



Mansfield Primary School



Newsletter 15
5th September, 2013

**FOOTY
COLOURS DAY
IS TOMORROW.
WEAR YOUR
FOOTY &
NETBALL
GEAR!**

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IMPORTANT DATES:

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| 6th September | Footy Colours Day JSC
S2S Yr 4 X/Country
Group B (cancelled)
Book Club orders due |
| 13th September | Yr 5 S2S Paps training
walk |
| 20th September | Last day Term 3
Walkathon |
| 22nd September | Spring clean 9am—12pm |
| 7th October | First day Term 1 |

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

ENROLMENTS

At this time of year, we are well and truly into planning for next year. So if you, or anyone you know is considering enrolment, then, please ask them to contact the school office immediately to enrol.

School budgets are determined by enrolments, and classes and staffing arrangements are determined by budgets, so we need to know as soon as possible if your child is enrolling or leaving. At the same time, if you know, your child won't be here next year, please advise the office so that transfers can be arranged. Trying to estimate enrolments is one of the reasons Principals age prematurely, so please help and let us know your intentions as soon as possible.

SAVERPLUS

How would you like an extra \$500 dollars to help support your child's education, or for that matter any educational purpose??

Saverplus is a "no brainer" program supported by the Brotherhood of St Lawrence and ANZ Bank. Mr Peter Grey will

be at our last Assembly for this term to help give you an outline of the program and be available after Assembly for any interested parents. You can also contact Peter on 57702200.

If you've been struggling trying to find enough money for ongoing educational expenses, this program is for you. Without much effort you could find yourself with some easy extra cash for those important educational expenses.

WHAT HAPPENED TO AUGUST?

As we farewell winter and welcome Spring, isn't it just amazing how quickly August disappeared from our radar. It seemed like we were just gearing up for the coldest month of the year, and suddenly by some masterstroke, it disappeared?? Spring seemed to be set by some magical clock with some glorious weather. Life can be like that and it reminds us all to live for the moment, enjoy every day and not take things too seriously.

So let's just take a "chill pill" and rediscover August. Some very famous humanitarians were born in August. Here's a little snapshot of who was born in August and what happened in August:

Respect for Parents Day. August 1st (Did you celebrate??)

Neil Armstrong born, August 5th 1930. (Do you know what Neil Armstrong did?)

Alfred Lord Tennyson born, August 6th 1809.

International Left Handers Day, August 13th.

Davy Crockett born, August 17th 1786.

Wizard of Oz Premiered in 1939.

Mother Teresa born, August 27th 1930. (One of the world's great humanitarians)

National Literacy and Numeracy Week. (Celebrated here at MPS)

LANGUAGES IN SCHOOLS

A big thank-you to those families and parents who took time to respond to my request for feedback concerning languages study here at MPS. All schools need to have commenced teaching a language by 2015 and we will need to have commenced implementation by then. There are a number of important considerations before we decide on a language, so your feedback is not only valued, but important. If you have any thoughts about which languages we should be considering, please forward them to me:

volkering.paul.pc@edumail.vic.gov.au

SPRING CLEAN

We are holding a "Spring Clean" on Sunday September 22nd (9:00a.m until 12:00p.m.)

Jobs include: Mulching, Weeding, Edging, Rubbish Removal, Cleaning. Come along for this "one off" Spring clean and help your child's school.

If bringing your own tools, please ensure they are clearly marked with your own name.

JAMIESON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Here it is!!

The one and only Jamieson Primary School Wine & Cheese Tasting Night. We are delighted that Sue & Bruce McGorlick of Locheilan Cheeses will be there too. Come & stay and make the most of the truly impressive range of wines & Cheeses. Rarely matched in rural Victoria. Pass the word along and look forward to seeing you all there! October 12th 8:00p.m \$35per head, tickets @ Jamieson General Store, 57770516.

REMINDER: ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

Parents are reminded that the Active After School Communities program is on again this term. There are great activities after school for your child to get involved in. Just come along and enjoy. The program runs Monday and Thursday after school commencing at 3:45p.m. If interested please contact Belinda Elliott on 0400123497 our Active After-school Communities Coordinator.

