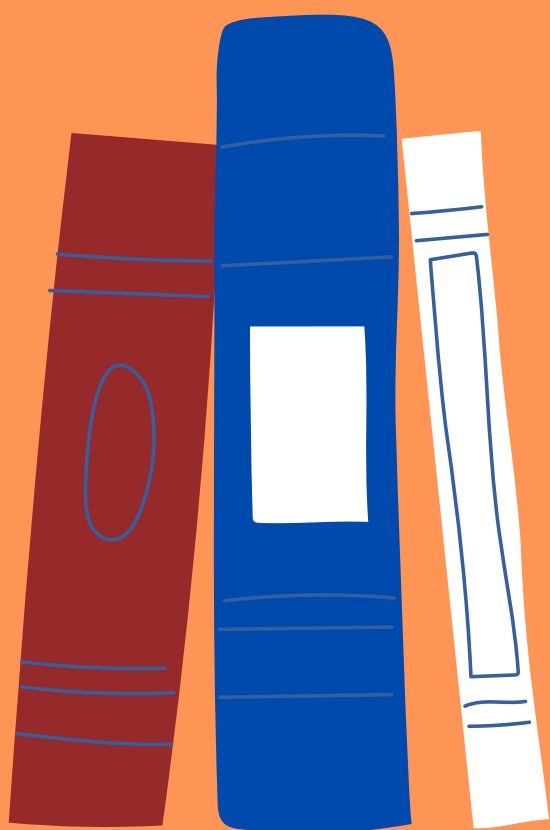




Manor Lakes p-12 College

SECONDARY NEWSLETTER



WEEK 9, TERM 1

SAVE THE DATE

- Monday April 4 – Parent-teacher interviews
- Friday April 8 – Last day of Term 1
- Monday April 25 – ANZAC Day (public holiday)
- Tuesday April 26 – Term 2 begins
- Monday May 2 – Athletics Day

WIN HOUSE POINTS!

What's the rarest
M&M colour?

Email us your answer!





Shout Outs

Year 7:

- Andrew Htoo – Excellent behaviour and work output, consistently sharing ideas with the class.
- Sarah Momin – Always actively participating in class and being a positive influence on her peers.

Year 8

- Tanishka Vadhavana – Great work ethic and resilience, and excellent note-taking during Humanities lessons.
- Alisha Mukhi – Being resilient in Humanities lessons and completing activities to a high standard.
- Bailey Haywood – Great effort in learning and improving his TEEL writing and taking on feedback in English.
- Ariaahna Buxton-Green – Embedding quotes in her answers during her English reading session.

Year 9:

- Aguer Bior – Showing a continued effort towards improvement in Humanities.
- Xainab Raja – Good work in Maths and troubleshooting skills.
- Natalie Henderson – Applying feedback to improve body paragraph writing in English.
- Ashley Foreman – Great class participation and behaviour in Science.

Year 10:

- Ta Kaw Htoo – Persistent high effort in completing all allocated tasks.

Year 11:

- Victor Muhindo – Exhibiting school values regarding conflict between students.

Year 12:

- Belal Nur – Sharing insight into *The Women of Troy* text in each English class.
- Rayaana Moalin – Persistent revision completed to achieve better results in Further Maths.
- Cohen Kana – Persistent revision completed to achieve better results in Further Maths.
- Marwo Aydid – Being a positive role model for younger students and persistent effort in improving her attendance and work output.

VCAL

- Chloe McVeigh – Working well in the café.
- Thomas Kennett – Leadership and work ethic in Business and Numeracy.
- Trinity Dowler-Gibbons – Consistently working well in all classes.

A Multicultural School

By Bodhi Collins, 8C

Manor Lakes students represent a huge variety of cultures. In total, our students alone were born in 66 different countries. That's more than a quarter of the countries in the world today!

Our countries of origin actually extend even further than this when you consider that many students were born in Australia but they have parents and grandparents who were born overseas. And this figure also doesn't even take into account our staff members.

