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## Manangatang P-12 College Newsletter

Respect

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### KEY DATES

#### MAY

- 10 –19 NAPLAN
- 10 YR 9-12 INDUSTRY VISIT
- 12 YR 12 GEOGRAPHY TRIP
- 16 FFT OLIVE PICKING
- 17 PRIM DIV CROSS COUNTRY
- 18 SEC DIV CROSS COUNTRY
- 20 FAIRFAX VISIT

#### MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 MR GOODWIN
- 3 MISS AMANDA
- 6 ANDERS PLANT
- 9 LILY FINCH
- 9 BODHI
- 9 ZEN
- 15 MS KAY
- 18 JASPER PLANT
- 21 HURLEY ANDERSON



Can you believe it is the end of week two already? It has been wonderful to return to our school. I am still recovering, you'd know if you ask me, I don't mind telling people about how bad I have it! Even though the discomfort is real, it has been eased by the satisfaction of seeing that the work intended for this year has been honoured in my absence. I thank Alan for his leadership while I was on leave, I appreciate his positive influence and help with keeping the College on track for the Review which is due to start in the next couple of weeks. Alan has won the confidence of our students, he inspires me for many reasons but also to collect guitars and learn how to talk footy. I've spent almost all my time in classrooms since my return. Our teachers and support staff are doing an amazing job of providing our students with point of need learning and in every class I've visited, each time, our students have been fully engaged. I was also heartened by our first assembly where our College leaders listed all the great achievements and initiatives in which our students participated in Term 1. Our students are getting a robust learning experience. I'm very proud of our staff for ensuring that students are not missing out on quality learning and extra-curricular experiences.

#### Teacher Appreciation Week

This week is Teacher Appreciation Week. I hope that we all find a way to show teachers how much we appreciate the work that they do, the hours they spend thinking about and doing things for our students is truly admirable, there isn't a clock off time for them. I, for one am grateful to have every single teacher as part of my staff.

#### Cross Country

The Cross Country was held on Tuesday, how exciting for Mallee who had its first win in a house event in 18 months. Sarah Plant and Nic Vine with Nat Plant's help did an amazing job of coordinating a very smooth Cross Country day. A highlight of the day for me was seeing the students supporting each other to complete events. I saw older students running alongside younger students, helping them earn bonus points for their House, I saw brothers running alongside their brothers to get them across the line - just magic! Our sports days are always wonderful events that bring our families and extended families together. Thanks to everyone who came along.

#### Anders, what a Champion!

Congratulations to Anders Plant who went to Melbourne last week to participate in the State Level swimming competition. He placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the 14 boys 50m breaststroke event and has a new personal best time. He was supported back at school by several staff and students who watched his swim online. Well done Anders for always striving to do your best.

#### Parent Contribution to The School Review

One of the ways that parents and carers can contribute to the review of the past four years is for you to complete the survey that was sent home with the eldest child of each family. By completing this form you can quickly share what you think teachers/leaders/students should keep/start/stop doing. You can also tell us what you really like about our school. Your opinion counts. Please send back the completed survey as soon as you have a few minutes.

#### Covid and other Ailments Reminder

**Screening requirements** Students who have tested positive for COVID-19, and have completed their 7-day isolation period, do not need to undertake rapid antigen test (RAT) screening for 12 weeks after their release from isolation.

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**Household contacts** Students who are household contacts of a COVID-19 case are not required to quarantine. They may return to school as long as they undertake rapid antigen tests (RAT) 5 times during their 7-day period. Please notify the school that they are a household contact.

Students aged 8 years and above who are household contacts are required to wear face masks when indoors at school unless they have a valid exemption.

If a student household contact returns a positive RAT result, they must isolate for 7 days.

**Vaccination requirements for visitors to schools** Parents, carers and other adult visitors (not performing work) are no longer required to show evidence of two doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

**RAT screening program reminder** RATs will continue to be supplied for the first 4 weeks of Term 2 to support the early detection of COVID-19 in our school. The testing recommendations will remain the same this Term for students and staff with home testing twice a week (Sunday and Wednesdays).

As we approach winter and flu season, the vaccination of children aged 5 to 11 and booster shots for students 16+ remains the best way to ensure protection for students and staff.

Children with flu or cold symptoms should stay home.