UNIFORM

Parents are urged to check lost property for missing uniform. We've got lots there!

PARENTING IDEAS

This week's Parenting Ideas article features some tips and advice for our dads, especially seeing you've just celebrated

your big day in the year. Dads, if you want to give something to your child, then read the information below and pretty soon you will know that you've given your child a great head start in life. I hope you find this week's article of benefit. These articles are from the Parenting Ideas website www.parentingideas.com.au and are designed to help give you some valuable skills and thoughts in that ever important task of being a good parent.

Why Dads should Read to Their Kids

Sure we know dads are great. But did you know that beyond their BBQ-ing, football-coaching, and lawn-mowing skills they also play an important role in their child's literacy too? This month, as we celebrate fathers, we also salute Dad as a reading role model too.

While most dads would agree that reading is an important shared activity to do with their kids, the majority, according to "Booktrust", the United Kingdom's leading literacy organization, don't read with their kids. Their research uncovers that only one out of eight fathers takes the lead with reading to their children. The findings are worrisome because fathers' involvement in their child's reading is proven to boost academic success and leads to improved social and emotional well-being.

James Patterson, who started writing for children in 2005 in order to encourage his son to read, created his own website, ReadKiddoRead, (<http://www.readkiddoread.com/>) to help dads find books to read with their children. "If we can get children reading and enjoying books, we open up a whole world of possibility to them," he says. "I believe that dads have a huge role to play in encouraging their children to read. We need to give fathers the support they need in reading to their children. If I can help dads to understand their role in making books and reading more important in children's lives, I'll be a happy man."

Studies, in fact, show that boys who are read to by their fathers scored significantly higher in reading achievement, and, when fathers read recreationally, their sons read more and scored higher than did boys whose fathers did little or no recreational reading.

When dads read with their kids, they share the story experience together and bring their own perspective to the reading, which will differ from a mother's perspective. Books are stepping stones for children to understanding the wider world beyond their door. Adults learn about the humankind through books and it's no less so for children.

Reading with their children also helps fathers to see the world through their child's eyes. As well as teaching kids about the world, reading to children teaches dads about their children. Through reading, a parent learns what their child finds funny, scary, mean, and kind and can also be clued into what their child knows and what needs further explaining.

But the benefits of dads reading to their children go well beyond the academic and can be as positive to the dad as the child. After a hectic day at work, reading is a wonderful way for dads to relax with their kids and focus on their child. It's a time to take a break from life's distractions and engage fully with their child.

There are many great reasons that dads should read to their kids. Probably the biggest reason of all is that it is a wonderful way for dads to get closer to their kids and, in turn, create a lifetime of cherished memories. But most of all, reading is a shared endeavour between all the adults in a child's life—and a shared joy.

Here are some tips for Dads to get them reading with their kids.

- Reading is not only for bedtime. A book over breakfast is a fun way to start the day.
- It's extra special when dads share their favorite childhood books with their children. If dad doesn't remember his favorite book, then grandad probably remembers. . . .
- Let Dad pick out the books. Mums tend to pick out similar books to read time and time again—books that perhaps they like or think their children will like. A dad let loose in a library may come back with a very different book collection to introduce to their kids.
- Reading with kids doesn't only mean reading books. Comics, graphic novels, non-fiction books such as Australian Geographic's Deadliest Animals and kid magazines are great reads.
- Why not trade off library days? One week it's Mum's turn, the next it's Dad's turn to take a trip to the library.

- For kids ready to stretch into longer fiction, nothing beats the anticipation of reading a book with Dad—chapter by chapter. The Chronicles of Narnia, The Secret Garden, Peter Pan, or the Harry Potter series are just those sorts of reads.
- When kids are interested in reading on their own, dads can still stay involved by reading what their kids are reading and then talking about it together. Many middle-grade (and older) titles are just as entertaining for dads as they are for kids!

So, I here you say, what if there is no father figure in my family. Well, we're not saying Mums don't do a great job, you do, but if there is a father figure in the household, get him involved in your child's reading as well. We already know mum's do a great job supporting kid's reading.

