Linkup

Manangatang P-12 College Newsletter

Respect

Relationships

Resilience

Responsibility

KEY DATES

JUNE

1	REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY
2	YR 7—10 ELECTIVE EXCURSION
3	PRIMARY WINTER SPORTS
7	EXAM WEEK
14	QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

3	ZOE MCNICOL
5	HUNTER BARKER
6	ISABELLA OLIVER
13	MITCHELL JONES
22	CAITLIN JOHNSON
27	JUSTIN HILL

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.

Apologies for a fairly disjointed Linkup article this week. Lock down details are being released as I write.

COVID Precautions

Unfortunately our community has been reminded that the risk of COVID infection is still very real. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we do our best to manage the situation. With a majority of our families impacted by this latest development the response has been made easier because the College is now used to providing a learning program through Compass.

Student and staff wellbeing is the top priority so thank you for facilitating a 'circuit break' by being COVID tested, self-isolating or if you weren't at the footy on the weekend being vigilant about signs of COVID infection and acting on that. At school I have prioritised a thorough clean and all staff and students are revisiting the hygienic practices enforced at the peak of the COVID response.

With most staff and students at home it has enabled that all school buildings will be free of any potential harmful germs by Monday. There will be an added complication this time as most staff need to isolate until they get a negative result from their COVID test, most staff are being tested today and have been told there will be a five day wait for results.

7 Day Lock Down – please keep an eye on Compass and Facebook. I will meet with staff this afternoon and will create a learning schedule and communication strategy to share with you after this.

Happy Education Week!

This week at the whole school assembly I asked the students and staff to take a moment to be grateful that we have all had or are having an education. Access to a quality education is not available to everyone and a high quality education is often the key to a successful and happy life. I am very grateful to be a part of the Manangatang P-12 College community. Every week I have a reason to be proud of our students and staff and what we are accomplishing personally and professionally to make sure we are achieving our personal best as educators and students. Even in the past two weeks so many students have excelled in their personal pursuits. This week Jordyn Woolley and Zoe Johnson participated in the Division Girls Footy and both played magnificently! Alex Barker, Harper McNicol, Gabby Zanker, Anders, Jorja and Jayda Plant, Lex Wilson and Rylee Taylor participated in the Secondary Division Cross Country. Rylee, Jayda, Harper, Jorja and Anders qualified for the Regional final in St Arnaud. Darcy Plant, Jordyn Wooley, Aidan Plant, Douglas Jones, Luke Thompson, Lily Finch, Maddi Rollinson, Chayse Plant and Jasper Plant participated in the Primary Division Cross Country. Jordyn, Douglas and Maddi will be joining the Secondary students in St Arnaud for the Regional Cross Country. All of these students made us proud by the way they represented the College. More about them on our Facebook page. In this edition of Linkup you will read about the great achievement of our students who are kicking huge goals in Math Pathways.

Meeting individual students learning needs

For the past two weeks our teachers of Primary Literacy have been using a different model to address the needs of our students. The teachers have grouped the students according to their phonetic ability. Once a week students have practiced the skill that required practice as shown in recent testing, in groups that target the gap in their learning regardless of age. The students have responded very positively and are engaging with the tasks set out by their teachers the students will be retested in three weeks the results will let teachers see what further work needs to be done to improve phonetic awareness. In Year 7-10 the students have been grouped once a week since the beginning of term according to their writing skills level and have shown great results.

No Year levels achieved 100% attendance in the last week.

Wishing you all happiness

Nat Mouvet

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Dear Parents/Carers

If your child is feeling unwell or has cold-like symptoms please keep them at home.