Enjoy your weekend

Nat Mouvet



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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

**NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME**

Wednesday 25 May 2022 | #NSS2022 #1MillionKidsReading

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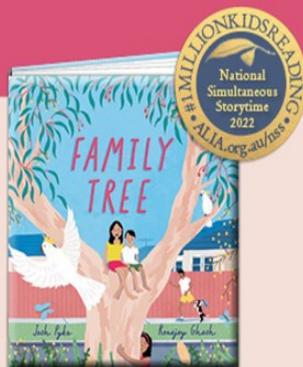
**OFFICIAL STORY:**

**FAMILY TREE** by Josh Pyke & Ronojoy Ghosh

**WHEN:** Wednesday 25 May 2022 at 11AM AEST / 1PM NZST

**REGISTER:** (it's free!) at [www.alia.org.au/nss](http://www.alia.org.au/nss)

**WIN:** Register between 1 Feb - 1 March 2022 to win one of 50 signed books from Josh Pyke.



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We are once again  
registered for the National  
Simultaneous Storytime.  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2022.

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## House Cross Country

What a day we had for the on Tuesday for the Mallee vs Wattle House Cross Country, the sun was shining as the students took to the track. Congratulations to all the students who participated, ensuring your points counted toward your teams total. There were many students who ran extra laps to gain extra points for their team, which was wonderful to see, and these points definitely made a difference to the final totals.

For our Foundation this was their first Cross Country and they did a mighty job running their 2 laps of the oval in the 5&6 year old. Well done to you all on a great run.

**One record fell:** In 2021 Rory Plant came within a couple of seconds of the 7&8 year old boys record. This year he broke it with a convincing run, completing the 1km in 4.24.48, beating Jack Barry's record from 2019 of 4.36.99. Congratulations Rory on your blizzing run.

Thank you to Lisa McNicol and Gayle Budde for bringing along the Preschoolers to support the event, and join in the fun. It was a gorgeous sight, seeing these little ones run their race.

The final race of the day was our Giant Tunnel Ball event. A big thank you to community and staff for joining in the fun and congratulations on showing the students how to work as a team, taking out the win.

Results from the day: Congratulations to the following students who placed in their individual events

Age group	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
5&6 girls	Riley Caccianiga 5:14.26	Addison Wright	
5&6 boys	Frankie Plant 5:12.47	Paddy Walters	Jimmy Grant
7&8 girls	Zoe McNicol 6:19.18	Jasmine Shand	Melody Littlewood
7&8 boys	<b>Rory Plant NR 4.24.28</b>	Johnny Walters	Will Grant
9&10 girls	Lily Finch 10:50.42	Amelia Johnson	Bodhi
9&10 boys	Chayse Plant 10:50.11		
11&over girls	Matilda Lehner		
11&over boys	Jasper Plant 14:31.23	Aidan Plant	
14&under girl	Jayda Plant 13:26.47	Jordyn Woolley	Ruby Zanker
14&under boys	Anders Plant 11:54	Cooper Plant	Markus Zanker
15&16 girls	Jorja Plant 13:33.48		
15&16 boys	Rylee Taylor 21:29.12		
17 &over Girls	Alannah Taylor		
17&over boys	Harper McNicol 22:37	Lex Wilson	Tom Cassidy & Jobhi Plant

At the end of the day when the points were counted, it was team Mallee that were announced as the winning house. **Congratulations Team Mallee.** Wattle scoring 151 points and Mallee 163.

Thank you must go to parents and friends who came along to support the event it was a fantastic turnout, so thank you for taking time out to support the students in their events. Also thanks to our staff for their assistance in all the roles ensuring the day run smoothly, to Mr Vine for all the support setting up, Ms Connell for the recording spreadsheet, and to Natalie Plant for stepping in to announce.

Finally thank you to Mr Taylor, Robbie Thomas and Rene for their work with the lunches, and all the parents who so generously made cakes and slices to sell.



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## Division Cross Country

Congratulations to the following students in being selected to represent Manangatang at Division Cross Country.

### Primary: Riverside Park Swan Hill: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May

11 year old boys: Jasper Plant and Aidan Plant

10 year old girls: Lily Finch and Amelia Johnson

10 year old boys: Chayse Plant

### Secondary: Ouyen Golf course: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May

14 girls: Jayda Plant and Jordyn Woolley

14 boys: Anders Plant

16 girls: Jorja Plant

16 boys: Rylee Taylor

17 boys: Lex Wilson

18 boys: Harper McNicol

Training will run on Tuesday's after school for those keen from 3.15-4.15pm



## Congratulations Anders!!

Last Thursday Anders competed at the SSV State Championships in the 14 boys 50m Breaststroke. He swam a great race, to place 5<sup>th</sup>, also producing a big PB taking 1.28 sec off his time, swimming 36.16.

Well done Anders!



