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Manangatang P-12 College Newsletter

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25 JASMINE SHAND

25 KAYLA SHAND

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13 ROBYNN THOMAS

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25 MARKUS ZANKER

Welcome to Term 3, it has been a busy and productive start to the term.

Ali Cupper visit: The work began in the holidays with a visit from Ali Cupper Member for Mildura, James Price her Parliamentary advisor, and Stephen Parr her chief of staff to the college. Ali was invited by Lisa McNicol to have a look at our school. Ali, Kim Critchley, Linda Connell, and I were accompanied by Jake Baker and Aidan Plant on a tour of the school. We focused on the Science, Food and Technology rooms as well as showing her our fantastic Ag space. A letter documenting our specific needs is being put together and will be shared back to Ali so her team can work on a master to attract additional funding. Hopefully, the visit will hold us in good stead for financial support should she be re-elected in November.

A special mention for Anders Plant who was not able to make the tour because of his broken leg but who put his thoughts about what student needs are in an email to Ali.

2023 Planning

It is that time of the year again when planning for the following year begins. To make sure that students are offered the electives and year 11 subjects they want, it is important that the College is aware of students coming to or leaving the College. Also, even though the Review highlighted that one of our strengths is the range of subjects offered to every student at our school, this is the time where you can have input into the 2023 curriculum. Please email me or book an appointment, I am keen to hear your thoughts.

Drivers Ed

Our Year 10's began their preparation for Drivers Ed. This camp is held in high esteem and has been the best attended camp for many years, it provides excellent insight and education about road safety before the students are taken out for a hands-on driving experience. This year, our students will be joined by others from Murrayville and Werrimull.

Mallee Cluster Aspirational, Motivational day – Last week the Year 10 students travelled to Ouyen to work with Year 10 & 11 students from Ouyen, Murrayville, and Tyrrell College. Country Education Partnership facilitators and past Rural Youth Ambassadors discussed their postschool journeys, what to look forward to and what to look out for when transitioning from school to the next phase in their lives, especially when leaving home. It sounded like a fabulous day with great reports from Mr Nic Vine and the Year 10 students.

Uniform reminders

A reminder that students should be in full school uniform every day. The classrooms are warm, and students have plenty of sunny spots to sit and indoor areas are made available when there is inclement weather. Wearing jumpers under the school uniform is acceptable if they cannot be seen; hoodies should not be worn. School beanies are available for sale at the front office.

I must admit these days it is great just to see students at school, with so much illness I understand that exceptions may need to be made. If this is the case, please write a note or ring the school so that all staff can be notified. I do ask for your support to help maintain the high expectations we want for our school as much as you can.

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Outward Bound Sunday August 21 to Saturday, August 27.

Please check out Compass for the latest news about the Outward Bound camp. There are also links to medical and permission forms that need to be completed by July 27. We have 17 Year 7-10 students interested in going. An information session will be held very soon just waiting on the details.

The camp is FULLY subsidised by DET. It will be zero cost to students, including transport to and from the program, as part of the Positive Start initiative. Ordinarily the camp would cost the school/students just over $30,000 thousand total.

I am very excited about the uptake from students, and I am really pleased that parents/carers are supportive of this opportunity.

You can find out more about Outward Bound Australia on their website or https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O3S7kKPtZuI

Reports feedback

I am interested to know what parents thought about the reports, their format, their content, and their link to Compass. It would be good to hear positives as well as the information that will help make reporting on student progress useful.

Stay well and warm

Nat Mouvet

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Dear parents and carers

We are writing to you as parents/carers of a child or children in government, Catholic and independent schools across Victoria.

The Victorian Department of Health strongly recommends that face masks are worn in indoor settings.

As a result, we are asking all students aged 8 and over and all staff in all schools across Victoria to wear masks when in class (except where removing a mask is necessary for clear communication) from now to the end of winter.

Students won't be required or expected to wear masks when outdoors, and this expectation won't stop student participation in the full range of school activities, including music, sport and performances.

We are asking for your support in explaining to your child or children the importance of this simple step that will help keep our schools as safe as possible.