Simultaneous Storytime

Give Me Some Space! - Is a story by Philip Bunting read by Shannon Walker an NASA Astronaut for National Simultaneous Story Time.
The Preschool visited to join us for the "Give Me Some Space!" story. They participated in activities with the Foundation class and their buddies, enjoyed fruit break with them and everyone loved the apple slinky.
After lunch we lay on the grass and looked up at the sky, closed our eyes and thought about space.
Mrs Gayle asked each child what they were thinking; we had space ice cream, astronauts, rockets, earth, stars and space. There was also Lightning McQueen coming out of space going to earth, he was winning, he is the fastest, who am I to question a child's imagination.
So parents when you put your child to bed tonight lay with them, ask them to close their eyes and share a story about space with them.

Primary Mallee Division Cross Country

In perfect running conditions at Swan Hill Riverside Park, our students excelled and produced some fantastic times that they all should be proud of. Our 9 representatives; Lily Finch, Chayse Plant, Maddi Rollinson, Jasper Plant, Aidan Plant, Darcy Plant, Douglas Jones, Jordyn Woolley and Luke Thompson all demonstrated great camaraderie and respect by cheering on their teammates and opposition throughout the day.

Congratulations to Maddi Rollinson, Douglas Jones and Jordyn Woolley who have qualified for Regional Cross Country at St. Arnaud. You have until Tuesday to practice running up hills!

Thanks to Billy for driving the students over and assisting in the running of the event. Thanks also to Anders for his assistance in running effective training sessions and to the parents who came over and supported the students. There is nothing quite like the boost you get from encouragement when you're coming down the home straight!

The following students achieved top 10 results for their age group

9 Year Old Girls – Lily Finch 6th

10 Year Old Girls - Maddi Rollinson 3rd

11 Year Old Boys – Douglas Jones 6th

12 Year Old Girls – Jordyn Woolley 8th

Secondary Mallee Division Cross Country

Our Primary students set the bar high and the next day our secondary team that included Jayda, Anders, Gabby, Jorja, Alex, Rylee, Lex and Harper took to the track in Ouyen. Each of them running their best and representing the college with pride. Our students are to be congratulated on their efforts, each achieving in their own right and for the way they supported and encouraged each other throughout the day.

The following results gained students selection in the Regional Cross Country Championships to be held next Tuesday in St Arnaud, we wish students all the very best for next week.

Jayda Plant 12/13 girls 1st

Rylee Taylor 15 year boys 1st

Jorja Plant 15 year girls 2nd

Harper McNicol in 17 year boys 5km 4th

Anders Plant 5th in the 12/13 boys.

Other results included: Gabby Zanker 6th, Alex Barker 6th and Lex Wilson 11th.

Thank you to Mrs Carroll for coming along to take the role on a check point, her assistance helping the smooth and safe running of the event. I would also like to thank Mrs Lonergan for all her work in the organising the event and the entries to regional level.

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Primary Girls Football

On Monday, Jordyn Woolley and Zoe Johnson represented the school in the Primary Girls Divisional Football competition at the Alan Garden Reserve. Playing with girls from other small schools, Zoe and Jordyn fitted in seamlessly with their new teammates and friends and got to work learning the game of football on the fly.

Zoe proved herself as a team-orientated player and often moved the ball to her teammates' advantage with decisive disposal. Once she learnt how to impact the game through pure power, Jordyn dominated in the midfield with her aggressive approach to the football and strength through the legs to break away from congestion. Through a remarkably innate sense of spatial awareness, Jordyn regularly spun out of tackles to kick 10 goals in 4 games, looking like a seasoned professional.

Thanks to Alannah Taylor for helping prepare the girls for the day with lunch time trainings. Their kicking skills were exceptional on the day under pressure.

It was great see the girls grasp the opportunity with both hands and run away with it wearing a grin.

