

This Friday the 30th of April is Casual Day.

Casual Dress is allowed by gold coin donation. All proceeds raised go towards our SRC sponsored child— Pheaktra



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Manangatang P-12 College Newsletter

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Welcome to Term 2! I know I say it every time but staff and students really have hit the ground running this term. Firstly congratulations to Jayda Plant who participated in the Basketball State Championship Finals, her team came sixth and to Anders Plant who came third in the State Swimming Championships. Holly and Alannah went to Melbourne for their induction to the Rural Youth Ambassadors Program. The Year 9 students have headed off to Rubicon, thanks to Sarah Plant and Nic Vine for accompanying them. The College was admirably represented by Alex Barker, Rylee Taylor, Sienna Togatuki, Jorja Plant, Cooper Plant, Anders Plant and Zach Lehner at the ANZAC Day Service.

VCE Blended Learning

Today the Year 11 students studying Psychology, Business Management, Physics and Biology headed to Robinvale for the first of their four face to face classes this term. The face to face classes are working very well and bodes well for the successful delivery of other VCE subjects in the future.

Facebook and See Saw

To see more of what the students have been doing check out our Facebook page. This week you'll see the 7-10 students constructing an outdoor table in Food Fibre Tech and the whole school events run by the SRC. Soon we will be introducing See Saw as a communication tool for day to day events. Staff will be inducted on its use next week.

Reimagining Agriculture/Technology and Science

On Friday Manangatang initiated and hosted a forum for Reimagining Agriculture/Technology and Science. I was joined by Sara Broster, Principal Robinvale College; Fel Cua, Principal Ouyen P12 College; Ross Humphreys Manager Community Industry Engagement SuniTAFE; Deb Quinn, Executive Officer Murray Mallee LLEN, also representing the Northern Mallee LLEN; Lee Forster Southern Mallee Education Improvement Leader for the Department of Education and Training and Glenn Stewart the Community Development Advisor for Our Place. Thanks to Nat Plant, Agriculture Teacher, who came in on her day off to join us. On the day we shared what resources were available from each of our organisations and began to develop a vision for the benefits for our students if we collaborated. An important outcome of the meeting was that it was clear that there is a willingness from each representative to work closely to develop our students employability skills and competencies and to broaden student aspirations by showing them the employment opportunities available locally in the fields of Science, Agriculture and Technology.

Pupil Free Day

On Monday this week the staff learned more about Trauma Informed Practices and to practise moderating assessment tasks. Feedback about the day was very positive. There is plenty to build on in future Professional Learning meetings.

Parent/Teacher Partnership

The partnership between Parents and Teachers is very important. Sometimes students see and know things that staff aren't aware of and that they don't realise they should pass on or don't feel comfortable passing on. If your child tells you something that you think is important to share, please contact their home group teacher or myself so that we can take the appropriate actions.

NAPLAN Test and Student Attitudes to School Survey

The students will be participating in the NAPLAN test and Student Attitudes to School Survey. Both of these events will provide the College with valuable information that will be used to support teacher decision making about how to address student needs best.

Shelter in Place

I contacted the Swan Hill Rural City Council to ask if the College Stadium is the local Shelter in Place. I was told it wasn't and that if the town was under threat community members should go to either Robinvale Reserve or Swan Hill Show Grounds.

Year Levels 2 and 3 achieved 100% attendance in the last week.

Wishing you all happiness
Nat Mouvet



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CONGRATULATIONS

Last Thursday Anders competed in the Boys 12/13 years 50m Breaststroke at the SSV State Swimming Championships. Anders swam a PB, completing his race in 39.53sec which placed him 3rd. Well done on a super effort.



HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country will take place next Wednesday the 5th of May at the Recreation Reserve beginning at 11.20am. I take this opportunity to extend an invitation to all parents/guardians, family, friends and community members to join us for the House competition. Please join in a lap of the oval with a gold coin donation to go to the school beautification fund.

SRC will be providing a BBQ lunch on the day, refer to their notice in this issue of Linkup. **Could parents please make a slice to donate to SRC for sale with their BBQ lunch on the day.** Your support is much appreciated.

