

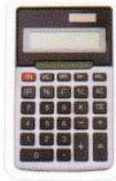


Australian Government

Winter Uniforms



# Education Tax Refund Update



Associated Learning Materials



Computer Repairs



Stationery



Exercise Books

## School uniforms

The Government is changing the Education Tax Refund (ETR) so that people can claim their kid's school uniforms. This means people will be able to claim school-approved uniform items from 1 July 2012.

### What do I need to do and when?

From 1 July 2011 start keeping receipts for school uniform items so you can claim them next year.

### What school uniform items will I be eligible to claim?

Items need to be distinctive and recognised by the school — but are not limited to items bearing a school crest. For example:

1. A public school has a policy which states that students should wear yellow shirts, blue hats, grey shorts or skirts and black leather shoes to identify the students as attending the school. However, while wearing these colours is strongly encouraged, it is not compulsory. An eligible individual whose child attends the school buys items which fit within this policy from a store unaffiliated with the school. None of the clothing items contain the name of the school or school crest. As the items, including shoes, are approved or recognised as part of a distinctive school outfit and fall under the policy, they would be eligible expenses. This applies irrespective of where the clothing was purchased or the fact the uniform was not mandatory.
2. A school has a dress code where students are required to be dressed in a neat and presentable fashion, but which does not indicate a more specific colour or style that the clothing should take. An eligible individual whose child attends the school buys clothes which they intend to wear to school. The items would not be eligible expenses. While the clothing meets the school's dress code, they lack the sufficiently distinctive quality of a uniform, and could not identify the child as a student at the school.



School Shirts



School Shoes

Summer Uniforms



Sports Uniforms

## Education Tax Refund

Claim everything you are entitled to



For more information and an electronic copy of this fact sheet visit

[www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au](http://www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au)



# Mansfield Primary School



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**GOOD NEWS.....OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE IS NOW BACK ON LINE**  
[www.mansfieldps.vic.edu.au](http://www.mansfieldps.vic.edu.au)

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### Dates to Remember:

**Team Mansfield Motto: "Out of the past and into the future"**

- 29th July Downhill & X Country Snow Sports Program
- 1st August Grade 5/6 Excursion to Melbourne-the National Art Gallery and Digital Hub. Whole School Assembly @ 3pm  
Active After school program begins @3:45pm
- 3rd August Finance Meeting @ 3:00pm  
Active After school program @3:45pm
- 5th August Downhill & X/Country Snow Sports Program
- 8th August Facilities Meeting @ 6pm  
School Council @ 7pm
- 9th August MSC Year 8 students share their favourite picture storybooks with the P-4 classes
- 8-12th August Interview Week
- 12th August Downhill & X/Country Snow Sports Program

### Building Update

We hope that 3/4B and 5/6J will move back into their refurbished classrooms this week. Thank you to Stephen and Jill Comer from Comer Cabinets who have installed the cupboards. Thank you also to Rob Hughes and Paul Sheppard for painting the two classrooms. The next step in our building upgrade will be installation of an all-weather shade sail over the new decking and the construction of a verandah area outside 3/4L and P/1B.

### Staff Leave

This week is Annette Morgan's last week before taking Long Service Leave until the end of the year. We wish Annette all the best on her leave and look forward to her returning to Team Mansfield in 2012. Have a great time Annette.

Also next week our Assistant Principal, Hazel Bell, will be taking Long Service leave for two weeks. Enjoy your break Hazel. Lastly next week we also welcome back Julia Newton to the library who is replacing Jenny Rekers who continues to be on sick leave.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Interviews will be held for all students during the week beginning Monday 8th August. Notices have been circulated—please check with your child or your child's teacher if you have not received a notice.

