

PRIMARY NEWSLETTER
TERM ONE, WEEK 2, 2021



Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the 2021 school year and a big welcome to all families new to the school. It has been a very smooth start and the students have quickly settled into a positive and productive learning environment. A special acknowledgment to our Year Prep students and their families on the beginning of their primary school journey. We understand that this is a big milestone for the whole family, and we are very proud of our prep students for their positivity, resilience, independence and effort. We would like to thank all staff for supporting students, and parents, in a successful transition back to school.

Connecting with our Community

A Yellow Curriculum Newsletter will be sent home with your child/ren next week. We received lots of feedback from families last year about wanting to continue being involved with their child/ren's schooling. These newsletters will contain the main focus for Maths, Literacy and Specialist for this Term. It will also contain dates for opportunities to engage with our Primary Sector. We are ready to involve our families online or in person, depending on the DET Operations Guide at the time. An example of what's coming up is below:

- Harmony Week Celebrations
- Prep Information Session
- Data Dashboard Presentation
- Year 5/6, 3/4 and P/1/2 Assemblies
- Open Classrooms (Virtual Option)
- Year 3 NAPLAN and CAMP Information Session
- Year 5 NAPLAN and CAMP Information Session

(Specific information will be sent home next week in the Yellow Curriculum Newsletter)

I have enjoyed seeing you around the grounds and hope to meet more of you over the next few weeks.

Kim McCabe

Primary Principal

Student Free Days (Curriculum Days) for 2021

Each year schools receive four student free days (when student instruction does not occur) for professional development, school planning and administration, curriculum development and student assessment and reporting. Students do not attend school on these days. School Council has set these dates well in advance to enable you to make appropriate arrangements for childcare. These dates are also published on the school's website. Big Childcare will be operating on these days should you require childcare.

There are 3 remaining Curriculum Days for 2021.

Tues 9 th March	AIP Focus
Fri 8 th June	PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Monday 1 st November	REPORTING WRITING

Meet and Greet-Parent-Teacher Meetings

In order to establish vital links between home and school, 'Meet and Greet' sessions have been organised for **Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th March** from 3.00pm-6.00pm. These initial meetings will be scheduled for ten minutes and will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and to share information about your child. Your child's teacher will also be sharing Learning Goals at this time. These will be held on site in the classrooms.

Sun Smart

Manor Lakes Primary School is a SunSmart school and students are required to wear a broad brimmed school hat at all times whilst in the playground – this includes during recess and lunch time, as well as physical education, sports sessions and whilst on excursions. Please ensure that your child has applied sunscreen prior to coming to school. Children without a hat will be asked to spend their recess and lunch breaks in the shaded areas. near the canteen. All hats should be clearly labelled with the child's name and room number so they can be easily returned, if misplaced.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seekers and refugee families. Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child. If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. If you would like to apply for the first time, please fill in the attached application form. You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page. Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible. <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

Introducing our LOTE Team

Mandeep Bajwa

Namaste! Mandeep aka Mrs. M here looking forward to meeting and sharing my culture with all of the students at Manor Lakes. I love my Indian Culture and can't wait to share it with you!

Peter Osboldstone

Konnichiwa! (Hello!) Having lived and studied in Japan for many years I'm excited to be teaching Japanese from Prep to Year 6 for the first time this year.

Grant Mussel

Hello, Mr Mussel here! I am really looking forward to sharing the Italian culture with all of the students at Manor lakes. I love playing soccer and eating pizza!



Introducing our ART Team

Hello! My name is **Mrs. Langdon**. I am so overjoyed to have the opportunity to teach Visual Arts across grade levels from Prep to 6! In my spare time, I like to sketch pictures of animals and create handmade cards with watercolour paints. I look forward to facilitating students to develop their artistic skills!

Hello. My name is **Mrs Bajwa** but you can call me Mrs M. I have many roles at MLC this year. I am teaching Performing Arts, Hindi and Visual Arts. I am passionate about colours and am excited to meet you all during my art classes.

Hello, my name is **Mrs Priestley**. I am very excited to be one of the Visual Arts teachers this year. I enjoy creating my own art pieces at home and cannot wait to help students to produce masterpieces of their own!

