth, Hurley and Daniel.



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Secondary Science News

Science is about understanding the natural world around us. Year 7 and 8 students started the term sharing their ideas about Science and investigated bubbles. Firstly they brainstormed what they already knew about where bubbles are made, how they are made, what they are made from and what size and shape to expect. Then, as bubbles were blown, statements of their observations and things noticed were recorded.



COOL CUPBOARD

Thanks to the SRC the College now has a new Cool Cupboard. This will help keep students lunches cool and healthy for recess and lunch.

The cool cupboard is located opposite the library entrance.

Could parents please ensure all lunch boxes have their child's name on it and that the lunchbox goes home at the end of each day.



PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW STAFF



Amanda Shalders



Shelley Kay, Melinda Siphthorpe, Nicole Carroll, Nicholas Vine



Filimone Afa

Hi - I'm Shelley (Cross from Ouyen originally) After many years of teaching all over I'm thrilled to be back in the Mallee and in a P-12 school. I have 3 grown-up children: a teacher, a mechanic and a soldier, as well as 2 gorgeous grand daughters. My favourite thing to do is to camp on the river, usually with one or more of my brothers and their families. I'm excited to move from a swag to a camping trailer which I bought myself for Christmas! You will be able to recognise me around town as I will have a big golden retriever with me named Jerry.

Hello everyone, and how lovely to be meeting you all. My name is Melinda Siphthorpe. I am fascinated by new scientific discoveries and can be found scouring the internet for Science articles to read. I also like listening to TED talks and exploring our beautiful country. In Summer, I can be found swimming and in Winter, reading by the fire or watching Netflix.

Mr Vine is sports lover who rivals the great Phil Matthews as a Cricket brain. He is an Ouyen farm boy who is fresh from completing his Bachelor of Education from LaTrobe University in Bendigo. Staff are still struggling to distinguish him from the F-1 class, due to his similar height.

Amanda has recently relocated from Ballarat where she has been teaching for several years. She is our new Foundation / Grade 1 teacher and a member of our schools Leadership team. Amanda has really enjoyed the warmth and community spirit in Manangatang and is looking forward to seeing how the year progresses.

Nicole—I was born in Manangatang Hospital, I went to the Catholic school until it closed, then I went to the Manangatang High School. After studying at TAFE I moved to Melbourne. My last job was in the aviation industry. For the last 16 years I worked for a ground handling company called Menzies. During COVID the aviation industry slowed down. I have always wanted to work with children and the exciting opportunity has come along to work as an aide in the Foundation/1 class. I have resumed studying to help with my role.

Manang Magic

The magic came on the very first day – students returning from their holidays keen and eager and ready to learn. What a wonderful way to start the new school year! Hopefully we will have a COVID free 2021 and achieve some great outcomes for all of our students. A really positive start - congratulations and well done.

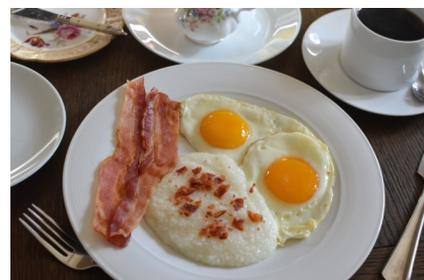


Meet and Greet Breakfast

When: February 15 at school.

Time: 8.00-10.00

This will be followed by an information session for parents



Annual Secondary School Immunisation Program

The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccinations to Year 7 and Year 10 students. These vaccines provide protection against:

Year 7 students

Diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough (pertussis) - one injection

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – two injections spaced by a minimum of 6 months

Year 10 students

Meningococcal ACWY – one injection

Parents/guardians of Year 7 and Year 10 students should look out for the vaccine consent forms coming home from school with your child. You need to read the information, complete and return the form regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

The Swan Hill Rural City Council immunisation service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide basic parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school by 28 February each year if you do not want your contact details given to the Swan Hill Rural City Council immunisation service.

To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, go to - <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/immunisation-in-secondary-schools>

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Senior Student Report

This year we are fortunate to be able to offer a wide range of subjects at VCE level. These include English, Mathematics Methods, Mathematics Further, Biology, Psychology, Health, Accounting, Industry and Enterprise, Geography, Legal Studies, Physical Education, Australian and Global Politics, Business Management, Product Design and Physics.

Our Senior students are settling into a new routine of VCE studies. The VCE program is very structured with all students across Victoria studying the same course for each subject. Students in Year 11 often find a significant increase in workload from Year 10. Many of our VCE students are also our school leaders and we look forward to watching their progress, growth and leadership throughout the year.

There are many resources available for parents and students which can make the transition to VCE smoother. Please contact Nat Plant at the College if you have any questions or concerns.