Program of events: **Please note these are approximate times**

11&over Boys and Girls -11.30am (3km)

15&U,16&U, 17&U and 18&over Boys – 11.30am (5km)

7&8 Boys and Girls - 11.40 am (1km)

9&10 Boys and Girls -11.50am (2km)

5&6 Boys and Girls -12.00 midday (2 laps of the football oval)

14&under Boys and all secondary Girls age groups, (14&U, 16&U, 17&over) -12.15pm (3km)

Lunch to follow with Presentations to be made around 1pm

Students are able to wear their house colours to school on Wednesday, however they must bring school clothes to change into after the event.

Mallee: red and green Wattle: blue and yellow

Community members are invited to join the boys in their 5km run or the secondary girls in their 3km run. Medallions and ribbons will be awarded to placegetters in each age group.



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ANZAC DAY

Manangatang P-12 College acknowledged our national day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand to commemorate all those who served, are currently serving and those who died in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. This year marked 100 years of the RAAF.

Well done to our students who were part of the ANZAC ceremony in Manangatang on Sunday.



MOIHERS DAY—SUNDAY 9TH MAY



RUBICON CAMP



NAPLAN

With NAPLAN testing coming soon a reminder to parents and students that each child in Years 3,5,7 and 9 will be participating and **must have** plug-in style headphones to access the online tests. Wireless and earbud types are not suitable.



Year 9 NAPLAN certificates of achievement

A new feature of the NAPLAN assessment is being launched this year, with the award of Year 9 Certificates of Achievement.

The new certificates aim to celebrate and recognise the importance of both excellence and learning growth.

Beginning in 2021, Year 9 students who achieve outstanding results, or who significantly improve their results in NAPLAN tests, will receive a NAPLAN Certificate of Achievement.

The certificates will be awarded for two categories of achievement:

- Category one: the achievement of excellence through getting a result in the top band for reading or numeracy, or both.
- Category two: the achievement of outstanding learning growth through improve by two or more bands between the NAPLAN Year 7 and Year 9 tests for reading or numeracy, or both.

For more information about the new certificate and measures for learning growth, refer to [Year 9 NAPLAN certificates of achievement](#) on the Department's website.

Victorian Chief Health Officer message to Victorian schools and their communities

I would like to take this opportunity to thank students, staff, teachers, parents and carers for ensuring a safe and successful start to the 2021 school year and to thank you for your cooperation during the short period of remote learning in February during the circuit breaker restrictions.

As Term 2 commences, schools continue to be able to operate with a largely normal program of activity, enabling important on-site activities to return, such as school open days and working bees, with appropriate health and safety measures in place.

Throughout the pandemic, Victorian schools have rapidly and successfully adapted to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission, embedding COVIDSafe principles by reinforcing good behaviours, creating safe spaces, adapting activities, and responding quickly to COVID-19 risk.

While we have seen outbreaks emerge in Victoria, we have also witnessed our capacity to respond quickly to limit the impact of these outbreaks.

Given the current very low risk of COVID-19 transmission in the community, continued high rates of testing and wastewater monitoring, and continued observance of health and safety measures in schools; those with medical vulnerabilities or their carers can feel reassured to continue to safely work and learn on school sites, and enjoy the benefits of doing so.

It is crucial, however, for everyone to remain vigilant by staying home when unwell, performing regular hand hygiene, wearing a mask when required and maintaining physical distancing from others when practical.

Should cases of COVID-19 increase again in the community, I am confident that with COVIDSafe plans in place, alongside our ability to quickly identify and respond to cases, schools remain safe places for all staff and students. I also continue to be reassured by evidence that children are less impacted by the virus and are less likely to develop severe illness.

The school community continues to have an important role to promote COVID-19 testing when a student or staff member has any symptoms, no matter how mild, and ensuring they remain home until they are well. Getting tested and staying home until results are known is critical to limiting community transmission.

Adj Clin Prof Brett Sutton
Victorian Chief Health Officer

PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION AND CONSENT LETTER

2021 Student Attitudes to School Survey

Dear Parent / Guardian,

This letter is to inform you about the 2021 Student Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS), that your child is invited to participate in.

About the survey

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of your school.

The AtoSS is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist your child's school to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, bullying and life in general.

There are also some questions about student health and wellbeing. Understanding health and wellbeing needs is important to support students to learn and thrive at school. The Department is providing this addition to the core survey to allow your child's school to capture this information to support students.