We are such a multicultural school, and that's why it's very important to respect and learn about other cultures.

Our highest-ranking countries of birth are Australia at the top (of course), followed by India in second and New Zealand in third.

Just under 30% of Australians were born overseas, with Australians recognising more than 270 different ancestries.

Afghanistan

Australia

Bahrain

Bangladesh

Botswana

Bulgaria

Burundi

Cameroon

Canada

Republic of the Congo

Djibouti

Egypt

England

Eritrea

Ethiopia

Fiji

France

Ghana

Greece

Guinea

India

Indonesia

Iran

Italy

Jamaica

Kenya

Kyrgyz Republic

Kuwait

Lebanon

Liberia

Malawi

Malaysia

Malta

Mozambique

Myanmar

Namibia

Nepal

New Zealand

Nigeria

Northern Ireland

Oman

Pakistan

Philippines

Portugal

Qatar

Saudi Arabia

Scotland

South Africa

South Korea

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Taiwan

Tanzania

Thailand

Tonga

Tunisia

Uganda

United Arab Emirates

United Kingdom

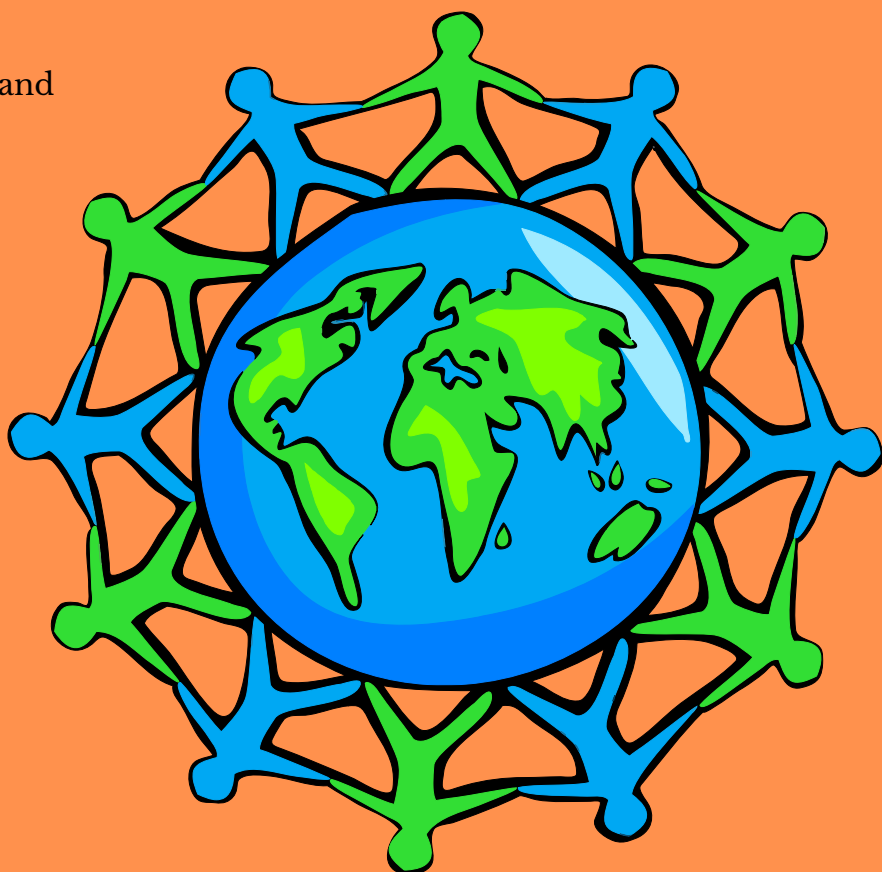
United States of

America

Vietnam

Zambia

Zimbabwe



The LGBTQIA+ Community



By Ash Furphy, 11C

Society associates Harmony Week with cultural practices, sharing the diversity in the world, and we should also mention the diversity of gender and sexuality. I'm talking about the LGBTQIA+ community. The real question is, are you up to date with your knowledge of this community?