## SWPB—School Wide Positive Behaviour

Students were awarded a certificate for achieving 10, 20 and 30 tokens at a special end of term 1 assembly. Tokens are given to students in recognition of them demonstrating one or more of our 4 school values; Respect, Responsibility, Resilience and Relationships. Students who had achieved this milestone also had their names placed into a hat. Acting Principal Alan Coffey randomly selected the following students out of the hat Rory Plant, Riley Michau, Kayla, Shand, Isabel Grant, Jasper Plant, Carter Arentz and they were able to choose a prize in further recognition. Our major prize winner of the café voucher was Zoe Johnson. Well done everyone its great to see all the positive actions you are showing at school.



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SRC are running the Mothers Day stall, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week. Nothing is over \$10.00 with lots to be bought for \$5.00 or under.

*We wish you all a lovely day on Sunday*

## Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal

Thank you to those who donated to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

If anyone needs a receipt please contact Mr Steve Taylor



## NAPLAN 2022

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be participating in NAPLAN testing during May. Students need to supply headphones for the online tests. These need to be 'plug-in' headphones – not earbuds. They are readily available in most major retailers for about \$10.

At this stage, the testing program will take place at 9.00am between May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup>. Students will complete four tests – Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy. There are 'make-up' days available for students who miss a test for any reason.

Shelley Kay

Teaching and Learning Leader

## 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



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## Wellbeing Update – Kim Critchley

Hello Term 2, how quick did term 1 go???? How lovely was it that the school continued without closures due to COVID. Whilst we were faced with families and teachers contracting COVID and having to isolate, I am sure we have not seen the last of that occurring. Having the school still functioning in a way that it used to was a blessing.

AFTERMATH of COVID however is evident, how do students now cope with full time back to school (especially those who excelled during lockdowns) coping with social skills that were prohibited – how do students interact with each other, find their place and make and sustain healthy friendships???? This is a struggle and understandably so. You will see the school having conversations, introducing specific subject topics to support your student to readjust post COVID, to help them find their place in the education system all over again or for the younger ones for the first time.

We may contact you, the parents, to have conversations about this, and get your support in how to support your student. Also, for you the parent, feel free to contact us if you feel the impact of all this trauma (yes it is trauma we have all gone through) requires some extra support for your student, or you are concerned about your student with their connections, learnings etc, trust me you are not alone. This impact is across the whole education system and across all states. Normalising the impact is very important, no matter

who we are, the experiences are very real and can be felt very differently. The Government is recognising this impact and not only implementing support for secondary students around mental health but also our primary students who were not exempt from the impact either. How are you fairing????

Again let me remind you all of the Zones, a great way to connect with your child, to check in with how they are travelling, what zone are they in, do they need any help in that zone? What zone are you in? Do you need any help in that zone.



**BREAKFAST CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP PLEASE :** With COVID we have ensured we have remained COVID safe and now seems to be a good time to bring back Breakfast Club in full force, however for this to happen we need volunteers. Please if you can give me one morning a week you are making a great difference to all the students here at the school. We only have Wednesday covered by SRC and Thursday's covered at this stage by a parent helper, and I can tell you that the students love breakfast club. This does make a huge difference to how students start their day, it helps to create connections, build social skills as well as independence and confidence. Please, please, consider supporting this great initiative.

**Teacher Appreciation Week** is this week, 1<sup>st</sup> May to the 6<sup>th</sup> May and I am totally appreciative of all the hard work and dedication our teachers commit to here at Manangatang P-12 College, I know you don't get to see all the behind the scenes work they do, however I can tell you they go above and beyond to ensure your child/ren is supported to the best of their ability to meet their full potential.

Thank you TEACHERS one and all for all that you do. If you see your child/ren's teacher maybe take the time to say thanks in appreciation for their hard work, I know you think it and appreciate it however sometimes in our busyness we forget to actually say it and you doesn't like hearing praise.



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## SRC Fundraising Report

SRC are very excited to announce the fantastic effort we have made as a community to raise money for various causes.

Late last term students enjoyed the colour run organised by the Advance class, with the assistance of SRC. It also included Hot Dog's and a coin drive. We are very excited to announce we raised \$581.75. This money will be donated to Patrick Estate State School, a small rural school like ourselves that was significantly affected by the flooding events last term.



The last Friday of Term 1 the SRC ran the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, \$340.00 was raised. This money is to be donated to the Royal Children's Hospital.

More recently, with the huge assistance of Mr Taylor and Robbie, we raised over \$180.00 from the cross country lunches. We would like to extend a big thank you to parents who assisted by making and donating some tasty treats to sell.

Casual Clothes Day is always well supported, money raised on these days goes towards supporting our sponsor child Pheaktra. Just a friendly reminder to everyone to please remember your gold coin donation on these days.

