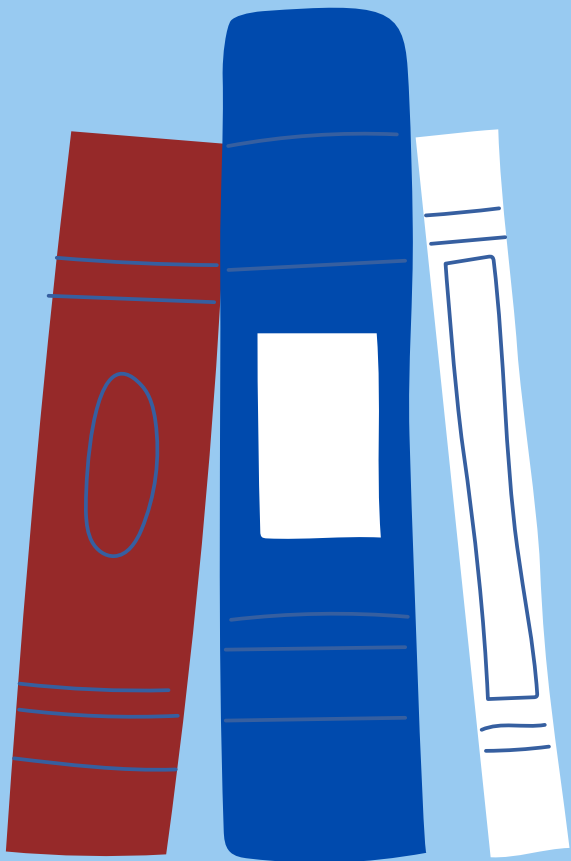




Manor Lakes *p-12 College*

SECONDARY NEWSLETTER



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SAVE THE DATE

- **Friday June 23** – Last day of Term 2
- **Monday July 10** – Term 3 starts
- **Monday July 10 - Fri July** – We celebrate NAIDOC Week
- **Tuesday July 18** – VCE (2024) Subject Selection Info Night
- **Wed July 26** – Staff Professional Development Day (Student-free)

THE TEAM

Year 12: Ruby Collins, Anshika Handa

Year 11: Jasmine Low

Year 9: Lillian Hadlow, Maithili Lal, Maddison Goodchild

Year 8: Thy Vo, Ashlee Phillips, Kyuubi Del Bando, Sahasra Dwarak

Year 7: Charlotte Forrester, Youssef Grira, Arayna Mohindra, Mayur Patel, Imani Berrios

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



YEAR 7

- Blessings MAKOMI – Demonstrating leadership and empathy by resolving conflicts as a peacemaker.
- Cailyn JULEFF – Using the marking rubric to improve their English Reviewing the News assessment.
- Lilly SAMMS – Using class time and the marking rubric to complete the English Reviewing the News assessment to a high standard.
- Bior LUL – Working well in English class to finish the Fake News task.
- Hamuera HOLLIS – Using class time effectively to complete the Fake News task in English class.
- Jessica THOMSON – Finishing her work in English class and offering to help a classmate.
- Mia ROGERS – Valuing community.
- Lydia WELDEAMAN – Staying focused always and achieving excellent results in English.

YEAR 8

- Shauryaveer GUPTA – Asking questions when unsure and completing homework and any task to their best ability with growth mindset.
- Ella AITKEN – Asking questions when unsure and completing homework and any task to their best ability with growth mindset.
- Shainaa AGGARWAL – Applying herself in English and striving to do well in all assessments.
- Jordyn FULTON-CARE – Completing all the task and putting consistent effort to improve themselves.
- Lily SYMONS – Consistently showing perseverance and resolve when working through challenging problems.

YEAR 9

- Pratiti DIXIT – Excellent job taking responsibility for her learning, which was evident in her English assessments.
- Joni NDANGA – Always putting an effort into participating in class discussions. The class loves hearing her thoughts.
- Sukayna QADIR – Focus and engaged in lessons all the time.

YEAR 10

- Fatima ABDULLAHI – Maintaining a strong work ethic and constantly finding ways to improve.
- Divine INGABIRE – Improving their work ethic and constantly finding ways to improve.
- Ayak AROB – Consistently putting in effort in History class.
- Taw K'Lu Wah TAW K'LU WAH – Consistently putting in effort in History class.