We also ask that you make sure your child (or children) takes a mask to school (and wears it if they are travelling on public transport) or collects a mask when they arrive at school.

We all appreciate how important it is for students to be back at school. This action will help make sure as many students and staff as possible are protected from COVID and other winter illness.

Thank for your help with this collective effort to keep our communities safe and healthy.

Dr David Howes Deputy Secretary	**Michelle Green** Chief Executive	**Jim Miles** Executive Director
Victorian Department of Education and Training	Independent Schools Victoria	Catholic Education Commission of Victoria

MANANGANTANG STAR AWARDS

Congratulations *to the following students who received a*

Manangatang Star Award *for their outstanding work and effort*

Zoe McNicol - Health	Ruby Zanker - PE
Cailtin Johnson - English	Hurley Anderson - Theme
Kayla Shand - Literacy	Bodhi - Literacy
Frankie Plant - AUSLAN	Jasmine Shand - AUSLAN
Zeek Phillips - AUSLAN	Riley Michau - Numeracy
Addie Barker - Literacy	Zach Lehner - English and Humanities

MANANGATANG P-12 COLLEGE

SPELLING BEE CONTEST

Calling all wordsmiths

Mallee vs Wattle

Who will be the last student spelling?

Lunchtime Friday Aug 5th

Parents are welcome to watch

Find an SRC member for more information

Compass Parent Guide

The Compass Parent Portal is an online portal that allows you to access up-to-date information about our school and your child's progress.

The portal is accessible via the College's website and also via the Compass School Manager App (available for download via the App store on your device).

Within the parent portal are many different features including the ability to:

- **Add attendance notes**
- **Communicate with your child's teachers**
- **Monitor your child's homework and assessment tasks**
- **View semester and progress reports**
- **Book parent teacher conferences**
- **View school news items**

If you have any questions regarding your Compass Parent Portal please contact the school for assistance.

Take A Step Excursion

On Thursday, June 23rd, some of our Indigenous students had the opportunity to attend a day meeting other Indigenous students and participating in activities to celebrate country and culture. Students could make sand art, stress balls, do boomerang painting, contribute to a mural and participate in basketball competitions. They had the opportunity to talk about what connects them to country, community and family. After a welcoming ceremony, there was a barbeque lunch to share and a lucky prize draw. Our students were very successful on the spinning wheel, winning lots of great prizes to take home. Thank you to Kim, who met us there and Michael Harradine for accompanying us.

Year 10 Career Aspirations Workshop

On Wednesday the 13th, our Year 10 students went to Ouyen for a Career Aspirations workshop to connect with other Year 10 and 11 students in our cluster. The students wrote what their dream was post-school and were arranged to sit with students with similar industry interests, such as health and agriculture. In these groups, they discussed what enablers and barriers their school provides them to get closer to their dream and what actions they can take as an individual to help themselves achieve. They had alumni from the Country Education Partnership's Rural Inspire program discuss different post school experiences, ranging from TAFE to gap years to university. It was great for our students to interact with students from other schools to discuss their aspirations and find similarities and differences in what the schools provide.

JOSEPH AND AMAZING TECHNICOLOUR DREAMCOAT

- NOVEMBER 23rd

This amazing stage show-musical is playing in Melbourne later this year. The College has secured a small allocation of tickets for students to attend a matinee performance on November 23rd. Tickets will be offered to Secondary students first, then Upper Primary and Parents.

Expressions of interest forms were provided to Secondary students two weeks ago. These need to be returned ASAP to secure tickets.