L The L stands for Lesbian! A lesbian is traditionally known as a woman who is attracted to another woman, but today it is more of an umbrella term, meaning that it is a non-man attracted to a non-man.

G The G stands for Gay! A gay person is someone who is attracted to someone of the same sex as them. Although men often use this term to describe their homosexual relationships, it is also used as an umbrella term for the LGBTQIA+ community within itself.

B The B stands for Bisexual! Bisexual people are attracted to people of two or more genders.

T The T stands for Transgender! Transgender people do not identify with the sex they were provided with at birth. This includes transgender women, transgender men and non-binary people. A transgender woman is a woman who was born biologically as a male, but transitioned to become their true self as a woman – and vice versa with transgender men. Non-binary is a gender identity of someone who does not fall within the gender binary – therefore, they fall under the umbrella of transgender as they do not identify with their assigned sex at birth.

Q The Q stands for Queer! Queer is used as an umbrella term for those who are not heterosexual. Though the word queer was once used as a derogatory term, the LGBTQIA+ community have reclaimed the word to utilise as a neutral or positive self-identifier for those who may realise their connection to the community but are unsure of their label.

I The I stands for Intersex! Intersex people are born with any of several sex characteristics, including chromosomal patterns, gonads or genitals, that “do not fit typical binary notions of male or female bodies”.

A The A stands for Asexual/Aromantic! Also known as "Ace" people, asexuals have little or no sexual attraction or desire. Similarly, aromantic people experience little or no romantic attraction.

+ The + stands for every other sexuality and gender, and there are so many more!

If you would like to find out more, visit QLife! at <https://qlife.org.au/>.

History of Henna

By Edna Manvi

The tradition of henna (also called 'mehndi' in Hindi and Urdu), has been practised in Pakistan, India, Africa and the Middle East for over 5000 years.

Henna is a dye prepared from henna plants, which contain Lawsone, a dark orange dye that binds to the keratin in our skin.

Henna was originally used for its natural cooling properties and was an asset for people living in hot desert climates. It was also used to treat conditions such as stomach aches, burns, headaches and open wounds.

Henna was accessible to people of all socio-economic statuses, so when it was discovered that the paste left a temporary stain on the skin, its use transitioned to decorative. It was, and still is, used to safely dye the body, hair, nails and certain fabrics.

Henna is mainly used in the celebration of special occasions such as weddings or cultural events. It symbolises good health and prosperity in marriages. In some cultures, the darker the henna stain, the deeper the love between the couple. Bridal henna often incorporates the groom's name, for him and the bridesmaids to find as a fun game.



The Holi Festival

By Anshika Handa



The Holi festival is a commonly celebrated Indian festival of colour.

Holi is celebrated because, according to mythology, on this day a demon named Holika died after her many evil deeds.

On this special occasion people enjoy time with family while remembering God and making a spiritual bond.

During this festival people play with coloured powder and water, and they paint each other to commemorate the festival of colour.

The seasonal beverage called bhaang – a sweet drink that is available all year round – is known as a Holi special.

On Saturday March 19, there was a wonderful Holi celebration in Wyndham. This festival attracted huge crowds and was a big success. Along with the many people who enjoying the colourful event, there were many rides and food stands to improve the experience of all the visitors.