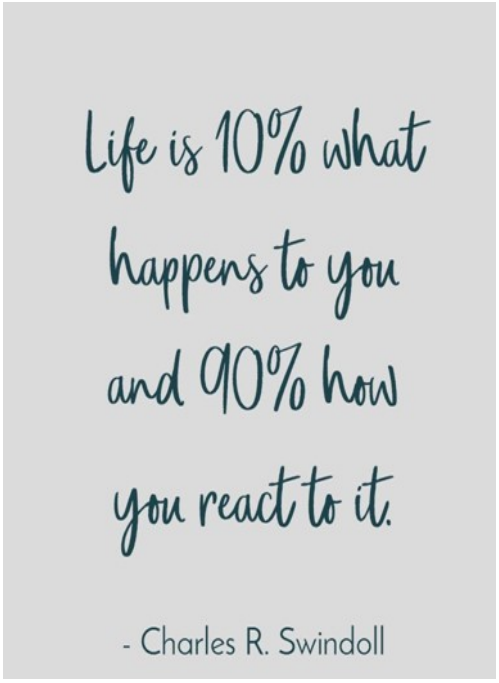
Mr Vine

Wellbeing Update –Kim Critchley

What an amazing couple of weeks seeing such inspirational students succeed. How blessed I feel being around such an incredible supportive school environment. I hope you all feel the same way. Sometimes it is easy to focus on the negative that occurs. This occurs everywhere yet, all so often we may feel it is focussed on us alone. What is harder is to be reminded of all the great that is going on, achievements you have made, accomplishments added to your list. Is your glass half full or half empty????? Challenge yourself to notice this, when something out of the ordinary happens that sets us back. Do you get stuck with that or do you look for a way forward to the next adventure awaiting you? I have so many learning curves, yes that is what I call them that help me to grow into a better person. I can learn from my mistakes and challenges to find a better way next time to achieve a better outcome.

Our students have participated greatly with sports, cooking, volunteering, supporting and encouraging that I am so very proud every day to be part of this fantastic school. It is not perfect everyday, however everyday everyone tries and does not give up. Are you having a go, are you ready for a learning curve, is your cup half full????

IF YOU BELIEVE YOU CAN DO IT THEN YOU CAN



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Well done to all students on the completion of Cycle 5. Many students achieved well above the expected growth percentage this cycle due to their mastery of more than the set 6 modules. Congratulations to these students who achieved the requisite 100% growth and above. The student who achieved the most growth this cycle was Jordyn Woolley, with a growth rate of 633%. This means that Jordyn mastered 19 modules in the two week period.

A fantastic effort on Jordyn's part.

Absences

We are delighted to have our students learning in school again this year. It is great that parents have been proactive in keeping their children home when they are unwell.

When a student is away the school requests a note. We are required to code the absences. Our most common codes for student absences are: Illness, Medical Appointment, Dentist, Bereavement, Parent Choice Unauthorised (reason is not school related & approval has not been sought), Parent Choice (reasons that don't fall under school codes, but reason has been discussed & approved). If a reason is not provided to the school for an absence, the absence must be recorded as unauthorised. If office staff contact you when your child is away asking for a reason they are not trying to pry, but are trying to record the absence accurately. If you have any queries about absence recording please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Manangatang P-12 College is excited to be participating. The PRC application offers a range of exciting features including:

- access to a library catalogue (including book images and blurbs)
- a modern user-friendly interface
- rewarding students with badges as challenge milestones are achieved
- the option for students to mark books as a favourite, give them a star rating or complete a book review

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 17 September 2021.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

"EAT, DRINK AND BE HAPPY!"

Manangatang Women's Community Meet-up

beginning Friday the 28th of May, join us at Manangatang P-12 College every Friday from 11:15 am

Phone Kim (0430522397) or Fiona (0427875049) to order a coffee or tea for you

Coffee and snacks provided by Sassy Giving Gifts and Homewares.

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

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

Please note this is a single session workshop only

There is a no cost for this workshop

RSVP:

Louise Fitzpatrick Leach | Ouyen Preschool
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Please remember your mask. We ask that all participants follow social distancing and face mask regulations.

CatholicCare VICTORIA

Boys Brains
176 – 178 McCrae Street, Bendigo VIC 3550
T (03) 5438 1300
www.ccds.org.au

Manangatang Pre-School are seeking boxes for bush kinder.

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

Name that budgie!

Please see posters around the school to put your suggestions down.

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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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.