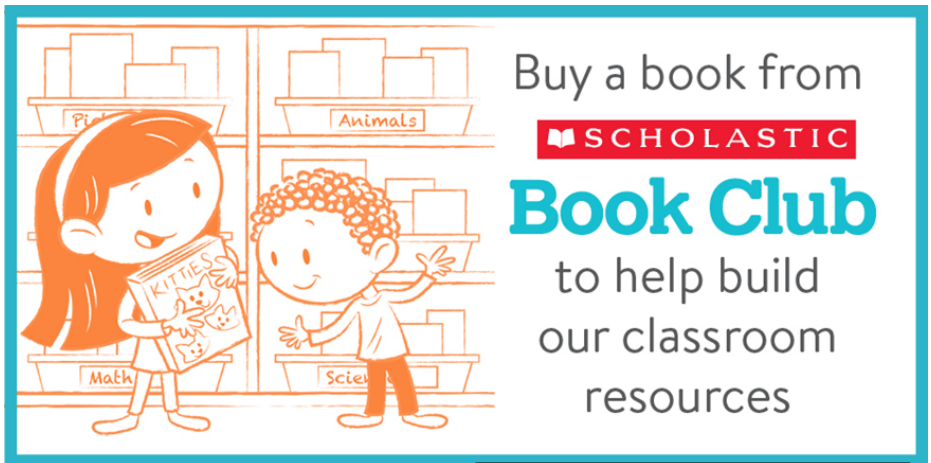
Funding may be available to cover some transport or ticket expenses.

This promises to be a fantastic opportunity.

MALLEE V WATTLE

The sun was out on Monday making it a great chance for a fun Mallee v Wattle lunchtime game of Capture the Flag. With participation high, it made for a great contest. Despite team Mallee's best efforts, Wattle won the game and in doing so collected 5 points to go towards the Spirit Cup. Well done Wattle

Thank you SRC



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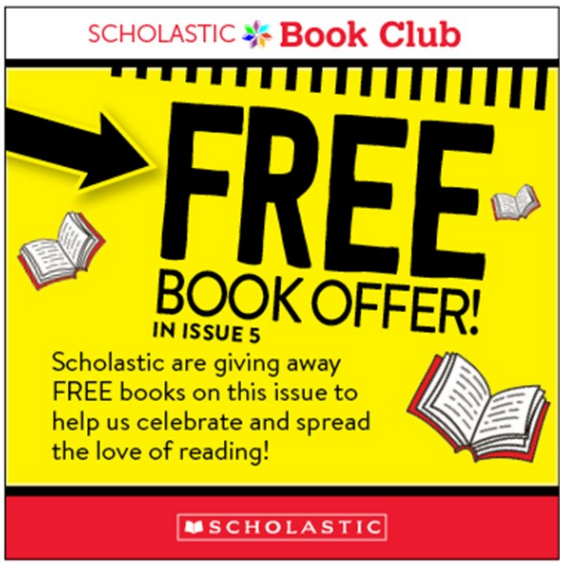


Wellbeing Update- Kim Critchley

Breakfast Club- is very excited to announce we can now offer breakfast every morning, we (as in Manangatang P-12 College) are very thankful for the support you, the parents, are providing to make this happen. Give a big shout out to the following for making Breakfast Club a reality every morning:

Monday – Carla Parsons

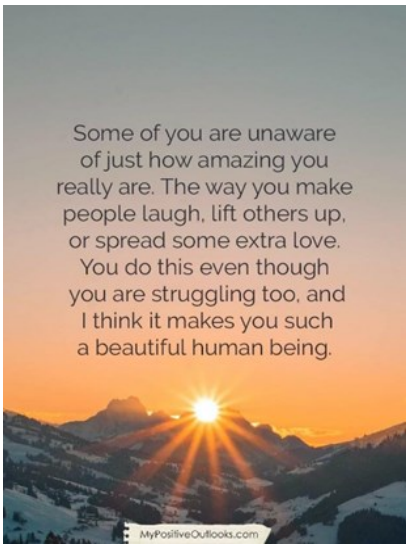
Tuesday and Thursday- Monika Zanker

Wednesday- SRC (Sarah Plant and her amazing SRC students)