Students will be asked about resilience, community connections, mental health and physical activity.

This year, the AtoSS will be conducted at your school over the period May 3-21.

What are the benefits?

In our experience, young people enjoy having their say. We have been running this survey for nearly 20 years and it has been invaluable in helping schools understand student views. Your school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience.

What are the risks?

While we do not anticipate many risks of participation, some students may find some of the survey questions too personal and sensitive in nature. Should you agree for your child to participate, they are still free to skip questions or to withdraw at any stage if the survey makes them upset or uncomfortable.

The survey been approved by a Human Research Ethics Committee. The questions are selected from validated survey instruments, are strength-based, and tailored for each year level group.

What will my child be asked to do?

Your child will be invited to complete the survey **online during class time** using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Please note:

Student participation in the survey is voluntary and students may withdraw at any time.

The survey will take around 20-45 minutes to complete.

How is my child's confidentiality protected?

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey from their teacher. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used to link data for statistical and research purposes only. Personally identifiable data will not be recorded in the survey response file. This ensures that the confidentiality of your child's responses is protected at all times.

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How will results be reported?

The survey results will be reported back to the school in an aggregate form throughout the survey period. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified. Data suppression rules are used for schools with low student numbers per year level.

Your school may share the results of the survey with parents, in documents such as the School Annual Report.

Options for participation

Participation in this survey is **voluntary**. If you **do not** wish for your child to do the survey, please opt out via email to your school: mouvet.natalie@education.vic.gov.au. Please do so before May 3 2021. Stating that you wish to opt out of your child's participation, along with their name and year level.

If your school does not receive a Refusal of Consent email from yourself before the survey commencement date mentioned within this letter, it means that you give your consent for your child to participate in the 2021 Attitudes to School Survey.

A copy of the survey that we are asking your child to complete is available from your child's school. Please contact the administration office if you would like to see the survey before making your decision about whether you would like your child to participate.

If you would like more information, please speak to your child's teacher, or contact the Department at attitudes.school.survey@education.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

The Department of Education and Training Victoria

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Monday 10th May, 2021

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WELLBEING UPDATE-Kim Critchley

I hope everyone had a great break and the Easter Bunny spoilt you. However, it is always wonderful to see everyone's smiling faces back at school.

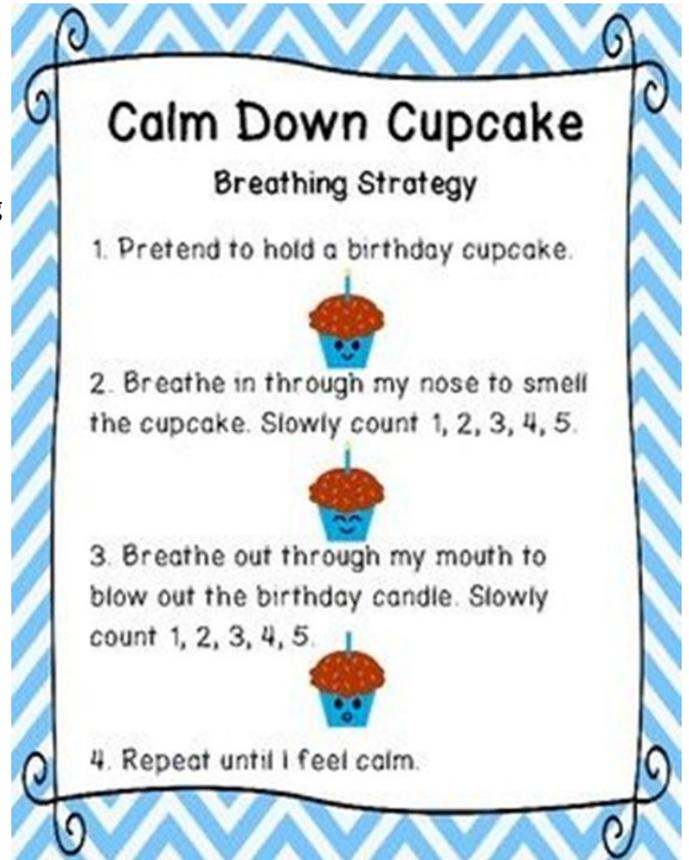
This term has started off with such enthusiasm and dedication by all. Rubicon camp this week for year 9's, HAT Club recommencing on Wednesdays after school for all students, Cross Country training on Wednesday also after school and of course **Breakfast Club** is still going on a Monday and Friday where all students are welcome.