YEAR 11 VCE

- Aarya MODI – Going out of his way to be kind and considerate to his classmates and teachers.
- Francesco CASTELLO – Consistent effort to achieve high in applied computing.
- Natasha STAMBOLIEV – Excellence in academic standards in Food Studies.
- Jayden NAIR – Trying hard to achieve in Food Studies.

YEAR 12 VCE

- Edna MANVI – Helping organise the Fun Day.
- Elijah HARVEY – Helping organise the Fun Day.
- Disha KAUR – Helping organise the Fun Day.
- Mac MATHANG – Helping organise the Fun Day.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

TENPIN BOWLING

NICHOLAS STRIKES AGAIN

Nicholas Rajkovic is once again making headlines in the tenpin bowling world.

The Year 12 student has been selected to represent Australia in the Asian Junior Championships, which will be held in Singapore in August.

At just 17, Nicholas has already starred on an Australian tour of New Zealand and claimed the first national youth division ranked event title of the year at the Wyncity Youth Cup, along with many other striking achievements.

Congratulations Nicholas! We wish you the best of luck in Singapore!



CROSS COUNTRY

TRISTAN DASHES TO THE STATE CHAMPS

Six Manor Lakes College students competed at the Western Metropolitan Region Cross Country in Keilor on Monday.

Tristan Berto (Year 11, pictured right), Bella Bennett, Bella Ingram, Garshom Tafere Bezabih (Year 8), Ayla Ehtisham and Guyo Kullo (Year 7) competed extremely well in the rainy and muddy conditions.

It was terribly cold and the track had many hills so the conditions were horrible to say the least, but all our students battled through and performed to their best. I couldn't be more proud of them.



Tristan Berto finished sixth in the 17-20 boys age group to advance to the state cross country championships in Yarra Glen next month. Wish Tristan good luck if you see him around.

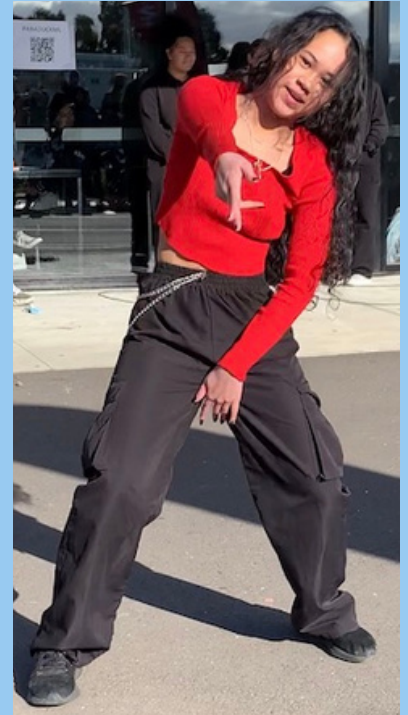
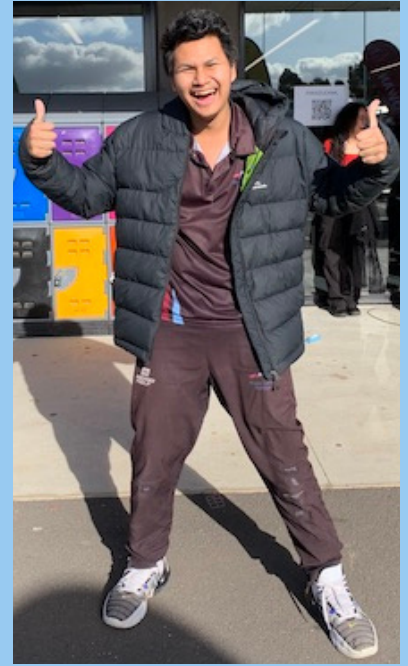
Josh Matsubara

DANCE COMPETITION

MIKHAIL'S MAGNIFICENT MOVES

The Term 2 Dance Competition drew an appreciative crowd outside Victoria at lunchtime on Tuesday.

Among a talented field of dance acts, the winner was Supported Year 10 student Mikhail Mahathir (pictured right), who rocked out to Elton John's '80s tune *I'm Still Standing*. Mikhail earned house points for Freeman (yellow) and put a smile on the faces of spectators.