What's On

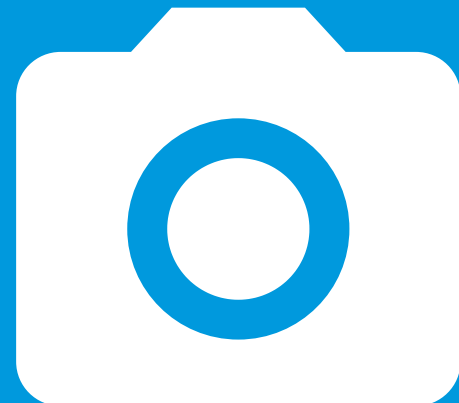
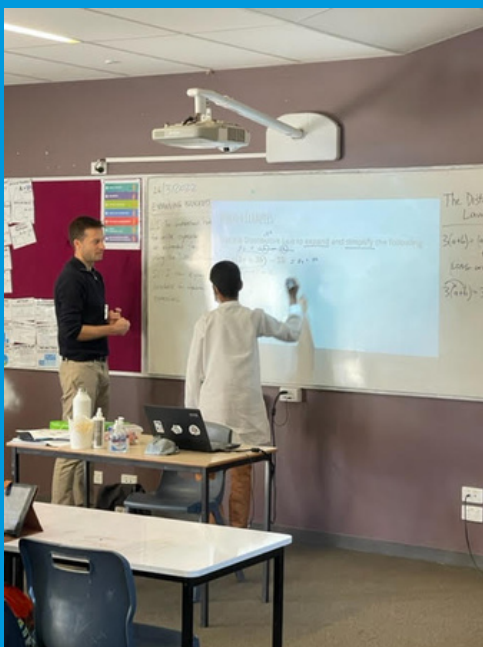
ABC TAKEOVER MELBOURNE

The Year 8 Enrichment class last week met with ABC producer Uma, who ran a writing workshop. She was promoting the 'TakeOver Melbourne' Competition. The session not only provided information about how to write stories, but showed examples of other young Australian stories. These stories were inspiring and showed a range of experiences. We are hoping to have many entries for this competition. If you are also interested, please contact Heidi Beavan or check out this website:

<https://www.abc.net.au/radio/melbourne/programs/takeover-melbourne/>



CLASSROOM PICS



Student Work

Charlotte McDonald-Brown, 8J

Dear Diary,

It has been around five months since it happened, since they first arrived. They have taken everything from me – my home, my family, my school, my friends, my life!

Just when we thought the world couldn't get any worse with COVID-19, the war between Russia and Ukraine, and there were even mosquitos with a deadly new virus floating around and killing people – yet no one expected this.

My siblings and I were lucky enough to find shelter at our school when those monsters came here, however we still have not found our parents, or at least what's left of them. It makes me shudder just thinking about it.

I miss my parents and my friends everyday but I must stay strong for the others. In this time I have learnt how to hunt, make new weapons and thrive.

We find more of them every day and they are still growing in number. I'm scared, but I mustn't let them know that. This place is their new home, and a safe haven for them, where they can continue to learn and practice defending themselves.

We have grown as a community and we are now finding more and more survivors each day. I worry that some day we will have to move with our little town getting more packed each day. My sister is only three, and my brother is 10.

I know it is somewhere near September but we do not know exactly since the power no longer works and we have no other way to check the date. We have been trying to count how many days we have been down here and the number is only getting bigger.

Dear Diary,

Today we went hunting but it appears as though all the animals have disappeared. The children are beginning to get hungry. we can only pray we find some food tomorrow....



Book Review

From The School Library



GROWING UP QUEER IN AUSTRALIA (TRAINING TO BE ME)

Edited by Benjamin Law

In the spirit of Harmony Week, *Growing up Queer in Australia* is a book featuring short stories and memoirs from various authors who share their life experiences of growing up in Australia while being part of the LGBTQIA+ community.

From *Growing up Queer in Australia*, I read the short story *Training To Be Me* by Cindy Zhou, who migrated from China with her family during the Tiananmen Square massacre. Cindy created her own world to run away from reality with her best friend, and she soon discovered herself to be queer.

