



Linkup

Manangatang P-12 College Newsletter

Respect

Relationships

Resilience

Responsibility

KEY DATES

APRIL

- 1 COLOUR RUN
- 4-8 YR 10 CAMP
- 8 EASTER EGG HUNT
- 8 LAST DAY OF TERM



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 INGRID GRANT
- 6 HARPER MCNICOL
- 8 RORY PLANT
- 12 LACHLAN BARKER
- 12 ALEX BARKER
- 22 MISS BETH
- 24 JORDYN WOLLEY
- 27 AMELIA DA CUNHA
- 30 KATE EVERITT



Time To Celebrate

It was terrific to see and meet the parents and guardians who supported their child/ren's celebration of learning at the Student Led Conferences, this week.

It was a wonderful chance to share the students' achievements and joy of learning with family and staff.

We Want You!

As part of our quadrennial review we are seeking feedback from parents/guardians to help us identify areas to improve in our new School Strategic Plan 2023 to 2026.

There will be the opportunity to let us know what you would like us to keep, stop and start doing so we can continue to improve. You will be notified via Compass when the survey is available and how to access it.

Farewell

Sadly, we say farewell to our wonderful Foundation/Year 1 teacher Ms Amanda Eastwood. Amanda has been a dedicated and passionate leader and classroom teacher here at Manangatang and will be sorely missed. She has taken on a new position at Swan Hill North Primary School to be closer to family. We wish Amanda and her trusty companion Lady all of the best in their new adventure.

We are currently advertising for a replacement teacher for the F/1 class and expect to have the best possible applicant recruited for the start of next term.

Coffey Break Over

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the friendly and supportive Manangatang P-12 welcome over the last 6 weeks. I've thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you and learning more about your school. It has been interesting to notice the differences and similarities between the four small, rural P-12 Colleges I've worked in. You have all the elements of a great school: amazing students, supportive parents and dedicated and caring staff. Many thanks for the opportunity be part of the team and I hope I can be back to visit in the future.

I will be at school on Monday and Tuesday next week for the handover to Ms Mouvet. We welcome Ms Mouvet back from her unexpected leave and wish that her recovery continues to be speedy.

Important Dates

Next Friday, the 8th of April, is the final day of Term 1 and students will be dismissed at 2:30pm.

School will resume on Tuesday the 26th of April due to the ANZAC Day public holiday on the Monday.

Please take care on the roads over the school holidays and have a restful Easter.

Heading South!

We wish our four Year 10 students all the best on their camp to Cape Bridgewater next week.

College Planning

Every four years, government schools undertake their quadrennial review to evaluate their performance and to develop a new strategic plan to set the direction and goals for the coming four years.

Next term, the Manangatang P-12 College school community, in partnership with an external reviewer and DET (Department of Education and Training) staff will conduct this important work.

As part of the review there will be a Validation Day (Thursday 26th of May) where the Review Panel comprising of the school Leadership Team, College Council President and Challenge Partners meet to review the performance of the school against the previous goals.

There will be two Field Work days (Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th of June). On these days, the Senior Education Improvement Leader and the Reviewer will perform a much more forensic analysis of evidence including talking to staff, students, parents, classroom observations and examination of curriculum documentation.

The Review Panel will meet again on the Panel Day (Friday 17th of June) and consider the findings of the fieldwork etc. and then draft the school's next Strategic Plan.

Prior to this process, we have to develop our PRSE (Pre-Review Self Evaluation) which includes data on our performance against the previous goals, information relating to the barriers and enablers we have experienced, our evaluation of where we believe we are on the school improvement journey against FISO 2.0 (Framework for Improving Student Outcomes) and evidence to support our evaluation.

We are currently preparing the PRSE which has to be completed by the end of this term.

Be assured, we will be seeking everyone's input as we undertake this important work.

Enjoy your Weekend
Alan



Easter egg hunt

Friday April 8th at lunch
(last day of term)
\$8 to enter.

Proceeds go to The Good Friday Appeal



AG PLOT AND TECHNOLOGY

AG PLOT RESURRECTION

The Ag Plot, like so many things in the last two and a half years, has suffered the impacts of Covid-19 related lockdowns. In order to re-establish the Ag Plot into a vibrant and viable learning space, we are seeking donations to help get us underway. We would really love:

Animal manures (Eg. Chicken, horse, cow, sheep and pig manures)

Straw / hay

Old newspapers

Vegetable seeds

Vegetable seedlings

Wheat or other grains for the chooks

Donations can be left at the College or arrangements can be made for them to be collected by phoning the office.