### Prep Enrolments 2012

Please contact Joan or Lisa in the office if you have a pre-schooler due to start next year. We can forward enrolment forms home with your oldest child/children. We would like to finalise prep enrolments by the end of Term 3. The Prep Transition program begins in October and information

**DOWNHILL SKIING & SNOW BOARDING COMMENCES TOMORROW.....**

### Dear Families,

Snowsport program is on again tomorrow **FRIDAY JULY 29**—please ensure that have you paid for your child's snow program.

### Welcome

This week we welcome two new families to our school. Welcome Jesse Morley to 5/6P and Alex Manoglu to 2C and their families to our wonderful school. We know that they will be welcomed by all.

regarding the program can be collected from the school foyer or office next week.

#### DEECD Information

S266-2011 Parents Victoria Annual Conference 16-17 August 2011

The theme for this year's conference is 'Zoo-ming through the Education Jungle'.

The conference features keynote speakers Dr George Otero, Co-director, Centre for Relational Learning, and Andrew Fuller, Clinical Psychologist, along with presentations from ACSSO, VCAA, VicSRC, Goulburn Murray LLEN and Melbourne Zoo. Special dinner guest is Dave O'Neil, comic and sometime school volunteer.

Interested individuals can register for one or both days and the dinner separately.

The conference will be held at Melbourne Zoo, Parkville on 16-17 August 2011. Registration and payment must be forwarded to Parents Victoria by 8 August 2011.

To register for the conference, complete the form in the attached brochure and send, along with payment, to Parents Victoria, PO Box 25, Wandong, 3758.

For further information visit the Parents Victoria website: <http://www.parentsvictoria.asn.au/>

#### Things to remember:

- School Contributions- please pay school contributions (\$230). All families have been invoiced for \$230 per student. Please note that this is not a voluntary contribution.
- Uniforms- The uniform shop is open every Thursday between 9-10:30am with both new and second-hand uniforms available.

\* Please ensure that all accounts are finalised and snow sports payments are completed the **Wednesday** prior to the snow day.

#### TIPS FOR PARENTS- "Out of the past and into the future"

During the week beginning 8th August families are invited to attend a Parent-teacher interview. Parent-teacher interviews offer an important opportunity to speak to your child's teacher face-to-face and find out how your child is progressing at school. By asking questions and gathering information about your child's work habits, participation, behaviour and learning style, you have an opportunity to become more involved in their learning and provide support where needed.

Here are some useful tips for getting the most out of parent-teacher interviews:

- Determine what information you need before the interview. Ask your child before the interview what they enjoy about school. Are there any areas where they need extra help, or have concerns? Be prepared to share this information with your child's teacher during the interview.

- Write a list of specific questions you wish to ask your child's teacher. During the interview, take notes so that you can share the comments with your child.

- If you want to know about a specific area of your child's progress (for example, how they are progressing in English) let your child's teacher know this from the outset so you can focus the interview on this topic.

- Ask your child's teacher what the expectations are in their subject area with regard to homework and assignments. How much time should they be spending on their homework? Are there any areas or ways you can help your child at home?

- Find out how your child is participating in classroom activities and whether there are any general issues with behaviour or discipline that need discussing.

- If your child is finding the work too easy, ask your child's teacher whether they can provide extension activities.

- If the conversation moves away from the topic, to an area that is not about your child, be prepared to refocus it.

- End the interview on a positive note and keep in regular contact with the teacher to follow up on a mutually agreed plan.

- If, after the interview, you feel there wasn't sufficient time, request to meet again for a longer period.

- Talk with your child about the interview and discuss how you can work together to improve their learning.

#### QUOTE FOR REFLECTION:

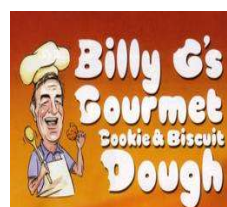
"we make a living by what we get, but we live by what we give" **Winston Churchill**

#### Storage required

We have a number of wooden Wakakirri props that need an area to be stored. If you happen to have any room in a shed that could store such items could you please contact the school office. Thank you.