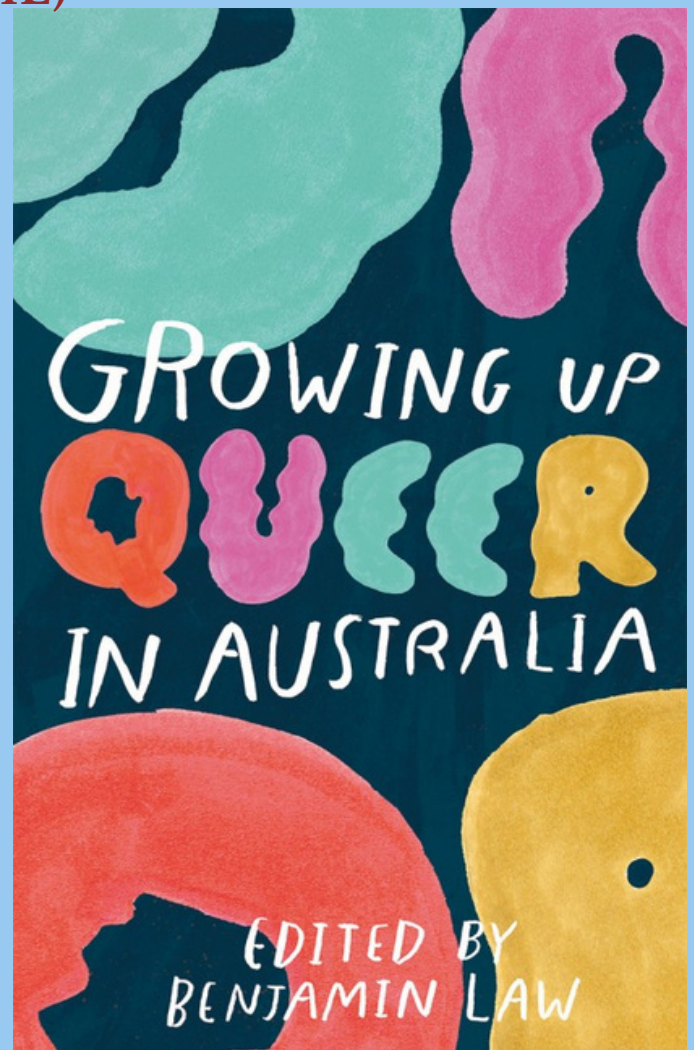
Cindy's parents weren't supportive of her, which caused a lot of emotional damage to a young girl. But Cindy was strong and, little by little, rediscovered herself. The text showed the change in society views and how much more accepting society had become.

The text was full of emotions, and at times I could feel those emotions. Cindy was such a wonderful person and I couldn't stop myself from criticising society and her parents for the ideas they symbolised. No one should have to go through what she did, especially at her age. She wasn't accepted by her parents or anyone but she created an environment where kids didn't have to go through what she did.

What I loved the most about this text was the difference the author showed in generations, and how much more accepting society had become over the years.

I believe that no one should be discriminated against, and diversity is what makes the world so beautiful.

Review by Anshika Handa



My rating:

8/10

Student Leaders



Naomi Murgatroyd

School Captains

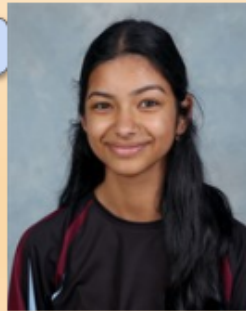


Cristle Ylanan



Ruby Collins

Deputy Captains



Akshita Kumar

Supported Learning Student Leader



Jack Todd

GREEN HOUSE

House Captains



Emmet Healey



Molley Varga

Sport Prefect



Kaleb Jacques

House Prefects



Oriane Gatesi



Brodie Corbett

Cultural Prefect



Joanne Nguyen

YELLOW HOUSE

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Anastasia Fenollar



Emmanuel Kabunda

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Olivia Alvaro

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Anshika Handa



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Qaali Youssouf

RED HOUSE

House Captains



Anyang Emmanuel
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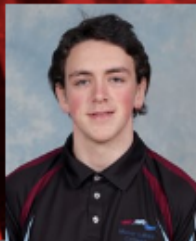
Luke Thompson