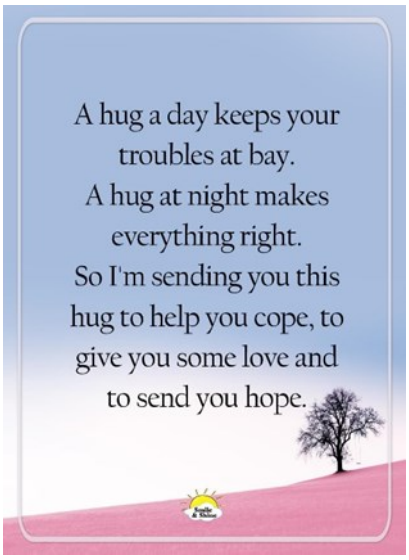
Friday- Billy (Nicola) Kydd

If you are still wanting to volunteer you are more than welcome as support for any one of these parents and you will also be a fantastic back up for the times these amazing volunteers are not able to do it. Just let me know

On a sadder note, which I really dislike having to do, can you please remind your children that if they are accessing food/drink items from Breakfast Club (not just at breakfast as I place fruit cups and little milks in the students' fridge for them to access at any time) to PLEASE dispose of their rubbish in a bin and not drop it on the ground, the little milk containers are littering our school grounds. I did have to restrict this easy supply before due to milk being squirted everywhere and would hate to have to do this again when only a few are responsible. It really is a privilege we don't want to lose.



Thoughts: Each newsletter I try to include useful information, and I do go off on tangents for sure, sorry, your students do inspire me greatly. I truly believe that every one of our students are amazing and that whilst education is vital for their future so is their wellbeing, they go hand in hand. We can't learn if we are hurting or struggling with something, we need to heal to move forward and this can happen many ways. Sometimes it is just a hug, or sharing with someone what we are feeling, just sitting with someone and not talking, or using other strategies such as mindfulness or seeking professional support. If your child is a hugger, hug them, be available to check in on their day and listen to what they share, life is so busy sometimes we forget to just sit and listen (don't mulit-task as we often tend to do, making tea, listening and feeding the cat) just listen. When we have so many demands made on us with our time this is challenging in itself, however make a time, even just for 5 minutes in the day that you both (all) get to just take it in turns sharing your day. I love the meal time for this, each person having a time to share what happened in their day, something that was great (a highlight) something that wasn't great (a lowlight) and something great they will do tomorrow (positive thought forward). That was a highlight when our babies were young and living at home, something, now my babies have grown, that I miss. I do look forward to when they come home for tea, we still sit at the dining table and share, love it. What family connections, activities, rituals do you do? I would love to hear about them if your happy to share them? What would you like to see in the newsletter? What is working for you? What is not working for you? What could I be doing differently ? ALL feedback greatly received



Happy Term 3 Everyone.

HANDS ON LEARNING

A program supported by Save the Children

Last Friday the Hands on Learning (HOL) worked at the Recreation Reserve and fixed some of the buildings. We had to make a list of all the tools we needed and go back to school and grab them. Then we got to work!!

Zoe Johnson

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 Foundation 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 2 September 2022.

Children from Foundation 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: https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge

Attendance certificates of achievement

Attendance certificates of achievement were handed out at the beginning of Term 3 to those students who achieved greater than 85% attendance for term 2.

Bronze—(85-89% attendance, Term 2)

Jobhi Plant, Addison Wright, Amelia Da Cunha, Daniel Zanker, Riley Caccianiga, Chelsea Chapman, Zach Lehner, Jake Baker, Tom Cassidy, Melody Littlewood, Lex Wilson

Silver—(90-98% attendance, Term 2)

Lily Finch, Ingrid Grant, Jimmy Grant, Bodhi, Amelia Johnson, Caitlin Johnson, Zoe Johnson, Anders Plant, Chayse Plant, Harper McNicol, Zen

Gold—(99-100% attendance, Term 2)

Ruby Zanker, Will Grant

Child safety and wellbeing at Manangatang P-12 College: information for families and the school community

The Victorian Government has announced new Child Safe Standards to further strengthen child safety across organisations, including schools. The new standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing.

Manangatang P-12 College has reviewed and updated our child safety policies and procedures to ensure they meet the requirements of the new standards. These are available to view on our school's website and by request at the school's front office.

We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices.