DEBATING SUCCESS

On Wednesday night our D-Grade Debaters Association of Victoria team took home a win against Damascus College with a very convincing argument for why Australia should not raise the retirement age.

Congratulations to Kevin Raju, Bodhi Collins and Maddison Goodchild for their hard work and a big thanks to everyone in the team who supported them.

If our D-Grade team can continue this winning streak, we have a real shot at finals next term!



Braidan Pace
Debating & Public Speaking Coordinator

YEAR 12 FUN DAY



ALL THE FUN AND AWARDS FROM YEAR 12 FUN DAY

By Ruby Collins, 12F

As a reward for their hard work throughout the last year of their schooling life, the Year 12s had a Fun Day of team-building and problem-solving activities, games, pizza and dancing!

The day started off with a Year 12 assembly, where a slideshow was presented of photos from the year so far, VET music student Ash Furphy entertained us with a beautiful song on guitar, and Faith Cameron performed a traditional Pasifika dance.

The school captains, Anshika Handa and myself, presented students with fun-themed “superlative awards”, which were voted by all Year 12 students. (See the award winners below).

Most of the day consisted of a round-robin of activities such as mini-athletics events, trivia, a newspaper fashion competition and a “protect the egg” challenge. It was a great opportunity to participate in engaging activities while having fun with friends.



DJ Micallef got the party started at the disco at the end of the Fun Day. Many shimmies, moonwalks and boogies were displayed, proving that Year 12s can actually dance. PE teacher Koya showed students how to do the famous *Nutbush* dance, and everyone had a go at the *Macarena*.

Superlative Award Winners

Most likely to be famous on reality TV: Thabo Chama

Most likely to marry a celebrity: Jack Gallagher

Most likely to be a billionaire: Laurent Sadic

Most likely to travel the world: Gauhar Bhardwaj

Most likely to break a world record: Jolie Tshitamba

Most likely to be Prime Minister: Nordin Hammouche

Most likely to write a book: Edna Manvi

Most likely to win an Oscar: Cooper Goldsworthy

Most likely to win a Nobel Prize: Kubilay Muz

Most likely to run off with the circus: Asher Isaiah

Most likely to invent something: Daniel Tarrant

School prankster: Sam Mawroe

Most likely to get lost: Aleeya Ahmad

Most likely to be the principal of Manor Lakes College: Ruby Collins

Most likely to be in redemption at lunchtime: Hayley Moore

Most likely to be TikTok-famous: Olivia Alvaro

Most scathing Google Classroom post: Tara Hyatt

Most likely to sign up for all the sports at MLC: Moe Aung

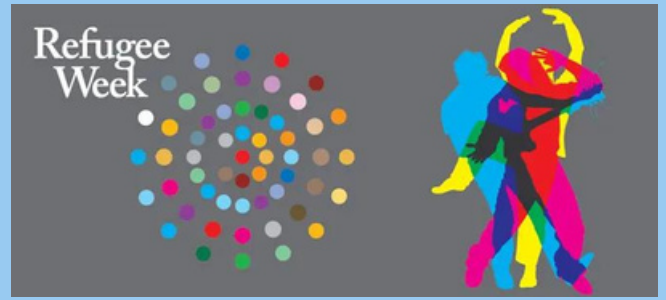
Most likely to win the lottery but lose the ticket: Xavier Murphy

Class clown: Emmanuel Zayzay

REFUGEE WEEK: STUDENT STORIES

To mark Refugee Week, nine of our students have generously shared their experiences in a series of [interviews that you can listen to here](#).

Here's a sample of their enlightening words.



Louise Fatuma, 10E – Malawi

Louise's life in Malawi, in south-eastern Africa, was "so difficult, so hard... I didn't have time to do school stuff. I didn't go to school much. I had to help my mum every single day, cooking, cleaning."

Louise and her family moved to Australia "four (or) five years" ago. It has completely changed their lives for the better.

"I say, 'Thank you, God,' every day," she said.

Louise's message to Australians is simple but powerful: "Be grateful for what you have."