Homework Club

A supervised homework program will commence in Week 4. This is available to all students who may like some additional support with their work or who would just like a quiet place to complete homework. More information will be made available on Facebook and Compass once days and times are confirmed.

HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS

It is all happening on **Thursday 11th**, as we see Mallee and Wattle go head to head in the pool.

It is so exciting to be able to welcome parents and friends along to support this event, after so many sporting events needed to be cancelled in 2020.

The day is set to begin at **9.30am**. So please join us with your chair, hat and sunscreen and enjoy the first House Sports for 2021.

A BBQ lunch and morning tea will be able for purchase on the day.

Students are encouraged to wear their house colours on the day, and reminded to please remember hats, drinkers and sunscreen.

Wattle: Blue and Yellow

Mallee: Red and Green



Splash into Friday Rec Nights

At the Swan Hill outdoor pool from 4-5pm



Are you interested in improving your swimming skills? Join us in fun and engaging sessions aimed at youth who can swim at least 50m.

Sessions are free and run by the Nyah Two Bays Swan Hill Swimming Club and funded by Vic Health. Starting on Friday the 5th of Feb for 6 weeks.

Please register with the Nyah Two Bays Club asap

spots will fill fast. secretary@twobaysswimming.org.au or call

Nicole on 0447066445



Code Red Bus Route Closures Policy Change

Dear Parents/Carers and Bus Operators

I am writing to inform you of the recent changes to the Department of Education and Training's Code Red Day policy and procedures.

Please be advised that, in future, any school bus routes that are within, or pass-through, weather districts where the fire danger is determined to be Code Red will be cancelled.

Based on the experience of the 2019 Code Red day in Mallee and Northern Country weather districts, the Department has decided that all school bus routes will be cancelled on future Code Red determined days in impacted weather districts. The Department's reason for making this policy change is to protect and preserve the lives of students, staff and education communities by taking the most prudent approach to the risk posed by the most catastrophic bushfire conditions.

Code Red days are determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner for affected weather districts by at least 1pm the day prior. Our School will give you as much notice as possible of the potential of a Code Red determination for the Mallee district our school buses operate in and will notify you of any determination of the Commissioner on the day prior to a Code Red day.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about Code Red day school bus route closures.

What can parents/carers do?

Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school bus network is closed.

Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking our Compass and Facebook posts and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.

Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in a bushfire prone area you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.

If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.

You can access more information about school, children's services and school bus route closures on the Department's website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

Multiple sources that offer information on emergencies are listed below:

VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices

VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)

Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>

Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)

Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)

ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

Yours sincerely,

Nat Mouvet

Principal Manangatang P12 College

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POSITION VACANT— SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR

School Crossing Supervisors help Manangatang children get to school safely. Manangatang P-12 College is looking for enthusiastic people to be a friendly face to the local community. If you are friendly, reliable, and flexible and would like to get to know people in your local community, this role is for you.

You must be available 8.20am-8.50am and 2.55pm-3.25pm, Monday to Friday during the school term. Shifts are 30-minute duration, start and finish times may vary.

Training will be provided

SKILLS & EXPERIENCE REQUIRED TO PERFORM THIS ROLE

- Be medically fit;
- Be of good character and relate well to children;
- Enjoy working outdoors;
- Have good communication skills;
- Successfully complete a Police Check;
- Currently hold or be willing to obtain an employee Working with Children Card;
- Able to work in all weather



For further information please contact SHRCC 5036 2333

Drink bottles and masks

A reminder that all students should be drinking from their own water bottles. These can be refilled from the bubble taps.

Masks must be worn by students in years 7-12 in class.

Thanks everyone.



Lost Property

Just recently it seems that quite a few jumpers, hats and other personal items (lunch boxes) are being found in the yard and left behind in classrooms. It is easy to return items when they have been labelled. To help staff return items can you please ensure that all personal items have a name on them.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit
www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



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WELLBEING UPDATE

Welcome 2021, I am so excited to be back and seeing all the students, staff and parents. It is a wonderful vibe that's for sure. Hope everyone has had a somewhat of a break and recharged batteries ready for this wonderful term 1. Whilst I know it is exciting for some I also want to note it is challenging for others, first day brings anxieties, stresses, children not complying with parent's requests and the agony of getting kids up and organised for the day. Yes I was one of the latter parents, my youngest hated school and we would have a battle every morning, I would feel stressed and overwhelmed every morning. There is no easy solution to this however, support is the best key, it is what got me through to be honest. Helpful friends picking up as well as I used the wellbeing team at the school also as I did require extra assistance at times. We are here for you if you need, an ear or something more if needed.

