IMPORTANT DATES:

February 19th  Prep-Yr 2 Assembly  3pm
February 24th  Division Swimming  Seymour
February 26th  Year 5/6 Melbourne  Excursion
March 1st     Parent Information Night (information to come)
March 2nd     National Young Leaders Conference Melbourne Convention Centre
March 4th     Whole school Buddy Day
March 9th     Regional Swimming Shepparton
March 11th    Curriculum Day—Pupil Free
March 14th    Labour Day weekend (public holiday - no students at school)
March 18th    Prep/New families Picnic—At school Pizza Bake off!
March 21st    School Council meeting 7:00p.m
March 24th    Last Day of term. Students dismissed at 2:30p.m. NOTE Last day is Thursday

SCHOOL COUNCIL
Parents are advised that the School Council election process has commenced. We have 4 vacancies in the Parent Category. All parents should have received advice sent home with their child last week. Nominations close this coming Monday, February 22nd at 4:00p.m. We have five (4) parent category vacancies and two (2) DEECD vacancies.

INSURANCE NOTICE
Recently we sent out a notice from EBM Insurances promoting Student Accident Insurance. Parents are advised that the school does not endorse this company and we do not wish to leave parents with the impression that it is recommended. Apologies if we have indirectly caused any confusion.

AUSTRALIA’S GOT TALENT
It was great to see one of our parents literally having a crack on “Australia’s Got Talent” Show recently. Although he didn’t get the nod from the judges, we thought that he looked the part and acquitted himself well. His three boys will be proud of Dad’s efforts.

SCHOOL BUSES
Parents are reminded to support us by ensuring we are contacted about changed arrangements for bus travel. Mansfield Secondary College is the bus coordinating school and we then collate lists of students travelling once permission has been gained.

We have little choice but to send students home on the bus, if the manifest says they are meant to travel on a particular day. Unless we receive a phone call, the student will be sent home on the bus if the manifest says they should travel.

Similarly, if you want your child to travel home by bus, and they aren’t on the manifest, they will not be allowed on, unless there is an
accompanying note requesting the changed arrangements.

All students travelling by bus must be registered.

**PREP / NEW FAMILIES PICNIC**

New families and Prep families in particular are invited to a “Picnic” on March 18th commencing at 6:30p.m here at school to mark the first official bake of the new Pizza Oven. All families are welcome but this is a special welcome to all our new Prep families and families to Mansfield Primary. So brush off your kitchen apron and pull out your favourite pizza menu and come along and have some fun. There is no formal part to this event, purely social and loads of fun!

**Venue**: At our new Pizza Oven here at school.

**PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS**

Parents are reminded of the Parent Information sessions coming up on Tuesday March 1st. This a great opportunity to learn what your child will be doing at school in their particular level. It helps you to support your child’s learning at home.

We plan to run further information and curriculum sessions later in the year, which will deal with curriculum and reporting.

**FOR SALE**

1. Chef Upright stove: White in Colour, good working order $100 ono.
2. Qasir Rangehood and Upright Stainless steel EuroMaid ceramic top Stove. Both hardly been used. $500 ono lot.

Dates for Assemblies have changed this year, please see dates and levels below.

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**BUS SAFETY**

A reminder once more about the importance of advising us immediately, if you have any issues with your child, whilst they are travelling on the buses. Please do not take matters into your own hands, let us know your concerns and we will deal with them.

All schools in Mansfield have a clearly identified process for dealing with bus complaints or safety issues. It is therefore important to let us know as soon as is practical if anything is of concern. Proper conduct of students on buses is really important for the overall safety of the buses, drivers and students.

Paul Volkering
Principal

**PAYING BY BPAY**

If your child has transferred to Mansfield Secondary College or any other school, you are issued with a new biller coded from the new school.

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR BILLER CODE** carefully when paying your account so that payments are directed to the correct school account.

Payments received for past students have been forwarded on to the relevant schools.

Joan Watt, Business Manager

**UNIFORM SHOP—HELP NEEDED**

We still require a parent volunteer to co-ordinate our school uniform shop. The uniform shop is currently open on a Tuesday morning but this can be altered to suit a volunteer. Please contact the school office if you are able to assist.

**CANTEEN HELPERS REQUIRED—FRIDAYS**

We are still in need of two volunteers to assist with either canteen ordering or collecting orders from Mansfield BP. If you can help please contact Kerryn Friday on: 0438 301 075.