Eliya Makoro, 10E – Congo

Eliya recalled that living in Congo, in central Africa, was "no good. There was a lot of killing and stuff".

He has also been in Australia for four or five years, and he's thankful that it's "more peaceful".

Daima Toga, 10D – Congo

Of her time in a refugee camp, Daima said: "It was good and bad at the same time. Life is hard there. Food, water, clothes – everything a human needs – is very hard to find there. We needed help there."

Living in Australia is "good, because we have everything, like food, water – we don't need every day to go to find water."

Daima's message to the community is: "Let's love each other, and let's care about each other. Let's know each other's stories."

BRAVE EFFORT BY SOCCER GIRLS

The Year 7 and 8 girls soccer team played in the Western Metropolitan Region tournament on Thursday June 22 in Keilor.

The girls fought hard every single game, winning against Belmont, drawing with Alamanda, and losing to Gisborne, which meant they didn't advance to the finals.



The girls had a lot of fun over the two rounds and everyone encouraged each other, which was fantastic to see. They showed passion, dedication and great sportsmanship. It was a pleasure to coach these students and I wish them all the best!

Well done to all of the girls – Bella B, Ruby, Lizy, Lucette, Taytum, Gurnaaz, Ayla, Sasha, Falak, Amelia, Jordyn, Malekah, Charlotte and Shivhaani.

Special shoutouts for some impressive performances – Bella Ingram for being a key player in the midfield and never stopping to rest; and Talieya, Pam and Anna for being amazing defenders and never letting anyone past them.

And of course, once again, our MVP was Mariela, who displayed her incredible dribbling skills and scored the vital goals to secure the win against Belmont.

Looking forward to 2024!

Josh Matsubara and Ben Cookney

TECH COURSE OPPORTUNITY



This week eight students from Year 10 had the chance to visit Wyndham Tech School's Werribee campus to explore new opportunities that are being offered there in the Certificate III in Enabling and Emerging Technologies course for next year.

Students also experienced interactive activities with AI (Artificial Intelligence) drones and 3D Game Development.



MANOR LAKES COLLEGE ART COMPETITION

**INTERACT CLUB IS INVITING ALL CREATIVE ARTISTS
OF MANOR LAKES TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ART SHOW
AND COMPETITION FOR A CHANCE TO SHOWCASE
THEIR ARTISTIC TALENT!**

**THE THEME FOR YOUR ART IS: PEOPLE, PLACES AND
THINGS IN MANOR LAKES.**

**WE WILL BE DISPLAYING BOTH 2D (ILLUSTRATIONS,
PHOTOGRAPHY AND DIGITAL ARTS) AND 3D ART
(SCULPTURES AND CRAFTS). ARTWORKS MUST BE
SUBMITTED BY THURSDAY THE 27TH OF JULY.**

**PLEASE FILL OUT THE SIGN UP FORM THAT WILL
BE POSTED IN YOUR YEAR LEVEL GOOGLE
CLASSROOMS**

**WE CANT WAIT TO SEE ALL OF YOUR
AMAZING ART!**



COOKING CORNER

with Anshika Handa



Sweet potato and leek galette

Ingredients

- 1 Tbsp Olive oil, plus more for drizzling
- 1/2 Leek, white and pale-green parts only, halved lengthwise, thinly sliced
- 60 gms Feta
- 2 Tbls Cream
- 1/2 - 1 Garlic clove, finely chopped
- 1 Tbls Dill, coarsely chopped, plus sprigs for serving
- 250 gms Sweet potato, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 Egg, beaten
- 1/2 sheet Puff pastry
- Sea salt, freshly ground pepper
- 1 Tbsp Pistachios, coarsely chopped and pan roasted

Method

- Preheat the oven to 185°C. Heat 1/2 tbs. of oil in a small frypan over medium-low. Cook leek, stirring occasionally, until softened but without taking on any colour, for 3-5 minutes. Transfer to a plate.
- Mash feta with a fork and mix with cream and garlic in a medium bowl to combine. Season with salt and black pepper.
- Divide dough into two squares. Transfer to a lined baking tray. Using an offset spatula, spread half of the goat cheese mixture over the dough, leaving a 1cm border. Scatter some dill evenly over, then top with a thin layer of sweet potato slices.
- Drizzle with oil, season with salt and pepper. Scatter half of the leeks over potatoes. Fold corners and edges of dough over. Brush the edge of dough with egg.
- Bake galettes until crusts are golden brown and potatoes are soft, for 25-30 minutes.
- Sprinkle with chopped pistachio and garnish with dill sprigs.