#### FUNDRAISING BILLY G'S

The Billy G's orders are due to be returned to the school office by tomorrow, **Friday 29th July**. Please make sure that the money is enclosed with the order to allow processing.



#### BOOK CLUB ISSUE 5

Book Club issue 5 is due to be returned to school by next **Friday 5th August, 2011**. Please return any orders to the boxes located outside of the school library. No late orders can be accepted.



#### TRIVIA CORNER

Did you know that a giraffe has the same number of neck bones as a human!  
(Both have seven!)



#### STAR STUDENTS 28th July

- 1B Riley Anstee Working hard on hearing and writing sounds in words.
- PIJ Bella Armitt For her wonderful effort when making her magic words with magnetic letters.
- 02Y Josh Oats-Hamblin For a great start to the term
- 34B Kai Symonds For a fantastic power point presentation on the Tassie devil.
- 34L Sarah Harrison For working hard on arrays in multiplication.
- 56M Maddy Schulz Excellent maths strategies.
- 56P James Gardiner For working steadily on his maths strategies.

## CONGRATULATIONS

#### From the School Chaplain

##### Scared? What do I do?

Last week we learnt the terrible news of the bombing and shooting of young people in Norway. It is another event in a long list of terrifying events in the recent history of the world. Let's not pretend that terrorism doesn't exist, because it certainly does. Could something like this happen in Australia? The experts say that yes, it could.

But what do we do about it? If terrorists want us to be scared and stop living our normal lives, then the best thing we can do is to *keep on living our normal lives*.



Let's keep on enjoying the freedoms that we have in Australia.

Let's keep on being respectful of those with different opinions, listen to them and try to understand.

Let's ensure that we care for those around us and give our children a secure home in which to live.

Let's keep on working at being the best we can be.

Let's keep on finding things to laugh about.

Let's keep on loving the people important to us.

Sue McDonald



#### Team Mansfield 4 compete in "mud run"

Last Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 4 of our Team Mansfield students, Millie Bell 5/6S, Britney Allen 5/6J, Justin Sargent 3/4A and Riana Allen 3/4A, traveled to Bundoora for the state level cross-country championships. The course was really wet, with constant mud patches (up to 75mm deep) right around the 2km and 3 km sections. Britney was the 1<sup>st</sup> team member to compete, with a really good start in her 3km run. Out of the 93 runners she came in at number 25, a huge gain of 54 places over her last years result, coming in at 12minutes and 16 seconds, just over 1 minute behind the 1<sup>st</sup> place getter. Riana was the 2<sup>nd</sup> off to race, running in the 2km event, she too got a good start, and ran a good race, this being her 1<sup>st</sup> year to compete. She came in 50<sup>th</sup> position out of 95 competitive runners and a time of 8 minutes 39 seconds with 1<sup>st</sup> place coming in at 7minutes 38seconds. The next to race was Justin, and with plenty of team Mansfield support, put in a good race with once again a very large field of runners. Justin came in 69<sup>th</sup> position competing with 91, 9/10 boys (2km), in a time of just over 8 minutes, only just over 1 minute behind 1<sup>st</sup> place, so it was a very tight field. Last to race for the day was Millie, and with all the tips and tricks and lots of encouragement from the other team Mansfield runners lined up and gave her best, placed 86 out of the 98 runners and 3 minutes behind 1<sup>st</sup> place in her 3km event. Well done to all 4 team mates, and it was great to see you all stay and cheer the other Mansfield Primary students on. (Now for the 5/6J class, by using the above numbers and maths, you will see that Britney ran an average of 14.42kms/hr, Riana 14.30kmh, Justin 13.69kmh and Millie 13.56kmh, see even running needs maths!)



Pictures of the State Cross Country where our students met Bianca Chatfield the Melbourne Vixen Netball Co-Captain. Congratulations to Britney, Justin, Riana and Millie.....what a great effort by all of you!!!