Check out the accompanying "snippets" from our Prep and Year 1 students. If you Dads had any doubt about how much love your kids have, read on! Enjoy the laugh and tears!

Paul Volkering
Principal



Spring Ski-jacket Sale!



Begins Tuesday
September 10th
Mansfield Primary
School.

Thanks to the generosity of Buller Sports Mansfield, we have a range of ex-hire ski jackets - still in really good condition - for sale!

All jackets \$10 only
First in, best dressed
Mostly adult (or older kids) sizes
GET IN QUICK!!!

Jackets will be on a rack in the hallway outside the library.
Please leave your money with the front office. Thanks for your honesty. All proceeds to the MPS Ski Program.

Special thanks to Alex (Saskia and Kuiper's dad!) at BSL



Mansfield Visitor Information Centre Open Day

Saturday 7th September 11am -3pm

As part of "Victoria Tourism Week" celebrate the social and economic contribution the tourism industry brings to our local community. Bring the family along for a fabulous day to play tourist in our own backyard....

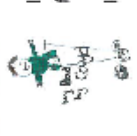
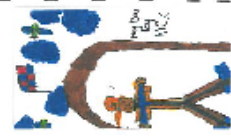
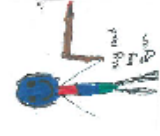
- Enter throughout the day for Best Dressed Bike competition sponsored by All Terrain Cycles.
- Heaps of great prizes and giveaways throughout the day.
- Pick up discount coupons for special offers for local attractions and venues.
- Radio Mansfield broadcasting live from the centre.
- Mansfield Historical Society - Free entry to exhibition.
- Sausage Sizzle
- Mansfield Zoo & other displays.
- Treasure Hunt and Balloons.



I LOVE YOU DAD BECAUSE...

All the reasons why P1B kids love their dads

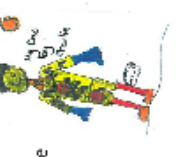
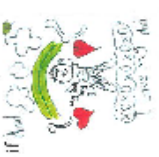
- I love my dad because he takes me on his new van, I love you Daddy.... by Hannah
- I love my dad because you buy me chocolate bars and take me camping... by Mary
- I love my dad because he takes me to China sometimes on the long holidays... by Dylan
- I love my dad because he sometimes gives me tin tams and he loves me... by Maddie
- I love my dad because he is soooo tall he can touch the roof.... by Luke
- I love my dad because he gives me vanilla ice cream... by Max
- I love my dad because he is nice and he makes breakfast in bed for me... by Mia
- I love my dad because he lets me watch Iron Man 3 and he lets me buy my own games at the video shop.... by Ashton
- I love my dad because he gives me helicopter rides and he buys me new bikes.... by Zach
- I love my dad because he's special to me and because he lets me come to his work on Saturdays.... by Claudine
- I love my dad because he gives me heaps of wrestles.... by Jasper
- I love my dad because he spends time with and he cuddles me.... by Audrey
- I love my dad because he always lets me help him doing everything.... by Cody
- I love my dad because he lets me go to the tomato farm and lets us have treats... by Jaycee
- I love my dad because he gives me hugs before I got to bed and I sometimes get ice cream... by Tyler
- I love my dad because he cuddles me.... by Jade
- I love my dad because he is going to be buying me my own tie.... by Zoe
- I love my dad because he bought a brand new car.... by Matilda
- I love my dad because he gives me chocolate all the time.... by Tony



I LOVE YOU DAD BECAUSE...