Sport Prefect



Shibell Nebu

House Prefects



Gage Whitby



Arnavv Singh

Cultural Prefect



Louise
Magdaraog

BLUE HOUSE

House Captains



Win Myo Naing



Loini Elisaia

Sport Prefect



Abarajith
Ponabimanyo

House Prefects



Nordin Hammouche



Edna Manvi



Te-Raiti Heaney

Cultural Prefect



Kiana Dixon

Weekly Clubs

MONDAY

Choir	Amadeus Hall	Lunch
Music	Amadeus	Lunch
Esport	Mackay 5	Lunch
Frisbee	Gym/Oval	Lunch
Drama	Amadeus 2	Lunch
Hindi	George 5	Lunch
Environmental	Victoria 1	Lunch

FRIDAY

Netball Academy	Gym	7:45am
Basketball Academy	Gym	6:30am
Music	Amadeus	Lunch
Hindi	George 5	Lunch
Horticulture	Amadeus	Lunch
Spikeball	Gym	Lunch

TUESDAY

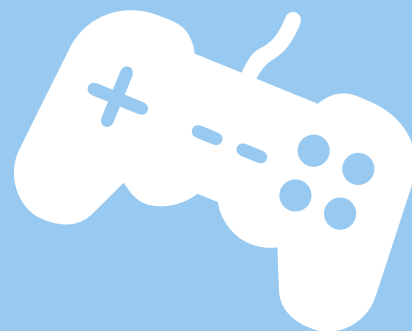
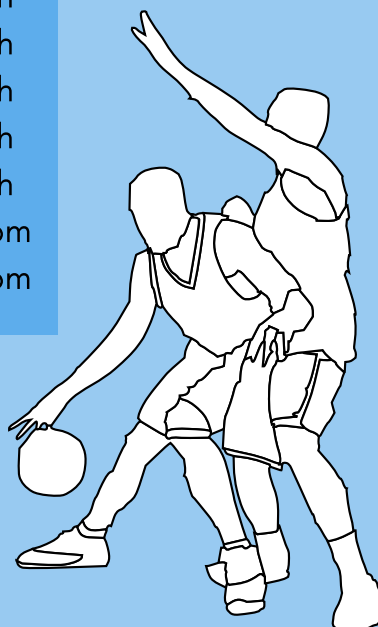
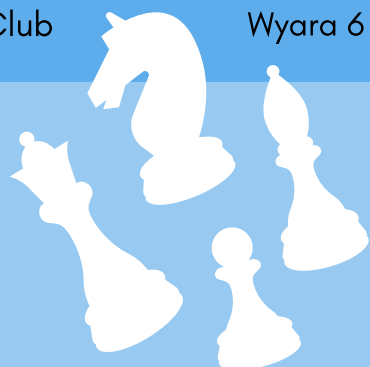
Music	Amadeus	Lunch
Gaming	Illawara 1	Lunch
Debating	George 2	Lunch
Rubik's Cube	Eppalock 4	Lunch
Newsletter	Victoria	3:00pm

THURSDAY

AFL Academy		7:30am
Girls African Dance	Amadeus	Lunch
Pasefika Group	Amadeus	Lunch
Kapa Haka	Amadeus	Lunch
Gaming Club	Illawara 1	Lunch
Music	Amadeus	Lunch
Chess	Wyara 5	Lunch
F1 in Schools	Mackay 5	Lunch
Book Club	Eyre	Lunch
Soccer Academy	Gym	3:15pm
Volleyball	Gym	3:15pm

WEDNESDAY

Netball Academy	Gym	7:45am
Basketball Academy	Amadeus	Lunch
Girls African Dance	Amadeus	Lunch
Pasefika Group	Amadeus	Lunch
Kapa Haka	Amadeus	Lunch
Boys Dance	Amadeus	Lunch
Bible Club	Victoria 14	Lunch
Interact	Eyre	Lunch
LGBTQ+ safe place.	Wyara 6	Lunch
High Achievers	Eyre	3:15pm
Art Club	Wyara 6	3:15pm



Jobs Board

Sushi Sushi – Casual Team Member –
Wyndham Vale.