TIMBER for TECHNOLOGY

Australia is experiencing a timber shortage due to a global increase in demand for building materials and the destruction of tens of thousands of hectares of softwood timber plantations that occurred during the 2019/2020 bushfires. As a result, it is very difficult to get timber for students to complete projects in Technology (Woodwork). We are seeking donations of timber leftover from completed projects, recycled timbers from renovations and demolitions and used pallets. Donations can be left at the College or arrangements can be made for them to be collected by phoning the office.

I am happy to collect any donations that are made.

Linda Connell

Learning Area Leader



AFL Footy Clinics.

During PE on the last two Thursdays, Primary students have enjoyed 2 AFL Footy Clinics, run by David McNicol. Many thanks to Dave.

By all reports the students had a fantastic time learning the skills of involved in footy.

Sarah Plant



Colour Run and Coin Drive

When: Friday April 1st—Lunchtime

Where: School Oval

Cost: Gold Coin Donation

Who will be the most colourful?

How far along the oval can our coin drive reach?

Please bring spare silver coins, a white shirt, towel and a change of clothes.

This will be followed with Hotdogs in the cooking room (order forms were sent out last week)

All funds raised will go to a flood affected school in NSW/QLD



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Wellbeing update- Kim Critchley

Breakfast Club- we are currently not running Breakfast Club due to the COVID cases we have been experiencing and not wanting to gather children into a small space with no mask. In saying this though, we still have fresh fruit, fruit cups and little milks available to students in the primary area fridge which seems to be working quite well. If students want toast, we will still provide this on a one on one basis, not a group setting. I thank you for your understanding and as soon as we can safely start again we will as it is always wonderful having the students meet together, discuss their days and share such wonderful stories over food. A great place to socialise and show the inclusiveness we are building here at the school.

COVID – has taken two years of socialisation, connections and capacity building from our Students and we are finding the struggle of friendship circles quite evident in our school. We are currently having conversations with our students in regards to this. Normally it would be a natural occurrence for most and the odd one would struggle, however given the impact of COVID, this is a struggle for all of our students who are technically two years behind with their social development and needing extra support to catch up. We are blessed to be able to look at this and implement strategies to help build this gap that all young people are faced with, not just our school.

Connecting with our young people is even more important than ever. **This is their first full term in two years!** Routine building and certainty of stability are starting to form as well as everyone feeling the pressure of the full term also. Not being able to eat when you want, full timetables, trips, camps and sporting events going ahead full steam. It is ok to not be achieving all we want and that we are enough on our own. Our best is all we can ever do and that is ok. Who is telling you “what a great job you are doing as a parent”? Anyone? I hope so because you all are amazing with what you have dealt with and to be where you are now. We have survived COVID guys, we did it. Great job parents, thank you for being you, never giving up and looking for the future. Our young people have been hard on themselves, time to provide them with encouragement as well, they are feeling pressure to catch up for the past two years, we will get there trust me as we are in the same boat as all other schools.

8 WAYS TO TELL YOUR CHILD THEY ARE ENOUGH

@mamapsychologists x @teenhealthdoc



AUTHENTIC CONNECTION IS DEFINED BY WHAT THE CHILD PERCEIVES AS CONNECTION, NOT BY WHAT WE INTEND AS CONNECTION.



TO CONNECT WITH A CHILD, WE MUST OBSERVE, SLOW DOWN, UNDERSTAND THEM, AND MEET THEM WHERE THEY ARE.

VISIBLECHILD

Faith shared is a skill shared, lets share our faith, hope, love, patience, dedication and inspiration with one another. Turning frowns into smiles, seeing our glass half full and believing in the best even if we have challenging moments, those moments are not us. Happiness is our future, it is what will get us over the line. Think positive, see positive and you shall reap positivity. How is that happy thought before bed going?????

ENJOY YOUR TERM BREAK AND I LOOK FORWARD TO REFRESHED, HAPPY FACES NEXT TERM.