All the reasons why Prep/1A kids love their dads

- I love my dad because he made a swing for me and he gives me lots of kisses and hugs... by Charlie.
- I love my dad because he gives me treats and I mow the lawns with him.... by Lachy.
- I love my dad because he takes me camping and he buys me chocolate bars... by Nick.
- I love my dad because he farts and because he wakes me up in the morning... by Lockie
- I love my dad because he lets me eat chocolate and sometimes he lets me mow the lawn with him... by Maitre
- I love my dad because he takes me out and goes motorbike riding... by Cayd
- I love my dad because he goes hunting with me... by Sam
- I love my dad because he takes me to the park... by Annabelle
- I love my dad because he plays footy with me... by Kuiper
- I love my dad because he loves me.... By Beth
- I love my dad because he helps me do my room also he helps me with my writing.... By Charlotte
- I love my dad because he loves me.... By Coralle
- I love my dad because he loves riding motorbikes.... By Harry
- I love my dad because he takes me camping... by Will
- I love my dad because he takes us to the pub and the beach... By Emerson
- I love my dad because he digs up the dirt... by Pearl
- I love my dad because he goes hunting outside for animals... by Ryan
- I love my dad because he takes me bike riding on the mountain tracks... by Max
- I love my dad because he hugs me and kisses me and before he goes to work he checks if I'm still asleep.. by Ella
- I love my dad because when we skype him he teaches me Greek and also I think he's funny... by Danae
- I love my dad because he is letting us have a tree house at our new house... by Jess
- I love my dad because he takes me for bike rides and he is painting my helmet... by Chloe



I LOVE YOU DAD BECAUSE...

All the reasons why 1/2C kids love their dads



I love my dad because he buys me lollies ...by George

I love my dad because he is all mine. He hugs me and takes me to the zoo...by Daniel B.

I love my dad because he gives me heaps of wristles...by Hunter

I love my dad because he helps me build stuff and he works hard...by Ben H

I love my dad because he tucks me in to bed every night ...by Chesney

I love my dad because he got me a real bow and arrow and I want to thank him for everything else he does...by Erin

I love my dad because makes good meatballs and he plays with me...by Charlie

I love my dad because he makes stuff for me like swings...by Ben D

I love my dad because he loves me...by Benson

I love my dad because he would have been a great dad and done lots of things with me...by Imogen

I love my dad because he is special and loves me...by Connor

I love my dad because he gives me chocolates and he takes me to his work meetings and I sometimes get hot chocolate...by Lenni

I love my dad because he is fun to be with. He plays Uno and Zingo with me...by Toby

I love my dad because he lets me stay up late sometimes...by Saskia

I love my dad because he lets me do night duty with him ...by Abby

I love my dad because he lets me come to visit and we go to places like the zoo...by Ailish

I love my dad because he gives me lollies. He loves me and gives great hugs and kisses...by Ebony

I love my dad because he gives me hugs and takes us on great holidays...by Daniel

I love my dad because he helps me do all kinds of stuff. I love working with my dad...by Zac

I love my dad because when I do something nice for him he does something nice for me... by Hilary



Physical Education

The focus for PE this term has been Circus Skills. We have been working on balancing, juggling, hoops, juggling sticks and lots of other skills. Most of the grades are performing to another class during this week and the performances so far have been fantastic. The only grade that isn't performing this week are the Grade 6 students who will perform at the final assembly on Friday the 20th September. Assembly will be on the basketball court and everyone is welcome to come and watch. All of the performances are being recorded and we are uploading the videos to the school website. We will let families know when those videos are up, hopefully tomorrow or early next week.

School to Summit

The Grade 4s have been visiting Mt Stirling throughout this term, learning to cross country ski and exploring Mt Stirling in the snow. Some of the days have been perfect, with lots of snow and lovely weather. Other days have been more challenging. The most challenging was 2 Fridays ago when it rained all day. We skied in the morning and then went in for a hot chocolate with our lunch. We had to 'wring out' most of the kids before they went inside. Almost all of the students then chose to put on all their wet gear again and go back out into the pouring rain for another ski after lunch. I was so impressed with their attitude and the way they looked after themselves and each other. Unfortunately this t-shirt weather has meant that the last trip, scheduled for tomorrow, will be cancelled. A great big thanks to Mr Muscari, Mrs MacMunn, Sue McDonald and our parent helpers for all of their support this term.



INSIGHTS

by Michael Grose – No. 1 parenting educator



Father time is valuable time

On Father's Day it's worth reflecting on how good fathering matters. It matters to mothers. It matters to men. And importantly it matters to children.



"He's a bit of a rascal!"

This is how Prince William, the Duke of Cambridge described his new born son in a recent televised interview.