<https://indeedhi.re/3ti107F>

Front of House Staff – Bobby Dre's –
Werribee

<https://bit.ly/3Jl6Af2>

Casual Team Member – Officeworks. –
Werribee

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Sales Assistant – Casual – Rivers – Werribee.

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Customer Service/Kitchen Hand – Red Rooster
– Hogans Corner

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TKMaxx – Sales Assistant – Plaza

<https://indeedhi.re/3ijQOoA>

Sahebi Juice/Café – All rounder – Werribee

<https://indeedhi.re/3MU6e14>

Snitz– Team Member – Werribee

<https://indeedhi.re/3COOuiV>

Ferguson/Plarre – Customer service and barista
– Manor Lakes

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City Chic Collective – Werribee Plaza

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Nando's Team Member – Werribee

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Eye Spy

1st: 20 house points

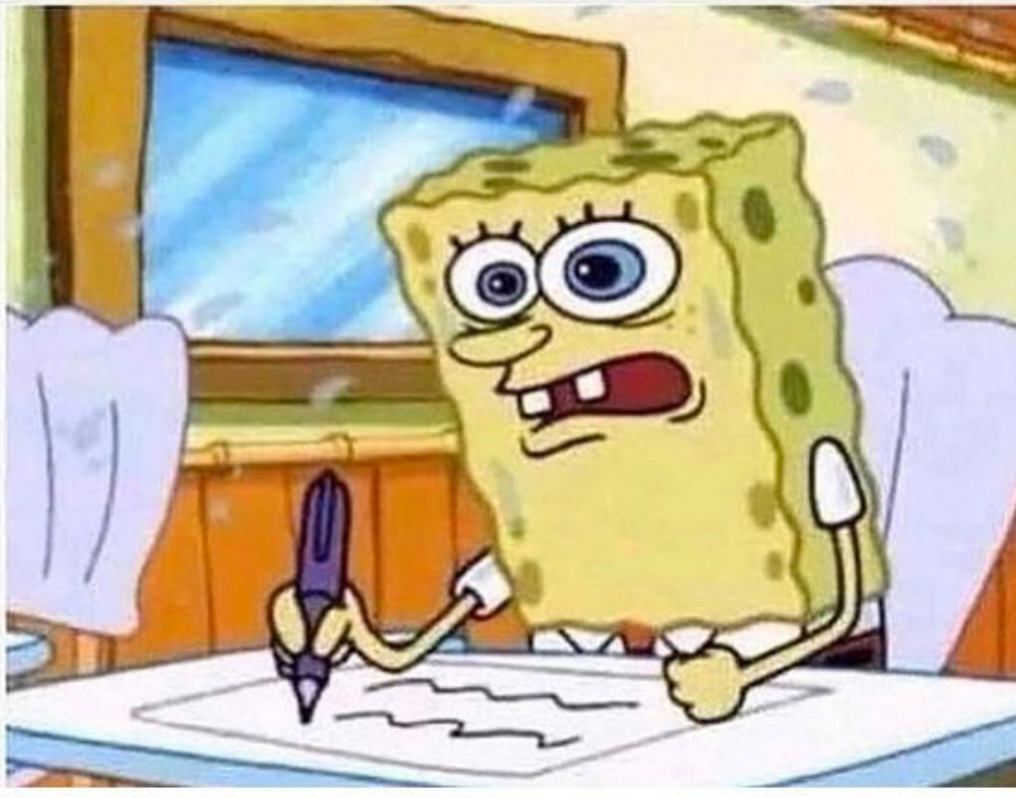
2nd: 10 house points

3rd: 5 house points

Email us your guess!

MEME OF THE WEEK

When your teacher changes the slides too fast



THE TEAM

Ruby Collins, Year 11
Cara Cormick, Year 11
Edna Manvi, Year 11
Natasza Evans, Year 11
Anshika Handa, Year 11

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- Submit competition answers
- Share good news and story ideas
- Submit student work
- Join our team!