**The SRC would like to say a big thank you to everyone for supporting these events.**

The SRC team



Catholic Care Victoria are providing the Mallee region with free parenting workshops (Mallee Parenting Roadshow 2022) throughout Term two in Ouyen, Mildura and Swan Hill.

The workshops will be a great opportunity for professional development or for parents and carers to learn more about their children, you may want to come along as both a professional and a parent or carer.

As per the attached flyer there will be a "Connecting with Kids" workshop on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> of June from 11:30am until 1:30pm at the Swan Hill Town Hall in Meeting Room 2. This workshop focuses on how to use emotional intelligence to teach children about managing their feelings. There are limited spots available, therefore it is encouraged to register for the workshop beforehand.



## Connecting with Kids

Come along to this workshop and find out more about how to use emotional intelligence to teach children about managing their feelings. Emotional intelligence is the ability to identify your emotions, understand them and be in control of the way we express them.

- Do you often wonder why children do what they do?
- Would you like to learn how to help children manage feelings such as worry, frustration and anger?

✓ Emotional Intelligence ✓ Identify Emotions ✓ Manage Feelings

### Workshop dates & locations:

Location Name – Swan Hill Town Hall Meeting Room  
2 53-57 McCallum Street Swan Hill

Dates: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June @ 11:30AM-1:30PM  
Arrival and Registration – 11:15AM

- Please note this is a single session workshop for adults only.
- There is no cost for this workshop.
- Light refreshments will be provided.

*Groups are subject to maximum and minimum numbers determined seven working days prior to the commencement date. Early registration is encouraged.*

### RSVP:

Adele | Mallee Family Care  
M 0436 520 197 | E [receptions@malleefamilycare.com.au](mailto:receptions@malleefamilycare.com.au)

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



Connecting with Kids  
176 – 178 McCrae Street, Bendigo VIC 3550  
T (05) 5438 1300  
[www.ccfv.org.au](http://www.ccfv.org.au)

# Community News

## RSL Thank you

On behalf of the Manangatang RSL Sub-Branch I would like to thank all the students who helped us celebrate Anzac Day. Special thanks to Mr Phil Matthews.

We really appreciated your contribution and have had many favourable comments regarding your participation in making our day such a success.

Thank you

Geoff Plant

President

Manangatang RSL Sub-Branch



**New!**



## Tech Strategies for Families

Parenting in a world driven by technology presents a set of challenges for parents, guardians, grandparents, and carers. Tech is part of our reality but setting boundaries around its use is not always easy.

Join other parents and carers in this workshop which aims to:

- Present current research
- Reflect on tech use in your family, considering both the challenges and opportunities
- Explore strategies that focus on creating a safe and healthy tech environment for your family.

✓ Health & Safety

✓ Boundaries

✓ Strategies

### Workshop date & location

Where: Victoria Hotel  
22 Rowe St, Ouyen

Date: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
Session: 7.00pm – 9.00pm

This is a single session workshop only.

This is a free workshop.

Childcare is not available.

Early registration is encouraged.

### RSVP:

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

We ask that all participants follow any current Covid 19 restrictions, e.g. social distancing and face mask regulations.



Tech Strategies for Families  
176 – 178 McCrae Street, Bendigo VIC 3550  
T (03) 5438 1300

www.catholiccarevic.org.au



## Regional Parenting Mallee Roadshow

We are bringing a small series of parent and child development workshops to the Mallee in Term 2, 2022.

Bookings are essential for these workshops

June 14th - June 16th

Term 2



### Tech Strategies for Families (night session)

When: Tuesday, 14th June  
Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm  
Cost: Free  
Where: Victoria Hotel, Ouyen

Tech is part of our reality but setting boundaries around its use is not always easy. This workshop presents current research, the challenges and opportunities tech brings and explores strategies that focus on creating a safe and healthy tech environment.

Register Now

ouyen.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au



### Kids and Anger (day session)

When: Wednesday, 15th June  
Time: 1.30pm - 3.30pm  
Cost: Free  
Where: Mallee Family Hub, Mildura

In this workshop we will explore why children get angry, understand your response to your child's anger and gain strategies in assisting children to appropriately express anger.

Register Now

familyhub@schs.com.au



### The Importance of Dad's (night session)

When: Wednesday, 15th June  
Time: 6.00pm - 7.30pm  
Cost: Free  
Where: Mallee Family Hub, Mildura

This workshop explores the unique role of Dad's in their child's development. We will consider the benefits of play and learn how Dad's can maximise their child's social, emotional and academic growth.