POSITIVE START HOLIDAY CAMPS

Eligible Victorian students can attend a free holiday camp with the Positive Start program.
Positive Start holiday camps will run in the 2022 school holidays.
Holiday camps are a great way for your child to get outdoors, meet new friends and try new things. Holiday camps are generally organised by age range. Each day is full of active and fun things to do, such as archery, canoeing and ropes courses.
Whether a single overnight experience or spending several nights away, taking part in a school holiday camp program is a great way for your child to try new things, make new friends and enjoy active time in the great outdoors.
Camps offer clean and comfortable shared accommodation, a range of professionally led activities suitable for your child's age and experience and, of course, plenty of tasty and nutritious food.

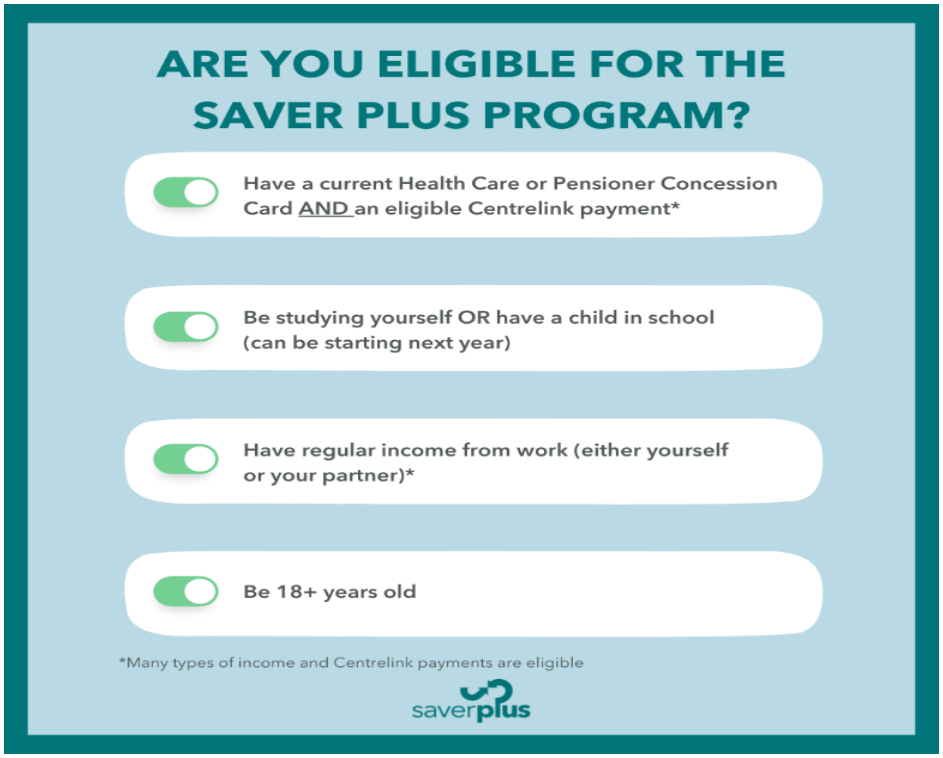
Eligibility
Students in years 3 to 12, who meet one or more of the following criteria are eligible to attend a free holiday camp:

- attend a school that experienced closures of five days or more due to a positive COVID-19 case or close contact in 2021
- have an approved Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) application for 2022
- have a parent that holds a valid means-tested concession card (for example a Health Care Card, Job Seeker, Newstart Allowance, Disability Support Pension)
- are in out of home care
- have a disability
- are from a refugee background
- are Koori students
- are in the Navigator program
- are young carers.

The Department of Education and Training has worked directly with camp providers to secure spots on holiday programs for eligible families.

Contact us
For enquiries or help with your booking Positive Start team (Department of Education and Training)

positivestart@education.vic.gov.au



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Want $500 to help you with school costs?

Make an enquiry to see if you are eligible.

Information Session

Emergent Literacy

Manangatang Community Centre
Week 5
Thursday
11th August
1:45pm

- For families of children enrolling in school 2023.
- Information session by Emily Smith, **Speech Pathologist** from *Sunraysia Community Health Services.*

- How to support **listening skills** for sounds in words.
- How to support **spoken language** before learning written language.
- How to support **print awareness** leading up to school.
- Answering your questions about what is "emergent literacy" for pre-school aged children.