Attendance is important to help our kids not fall behind, to build relationships with peers, to feel connected and to create solid routines that as we know as adults we require. Kids are not at all seeing this, and wont to be honest so we need to be inventive to help create this wonderful attendance attitude for our kids, happy to have suggestions on this (Assembly recognition?)

This year we will continue on with the **ZONES OF REGULATION** we commenced at the end of last year, please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss this further, it is a wonderful way of helping children to self-regulate. We will also continue with **MINDFULNESS** which will now continue into the secondary school and the F class as well. Refreshers are been completed in other primary areas and may I say how impressed I am with the willingness and participation of all primary children who have demonstrated incredible skills in this area.

BREAKFAST CLUB is still waiting on the order to arrive, estimated 18th February however we will start again Mondays with toast with either vegemite or honey for any who wish to have this. Breakfast club will run on a Monday morning and a Friday morning 8:15 on and I am putting it out there if there is one or two parents who would like to assist with this program I would love your support.

My days of work are Monday, Wednesday and Friday's and hoping to touch base with as many of you as possible



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Buy a book from

SCHOLASTIC

Book Club

to help build
our classroom
resources

orders are due:

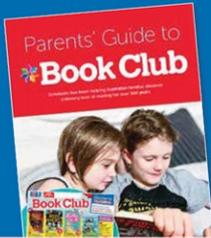
Friday 19th February 2021

Issue 1 OUT NOW!



Learn more about
Book Club

scholastic.com.au/parentguide



SCHOLASTIC

Student Netbooks

Netbooks are given to students only when their Netbook Agreement is signed and payment made, then returned to the office.

Agreements were sent out to every student from year 6-11 with book lists in November 2020. Payment is listed on student's book lists.

If you require a new copy please let me know.

Netbooks can be collected for use during class but must be returned at the end of the day until all the above procedure is completed.

Many Thanks,
Leonie Carroll
Student netbook coordinator.

FOR SALE

Hoover Automatic 820 Heavy Duty
Washing Machine

—sale price \$50

For details please contact the College on
5035 1270



Community News



Bowling with Babies

Coming soon to
Swan Hill Racecourse Bowls Club
Gray Street, Swan Hill.

When
From Thursday 4th February
6-week program, every Thursday.

Time
10.00am - 11.30am

Cost
Gold Coin Donation

Bookings are essential
Scan the code below
or visit website

Find out more at
playbowlsvictoria.com.au



MANANGATANG BOWLING CLUB



Social Bowls
(Barefoot Bowls)
Emergency Services Day

Sunday 7th, February 2021

Starts 10am

Sausage Sizzle

Entries to:

Bill Carroll - 0499 503 559
Keith Mowat - 0429 331 602



Australia Day Awards Celebration

Manangatang Improvement Group
invite you to join us for a
sausage sizzle to celebrate the
Manangatang Australia Day Award
Winners.

Friday 5th Feb @ 5.30pm
Manangatang Swimming Pool

Gold coin donation
Drinks available to purchase at kiosk
BYO chairs

Food stalls



Market

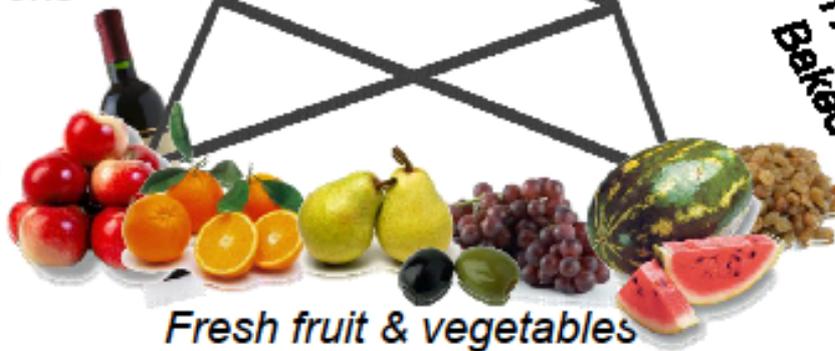
Children's clothing & accessories
Candles
Cards

Honey,
Dried fruits,
Nuts & Oils
Products
Jewellery

House & Garden wares

Toys
Handbags
Chooks

Homemade Sauces & Cooked Foods



Fresh fruit & vegetables

Children's Activities

Musical

entertainment

Hot Tea & Coffee

BBQ & hot foods
Homemade
Sauces & pickles

Hand crafts & hand
knitting
Garden plants
Fresh flowers

Homemade cakes
Donuts

Homemade Jams & Baked goods

FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY ... 2021

5.30 PM - 8.30 PM

ON CAIX SQUARE

Enquiries Ph. 0438 363 095

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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 at the 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.

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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.***