Watching the interview it's apparent that Prince William is totally smitten by his son. He is a changed man. As any dad knows, there's no turning back.

Early indications are that the Duke of Cambridge is going to be a modern, hands-on dad who wants to be an active participant in the life of his son. It was he who carried the baby from the hospital to greet the media pack, and it was he who put the baby capsule in the back seat of the car before heading home. *"I'm a hands-on dad"* was the message beamed around the world. Good on him.

Building up frequent father points

Prince William is typical of many modern dads. Gone are the days when the only relationship many men had with their children was through their wives. Men, increasingly, recognise that their effectiveness is dependent on first-hand interactions with their kids. That means their presence is needed far more than any presents they may provide for their kids.

For some dads first-hand interactions with children are easier said than done. Family separation, work circumstances and busy lifestyles are all factors affecting their capacity to become involved in their children's lives.

In these circumstances it's important that men maintain an emotional attachment to their kids; do their best to know what's going on in their children's lives; and respond appropriately to the developmental imperatives of their children.

The impact of fathering on children

Good fathering matters.

It matters to mothers as a supportive father makes a mother's life easier.

It matters to girls. Good fathering has been linked to higher confidence levels in girls, particularly during the tricky adolescent years. The notion of a father who is present, available and attentive affords a sense of security to a girl, which is necessary for healthy development.

Dads are also the first introduction to the world of men for girls so it's important that fathers treat their daughters with gentleness and respect, but also encourage them to be assertive. In a sense, fathers teach their daughters how



they should expect to be treated by males as they get older.

Good fathering matters to boys. They learn their first lessons of manhood from their dads. Early primary-aged boys usually want to spend a great deal of time with their dads. Steve Biddulph, author of *Raising Boys*, describes this phenomenon as 'father-hunger' and suggests that dads need to be around their sons in the primary school years so they can 'download the software' of how to be male.

The father-son relationship during adolescence can be problematic. While teen boys seem to be hard-wired to challenge their fathers, most desperately want their dads to be proud of them. Teen boys need a dad who can be firm when needed as they don't always make great decisions. They need a dad who remembers the awkwardness and insecurity of being a teenage boy themselves. And they relate best to dads who don't take themselves too seriously. The judicious use of humour, particularly with boys, is a great fathering strategy.

Fathering matters to men

And, of course, involved fathering matters to men. Most

health scales state a healthy relationship with their children is a predictor of good health and longevity for men, as well as of life satisfaction levels. I suspect there is something relaxing and de-stressing for a man to get into a child's space and time. There is a big kid in most men just busting to get out.

Parental well-being would be the last thing on Prince William's mind as he attends to his young son's needs. It is through these early forays into parenting that Prince William, like countless other men, will find his feet as a dad, and also discover his place in the life of his son.

Five fathering tips (whether you live with the children's mother or not):

1. Go on dates with your daughters.
2. Have adventures with your sons.
3. Support your partner's parenting.
4. Change as your child changes.
5. Discipline with firmness and compassion.



WINE, CHEESE & BEER Tasting & Auction

Jamieson Memorial Hall
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12
8p.m. onwards

The renowned Jamieson Wine, Cheese and Beer Evening and Auction will be held in the Jamieson Memorial Hall starting at 8pm.

MEET THE WINEMAKERS

Along with local owner/winemaker, this year we are thrilled to be featuring Italian varieties. Award winning Pinots from Delatite Winery & Mt Terrible Wines available for tasting! Outstanding range of wines from Ros Ritchie. Winemakers and their award winning wines will be available for tasting, discussion and sales.

EXPLORE OUR WONDERFUL RANGE OF CHEESES

To compliment the international award winning wines there will be an extensive range of Australian and European cheeses to taste.

Ian Robertson, Vice-President and Chief Judge of the Australian Specialist Cheesemakers Association and a great contributor to the event states

"This is the finest collection of Cheeses outside a major city centre and second only to the Sydney Specialist Cheese Show". Not bad for a little town like Jamieson! The event has been running successfully for over 30 years and has become a special highlight on the regional culinary calendar.