**CHANGE OF CLOTHES—PREPS**

While our Prep students are adjusting to the routine of school life it would be useful to pack a change of clothes in their bag. Accidents do happen from time to time so it would be helpful to have a spare change of clothes for those occasions.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB 2016/ Issue 1**

Book Club Issue 1 went home with your child this week. Order are due to be returned to school by Friday 26th February. Please note that late orders can not be accepted.
SWIMMING PROGRAM

Well the grade’s 3 to 6 swimming lessons began in Week 2. Every student is getting in the water and trying their best. It’s great to see so many happy faces while swimming. They still have three more weeks to go, so keep bringing those bathers. A big thank you to the classroom teachers who help get their children organised to and from the pool and to the parents for your support and effort making sure bathers are being brought and encouraging your children to swim.

I hope the kids continue to enjoy their swimming time.

Many thanks

Jen Driessen

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FOUND

A grade 6 polo shirt from last year has been found. Please contact the school office if your child has misplaced theirs.

BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY AND SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL

As a parent of the school, Gemma Ferguson of Freedman Langhome & James Travel Associates, is proud to support Mansfield Primary School. Simply mention MPS each time you book with Gemma and a portion of your booking will be donated back to the school.

With over 11 years experience in the industry, Gemma is an experienced senior consultant locally based in Mansfield for your convenience. She will be delighted to share in the excitement of planning your next holiday and will endeavor to create your dream travel experience.

Please call Gemma on 0407 880 055 or email gemma_ferguson@travel-associates.com.au travel-associates.com.au/langhome

CSEF 2016—APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

Changes have been made to the CSEF funding for 2016. Applications are available now to be paid in Term 1, 2016. Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their achievements.

CSEF will be provided to eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

Our Free School App is a terrific tool that allows you to receive messages, view the school calendar, report a child’s absence, view the school newsletter and the canteen order price list.

DOWNLOAD THE FREE SCHOOL APP TODAY!
School Sport Victoria Team Vic Online Registration Process

12 Years and Under

Registration to trial for most SSV 12 Years and Under Team Vic teams to compete in School Sport Australia Championships is done through an online process managed by the School Sport Unit.

Historically, the exceptions are Australian Football, Netball, Soccer and Basketball due to the large number of students that start the trial process in these sports. These sports have traditionally started with nominations through their schools to enable attendance at District trials as the first step. If selected they proceed through to the next stage being Division trials. If selected at Division level a student will move through to Region trials except for basketball where a conference trial is held; and finally a State trial for possible selection in a Team Vic team.

After 18 months of consultation and planning with Region Coordinators and Sport Coordinators across the State, SSV has decided to change the process. Two changes have been made:

1. District trials will no longer be held

2. SSV is implementing an online registration process for the four sports mentioned above across the State from 2016. This is being done for the following reasons;

- It will ensure all 12 Years and Under registrations to trial are done the same way.
- It will ensure that regardless of where a child is and in what sector, primary or secondary, the process will be fair and equitable.
- It will reduce the cost of running trials, allowing District Coordinators to redirect their funds to school based sports that increase participation at a local level.
- It will ensure the trial process attracts only students capable of performing at a high standard and move away from a ‘come and try’ opportunity.

The Online Registration process will open on Jan 25 and close on March 16 2016

Please be aware of the following:

1. On the SSV website it has been made clear that students need to consult with their Sport Teacher at school to ensure they have the skill level to trial and represent their school.

2. It is imperative that teachers will decide on your child’s capability of representing their school at a state level trial.
3. This discussion with the school Sport Teacher is necessary as all students MUST get the Sport Teacher / Coordinator and Principal signature on their registration form prior to attending a trial.

4. Registration is a NON-REFUNDABLE $25 fee. This fee will be for the cost of hosting the trial and subsequent expenses as well as an administration fee.

5. This Registration is a registration for a Division trial. Confirmation to attend a trial will occur after registration.

6. Once registered, you will receive an email confirming payment and a bar-coded ticket through Eventbrite (the supplier of the registration process software) which will require a Sport Teacher’s signature and the Principal’s signature. This ticket must be handed in to the Division Trial Coordinator on the day.

7. Once registration for Division trials close on March 16 2016, Division Coordinators will email the registered participants and inform them of the time and place of their trial.

Please go to the respective sports - Australian Football, Basketball, Football (Soccer) & Netball - via the Team Vic page of the SSV website for more information on final State dates.

If you require any further information about this process, please contact your school Sports Coordinator / Teacher.