Register Now

familyhub@schs.com.au



### Connecting With Kids (day session)

When: Thursday, 16th June  
Time: 11.30am - 1.30pm  
Cost: Free  
Where: Swan Hill Town Hall, Swan Hill

Emotional intelligence is the ability to identify your emotions, understand them and be in control of the way we express them. This workshop focuses on how to use emotional intelligence to teach children about managing their feelings.

Register Now

receptionsh@malleeefamilycare.com.au

### Free Parent Consultations

Single Session parent consultations are also available, Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm. Consultations are offered via phone, Zoom or face to face.

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Keep informed on what we offer across Regional Victoria  
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## F/1 Visit to Preschool

Last term the Foundation and Year 1 class visited the Preschool to join in music lessons with Catherine. We all got to sing, play musical instruments and dance.

Catherine listen to our singing voices and Ms Amanda's class sung a song too.



# Community News

GOLF GOLF GOLF

Manangatang golf course will be opening

Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>

12 noon assembly

Ladies day has changed to Tuesday this year and will start Tues. 3<sup>rd</sup> May

10am assembly

The course is a bit rough at the moment but can only improve with this rain

New members welcome and are desperately needed

Mens contact

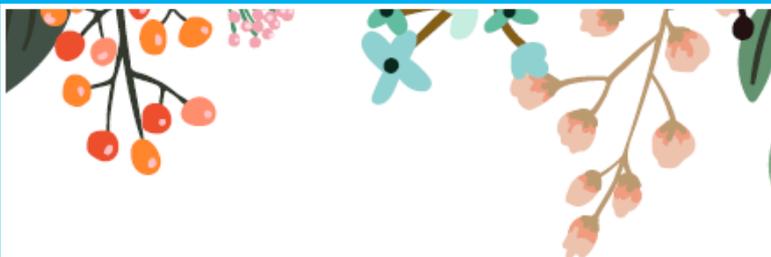
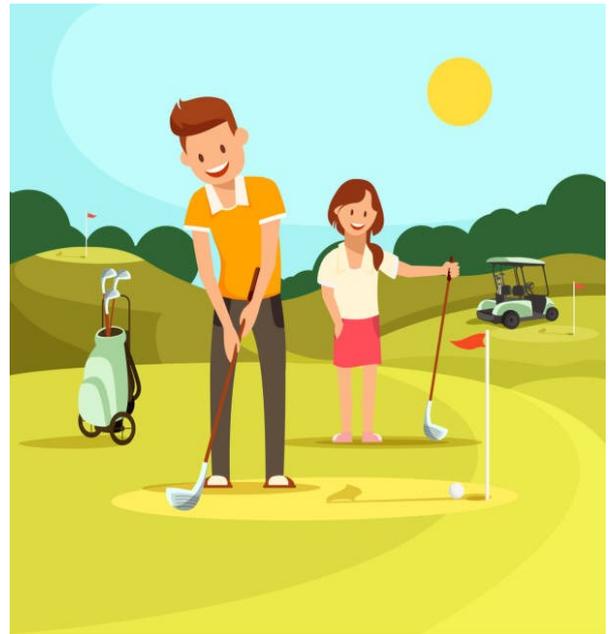
Ladies contact

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Leonie Lambert

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## MANANGATANG IMPROVEMENT GROUP

Next meeting will be held on  
Monday the 9th of May, 6.00pm at  
the Manangatang Hotel.

Apologies and items for the agenda to  
Billy or Debbie.



## BE THE FIRST!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PLAYING IN THE  
GIRLS COMPETITION IN 2022.  
PLAYERS WELCOME!

CONTACT ONE OF OUR FANTASTIC SIX CLUBS



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Jess Merrett 0419 436 049



Emily Patterson 0409 052 745



Bianca Wise 0439 656 173



Sandie Richardson 0417 399 060



Jarrod McKenzie 0428 339 633



### 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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## Flying Doctor Dental Clinic



### The Flying Doctor Dentist is returning to Manangatang

Bringing free check-ups, treatment and oral health advice to you

Where: Manangatang P – 12 College  
105 Mallee Highway  
Manangatang

When: 30<sup>th</sup> May – 9<sup>th</sup> June



Anyone living in the area is eligible for a dental check-up and treatment at no cost.

Call (03) 8412 0444 to book your appointment.

To find out more or to download your **free colour-in teeth-cleaning calendar** go to [flyingdoctor.org.au/vic/our-services/mobile-dental-care/](http://flyingdoctor.org.au/vic/our-services/mobile-dental-care/)

RFDS Victoria is committed to providing a COVID safe environment for our clients. Please contact us to find out how we are keeping our clients and communities safe.



## 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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***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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