For more information call **Lisa 0412 222 379**

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IT'S TIME WE TALKED

It's time we talked

Pornography, young people and sexuality

Free information session in Mildura - Wednesday 17th August 2022

Pornography has become a parenting issue we can't afford to ignore. Over the past decade or so, pornography has become mainstream. For young people growing up in this era of ever new and accessible technology it is almost impossible to avoid exposure to pornography. Consumption – particularly for young men – has become normalised.

But porn is no longer the centrefold it used to be. Porn's move from a brown paper bag onto smart phones and personal laptop computers has been accompanied by a shift towards more aggressive content.

While many young people express some awareness that porn is fantasy, they also commonly convey the ways their sexual understandings and experiences are being influenced by what they – or their partners or peers – observe in porn. Porn's influence has serious implications for young people's capacity to develop a sexuality that is respectful, safe, freely consenting and mutually pleasurable.

Please note that this event is for parents, carers and other interested adults in young people's lives. It is not suitable for children and young people

About the facilitator:

Maree Crabbe is Director of the Australian violence prevention initiative, *It's time we talked*. Maree is an educator, author, researcher and filmmaker who is passionate about gender-based violence prevention, and about supporting parents, schools, communities and government to address pornography's influence on young people.

Date: Wednesday 17th August 2022
Time: 6.30pm - 8pm
Venue: Chaffey Secondary College theatre
Register: https://www.trybooking.com/CBDMI
Registration preferred but not essential

Hosted by the Mallee Family Care Community Legal Centre
Please direct inquiries to Allie Collyer - acollyer@malleefamilycare.com.au

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Horses and bushfire – what do we know?
7.30 AEST Wednesday 20 July
- Kirrilly Thompson, University of Newcastle
- Andrew McLean, Equitation Science International
- Chris Heisiers, Veterinarian

Your vegetation – what you need to know
7.30pm AEST 10 August
- Kevin Tolhurst AM, University of Melbourne
- Justin Leonard, CSIRO
- Peter Ashton, DELWP
- Nick Guyett, Surf Coast Shire

Your last resort options
7.30pm AEST 24 August
- Justin Leonard, CSIRO
- Jim McLennan, La Trobe University
- Rob Gordon OAM, Clinical Psychologist

Why get kids involved in the family bushfire plan
7.30 AEST Wednesday 7 September
- Michelle Roberts, Australian National University
- Rob Gordon OAM, Clinical Psychologist
- Briony Towers, Co-director, LEADRRR
- Jane Hayward, Principal Strathewen Primary School

Understand your bushfire risk
7.30pm AEST 21 September
- Kevin Tolhurst AM, University of Melbourne
- Justin Leonard, CSIRO
- Ian Bennetts, Bushfire Building Council of Australia

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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**.

Please check your child's uniform to make sure it is labelled correctly.

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

MANANGATANG MARKET & TAKEAWAY

WEDNESDAY LUNCH ORDER MENU

TO ORDER: Ring **0475 434 714** before 10am Tuesday.

Payment can be made directly to the shop or sent into school in a clearly labelled envelope.

HOT FOOD

Chicken nuggets & chips $6.00

Chicken strips – each $2.00

Loaded toasted sandwich $7.00

Pie, Pastie, Sausage rolls $5.00

Crinkle cut chips $2.50

SANDWICHES & WRAPS

Ham or Chicken salad sandwich $6.50

Ham or Chicken salad roll $7.50

Ham or Chicken salad wrap $8.00

Sandwich – 2 fillings $5.00

Extra fillings $0.50

Fillings: chicken, ham, cheese, lettuce, carrot, tomato, onion, beetroot

DRINKS

Fruit box $2.00

Nippy juice $3.50

Flavoured milk – small $2.00

Flavoured milk - 500ml $4.00

Oak milk 750ml $5.50

Sparkling water $1.50

Water $2.00

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.