★ MANANGANTANG STAR AWARDS ★

Congratulations to the following students who received a Manangatang Star Award for their outstanding work and effort

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| Bodhi (PE) | Will Grant (Literacy) |
| Declan Woodford (Literacy) | Alex Barker (PE and Studio Arts) |
| Paddy Walters (Literacy) | Johnny Walters (Literacy) |
| Zach Lehner (Literacy) | Lily Finch (Auslan) |
| Matilda Lehner (Literacy) | Amelia Johnson (Literacy) |



Manang Magic Moment

In 4-6 Health, we have been learning about resilience and looking at how people have demonstrated resilience. The curiosity the students have shown in researching deep into the lives of people like Neale Daniher and Adam Goodes has been delightful to engage with. We hope the students can utilise their learning to help become resilient people themselves.



We have lots of second hand books to giveaway.

Please come and have a browse

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World Maths Day at Manangatang 23rd March 2022

29 Primary and 24 Secondary students from our school joined a total of 308 138 students from around the world to compete in World Maths Games day hosted by Mathletics. There were 9007 schools from 130 countries competing. Each student had to complete 20 "live" 60 second games across a range of difficulty levels which depended on their year level.

The school gained free access to Mathletics to practice a few days before the competition. In the school week of the competition our students correctly answered 42 575 questions across the 10 levels of live!

Each class was ranked in the World and Australia based on their class average. For small classes, the class total was divided by 10, regardless of the number of students. Our small class's actual average was usually much higher than the official competition recognised.

All our students did a great job and many thanks to the teachers that helped facilitate this effort, especially to Donna MacKenzie in the Primary area who set the day up to get the best out of each student.

All students will receive a special certificate of achievement for the competition.

Manangatang's class results

(actual rank if known based on the actual class average, the full lists are not yet available)

| Class | Australian rank | World rank | Class | Australia rank | World rank |
|------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Foundation | 20 th (4 th) | 95 th (39 th) | Year 5 | 431 st (15 th) | 1625 th (101 st) |
| Year 1 | 248 th | 943 rd | Year 6 | 664 th | 2094 th |
| Year 2 | 48 th (8 th) | 290 th (99 th) | Year 7 | 19 th (10 th) | 542 nd |
| Year 3 | 508 th | 1679 th | Year 8 | 7 th (5 th) | 221 st |
| Year 4 | 272 nd (5 th) | 1051 st (51 st) | Year 9 - 12 | 8 th (4 th) | 173 rd (92 nd) |

Manangatang Top scores

| Year | student | Points | Year | student | Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|---------------------|------------|
| Foundation | Jimmy Grant | 307 | Year 5 | Jasper Plant | 513 |
| Year 1 | Zoe McNicol | 114 | Year 6 | Zeek Phillips | 261 |
| Year 2 | William Grant | 415 | Year 7 | Zoe Johnson | 284 |
| Year 3 | Rory Plant | 331 | Year 8 | Jayda Plant | 260 |
| Year 4 | Amelia Johnson | 366 | Year 9 -12 | Alannah Taylor | 320 |

Awesome individual Rankings

Alannah Taylor: 36th in Australia

Jayda Plant: 67th in Australia

Jimmy Grant: 68th in Australia

Zoe Johnson: 137th in Australia

Best themed Hat: Jasper Plant

I have every individual student result including their Australian and World rankings that I am happy to share if you are interested. Hopefully we can give it another go next year.

Well done everybody!



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COVID Information direct from Operating Guidelines

If you have recently recovered from COVID

In the 30 days after your child has completed isolation (after testing positive to COVID on a PCR or rapid antigen test) they do not need to participate in the recommended surveillance testing, or get tested and quarantine if they are re-exposed to the virus.

However, if they develop new symptoms, they should stay home while unwell and consider seeking medical attention.



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2022 Science Project

Could everyone please keep their 1.25 and 2 litre PET plastic bottles and bring them to school. Year 7/8 Science are going to build a PET bottle greenhouse in the Ag Plot – this project covers lots of areas such as recycling, sustainability, heat energy, energy transfer.

The younger students will also be able to do mini greenhouses with them and germinate seeds for the garden beds.

Thank you



If you have recently changed your address, phone number, or email address, please contact the school and make sure your details are accurate.

If you no longer wish to receive Linkup please contact the College for your name to be removed from the email list.



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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.***