HELP would be greatly appreciated by any parents who could help with Breakfast Club so we can offer this every day. We have the wonderful support of SRC, however they need to have adult supervision, which is challenging for staff, especially as I don't work every day. We could do a roster system if we have enough helpers. Please contact me if you can assist.

Zones of Regulation are still being utilised in the school so please ask your children about this. Help make this a part of home as it is at school. I'm very happy to chat more with parents who would like more information. I also provide extra support to students with a Social Thinking Program to those who would like it.

As we get into the cooler weather (I am not a fan) **Mindfulness** is more important to maintain. Helping kids to stop and take stock of the thoughts that are overwhelming them and to give them a focus for learning in the here and now. Primary is excelling at these skills and teach us so much with their resilience and strength.

Year 6 started their MESH Enhanced group last Friday and it is wonderful to be part of this incredible class with Fi Mertz from Local Logic Place implementing this program. Year 4/5 class will commence the MESH program tomorrow. Such incredible skills for each as well as us the facilitators, we always learn from the students.



SRC NEWS

This Friday (30th April) will be Casual Day. Please don't forget your gold coin donation.

There will be a Mother's Day Stall in the Performance Room next week for students to purchase something for Mother's Day. The stall will be open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

There will be a barbecue for lunch at the Cross Country. Attached to Link Up is an order form. Could these please be returned by Monday to assist with catering.



Community News



Boys Brains

This workshop aims to help parents better understand their boys; it will provide practical strategies for how to connect with them and support them to succeed.

✓ Understanding ✓ Differences ✓ Practical Strategies

Workshop date & location:

Location Name – Ouyen Preschool
78 Oke Street, Ouyen

Please note this is a single session workshop only

Date: Monday 21st June 2021 @ 6:30PM – 9:00PM
(Arrival & Registration 6.15pm)

There is a no cost for this workshop

RSVP:

Louise Fitzpatrick Leach | Ouyen Preschool
M 0427 941 235 | E ouyen.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au

Please remember your mask. We ask that all participants follow social distancing and face mask regulations.



Boys Brains
176 – 178 McCrae Street, Bendigo VIC 3550
T (03) 5438 1300

www.ccds.org.au



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Do you have a passion for the environment?

MobileMuster wants you to create a one minute film encouraging your community to recycle their old phones.

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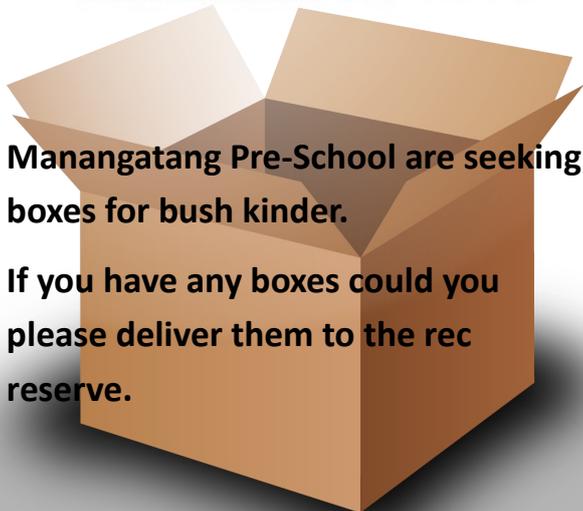
Entries close 13 September 2021
mobilemuster.com.au/competition



Manangatang Pre-school

Manangatang Pre-School are seeking boxes for bush kinder.

If you have any boxes could you please deliver them to the rec reserve.



Happy Mother's Day

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CHOOKS AND DUCKS

Our College is seeking donations of grain and/or pellets to feed our chooks and ducks in the Ag area.

If you can help, please contact the Office.



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.



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.***



CROSS COUNTRY LUNCH ORDER

SAUSAGES - \$2 EACH

HAMBURGER - \$4 EACH

SLICES WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY.

NAME: _____

Number Of sausages:

Number of Hamburgers:

Total cost: _____

Please return by

Monday 3rd May.