Regards

[Signature]

Jude Maguire
Chief Executive Officer
School Sport Victoria
NEWS from the MPS Food Garden

We’ve had plenty of picking to do over the last 2 weeks. The veges have been cooked up into some exceptionally tasty pizza sauce & frozen in preparation for our welcome pizza/picnic evening on Friday 18 March.
We harvested a bumper crop of corn this week that was enjoyed by our enthusiastic preps and we’ve been busy planning for the year ahead.
Silverbeet, carrot & beet seeds were sown this week as we eyed off the mounds of potatoes starting to burst through the soil in the garden.
We are hoping to do a big cook up of crepes toward the end of term 1 and a pizza day in term 2.
Volunteers are enthusiastically welcomed to help in the garden and/or with cooking at upcoming events.
Thanks again to all the garden helpers!

56L NEWS

This week for writing students made hearts that contained words and pictures of things they care about. This is a part of their tool kit to help them write.
For reading the 5/6’s are split four ways. Students have been building their reading stamina and can now read for longer than 20 minutes while maintaining focus and working on our comprehension strategies.

In maths students have been setting individual counting goals.

Values underpin how we behave. This week students have come up with an acronym to help them remember the values that are important to them.

Motivation, Integrity, Tolerance Respect, Empathy

MITRE 5!

WANTED-

- ANY PRE-LOVED BOOKS, MAGAZINES, COMICS AND NEWSPAPERS SUITABLE FOR GRADE 5 AND 6 (INCLUDING PICTURE BOOKS) TO BE USED IN CLASSROOM LIBRARIES.
- UNUSED MOBILE PHONES THAT HAVE VIDEO AND SOUND RECORDING CAPABILITIES.

PLEASE SEE ONE OF THE 5/6 TEACHERS.
Listening to Your Child Read.
The 3 Ps – Pause, Prompt, Praise

Pause
Before responding it is important that helpers first wait, giving the child time to try to work out the word for themselves

Prompt
Encourage the child to look at the pictures
Ask: What would/ might make sense
   What would sound right
   What sound does the word start with?
If the child’s attempt makes sense allow the child to keep on reading
If the child’s attempt doesn’t make sense
   • encourage them to have another try
   • tell the child the word

Praise
At all times it is important that children are praised and encouraged for their efforts. The support and encouragement provided through helpers’ praise will greatly assist children’s reading development. Try comments like:
I like the way you..........
Well done. You remembered that word from first page/yesterday’s book/last week
That’s really great you used a word that makes sense
You must have been practising because you..........................
You did a lot of work today
RHYTHM STIX NEWS
Rhythm Stix have an opportunity to perform at Merrijig Family Fun Day, Saturday 19th March.
Anyone interested please phone Mauz on 0429 878 350. Please let her know if you have a Tshirt at home.

MANSFIELD JUNIOR NETBALL
Grades 3 – Year 10
We are ordering all new uniforms this year so please let us know if your child is interested in playing in the upcoming netball season, starting in April.
Contact Sioux by text or phone call on 0411 620 602 to let her know your child’s age and approximate t-shirt size.

MOTORCYCLING VICTORIA’S
COME AND TRY DAY
Sunday 21st Feb at 8.30am
45 McCormacks Rd, Merrijig
* Info session for NEW MEMBERS at 9am
* FREE! Come & Try the track, meet members ask questions and find out more about MMC.

BUILD BETTER BRAINS
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email n_haselgrove@hotmail.com

Enrolments open! – Term 1, 2016
TUESDAYS
The Mercy Centre, St Mary’s PS
- Classes will be held every Tuesday
- Feb 16th - March 22nd inclusive
- 3:45pm – 4:45pm

THURSDAYS
St John’s Hall, Mansfield PS
- Classes will be held every Thursday
- Feb 11th - March 17th inclusive
- 3:45pm – 4:45pm

CRANIUM CONTRACTIONS – P-04:
Build and explore crazy contraptions that really work your brain. Students use LEGO® bricks, axels, pulleys, gears and motors to create fun and interactive models. Compete with friends in a racing game of Battleship, Topo or Football. Put your hand-eye coordination to the test with the Ping Pong Popper model. Experiment with the Mini Fig Maker to see how this model will send your mini fig for a ride. All this and more are waiting to be discovered as students learn and play with Cranium Contractions!

Rates and Registration:
Get both Term 1 & Term 2
- $72 Thur / $54 Tue
- ($12 per child per week)
- Cranium Contractions
- For a full description of our after school program and to register online, please visit our website at bricks4kidzaustralia.com.au/mansfieldvic

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