TRY AWARD WINNING LOCAL & IMPORTED BEERS

As well as fine wines to taste, there is also a beer tent, manned by Jamieson Brewery staff. The Brewery will have its own range of award winning beers as well as national and international gems to taste and savour.

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE - MONSTER AUCTION, RAFFLES...

Our Wine and Cheese Auctions are legendary - fine wines from all over Australia and overseas, Package Deals, Cheese Platters and more. Door prizes and raffle draws also run throughout the night.

Entry: \$35.00. Includes tasting glass.
This Event books out quickly, so don't delay.

Tickets available from Jamieson General Store 5777 0516
or at Jamieson Post Office 5777 0502



School Holidays Spring Program

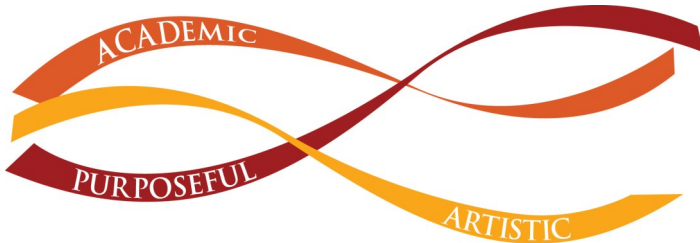
Great adventures for children on holidays
with a dedicated educator leading every exciting day !

Only \$15.50 per day

(based on the median Mansfield household income, after CCB and CCR received)

Care provided from 7am to 6pm.

- Pick your days.....
 - MON 23rd Sep -** Bring your bathers for water fun at Mansfield Aquatics !
 - TUES 24th Sep -** Budding news reporters to present 'The Farmhouse News' !
 - WED 25th Sep -** Around the world adventure as we eat, play, dance & create
 - THU 26th Sep -** Making things (that work !) from wood
 - FRI 27th Sep -** Calling all actors ! Performers & stage support required !
 - MON 30th Sep -** Problem solving & surprises as we explore history around town
 - TUES 1st Oct -** Delatite River exploration – bring your bathers !
 - WED 2nd Oct -** Let's help Dr Anna the Vet as she checks our animals
 - THU 3rd Oct -** Boot camp – new challenges and obstacles to tackle !
 - FRI 4th Oct -** Masterchef desserts – let the sweet challenge begin.....
- Book so you don't miss out.....
Call 5779 1842 or email info@thefarmhouse.net.au



An invitation to all parents of Grade 6

Are you interested in a gentle start to Year 7 studies?

Mansfield Steiner School offers small class sizes

together with a stimulating, challenging

curriculum set to meet the needs of these emerging young adults.

Please join us for an engaging information evening regarding Class 7.

A wonderful opportunity to learn what our Class 7 & 8 curriculum will offer your child and how it will help in his/her secondary education preparation and self development. Bring your questions, concerns or enquiries...

Friday 6th September 7.30pm in the Melliodora Hall
Drinks and finger food provided.

91 Highbett Street, Mansfield Ph: 5779 1445
admin@mansfieldsteiner.vic.edu.au

RELAY FOR LIFE ZUMBATHON

Saturday 14th September Curley and Carol's Cause team is holding a Zumbathon to raise money for Relay For Life. It will be held at The Mansfield Showgrounds, starting at 5pm with Zumba Junior for the Kids, followed by basic step run through and Zumba starting at 6pm for EVERYONE. There will be water and a sausage sizzle for those who would like make a night of it. \$5 for adults, Gold coin donation for the kids.

ZUMBA RULE NO 1: Don't know how to move? Shake it till ya Make it!

ZUMBA RULE NO 2: Have FUN! Sing SILLY! And Dance CRAZY!

ZUMBA RULE NO3: There are no mistakes just unexpected SOLOS!

COME AND PARTY FOR A CAUSE!

For further information feel free to contact Melissa on 0418529437

MANSFIELD JUNIOR CRICKET ASSOCIATION

AGM Mansfield Junior Cricket Association, Monday 9th September at the Mansfield Hotel, light supper provided.

Old and new members welcome, bring your skills along.