My attempt.

MY PERSONAL TIP:

Once all the prepping for the different fillings for the galette is done, it can be fairly easy to assemble. A tip I would give is to not brush too much egg onto the edges of the pastry and assemble the pastry on the tray because it can be hard to transfer later. Moreso, despite the time for baking being 25-30 minutes, I would check the pastry every five minutes after 20 minutes have passed.

UNSOLVED MYSTERIES

BIGFOOT



By Youssef Grira, 7G

Bigfoot is the most iconic unsolved mystery appearing in games, novels, movies and any other piece of media you can think of – and can you blame them? A huge humanoid creature with wide shoulders, fur, and the strength to put holes in pure metal!

Similar to skinwalkers (which were featured in last week's edition), Bigfoot originated from the Navajo culture. But unlike skinwalkers, it hasn't been just the Navajo people who have passed down tales and legends.



Theories around Bigfoot are quite vast following different perspectives, but the most common theory is that he's some sort of ape or creature, which I can understand. But then there's another side to these many theories, such as the theory of Bigfoot being a person who went back to the wilderness and is just protecting his territory. I can see why some people think this because there are a lot of explanations for things like the fur, which could be from an animal he killed. His height is chalked up to him being a tall guy, and that it's not just one but many people. I think this theory is nice – it gives a logical explanation for the yeti and Bigfoot alike. But the one thing that kind of destroys this theory is Bigfoot's extraordinary strength. No human, no matter how strong they are, should have the strength of Bigfoot, seriously. Sightings describe him moving trees away and causing them to fall with his bare hands, while others report him almost making a hole in metal with a huge fist indent being left behind. So I don't think Bigfoot is human. I think it's more likely to be some of creature that we haven't discovered yet.

Another piece of evidence supporting the Bigfoot theory emerged back in the 1970s, when a Navajo patrol team came across some hair strands on a wired fence. The hair was tested and entered into a database that included basically every animal known to man, but it was found to have come from an "unknown carnivore". It was scary not knowing what the creature was. They simply didn't have any explanation for it. All these years later we still don't know what it is. We can only speculate and theorise about this alleged being known as Bigfoot.

DEATH'S DESIGN – FINAL DESTINATION

By Charlotte Forrester, 7M

The *Final Destination* is a popular series of five horror movies rated MA 15+ to R 18+. Each of the movies follow the storyline of a random teen having a premonition of a gruesome accident, which then actually takes place. I recommend that horror lovers check them out.

Final Destination (2000)

Final Destination was made around the same time the Harry Potter books were turned into movies. The storyline goes like this: a teenage boy named Alex Browning embarks on a trip to Paris, France, for his French lessons, but something goes horribly wrong. He has an odd premonition that the plane he and his class rides has a problem and bursts into flames, killing all passengers. Because of this prophecy, Alex panics and tells every passenger to "get off the plane" and "the plane is gonna explode". Five passengers get off the plane just to check on Alex. Only one person truly believes his prophecy, Clear Rivers, who in the story had a crush on Alex. The plane does actually explode, leaving the survivors shocked and devastated.

I rate this movie 7/10. It was horrifyingly good, but I feel the later movies in the series are a bit better.

Final Destination 2 (2003)

The storyline for the first sequel goes like this: Kimberly Corman, a 19-year-old girl from New York City, is travelling on a highway with her friends when she has a prophecy (like Alex did) about a huge highway pile-up that kills many people, caused by logs of wood collapsing off a pick-up truck. She pulls over and blocks all the people waiting, saving all their lives as the highway does have a pile-up. In a sad turn of events, a truck crashes into the car she was just in, killing her other three friends, leaving Kimberly and others petrified.

My rating for this movie was a 9/10. I absolutely loved the plot and the ending. It was so sweet but so gory and gruesome. I was quite sad that a couple of my favourite characters died tragically, but other than that it was a very good movie.

Final Destination 3 (2006)

The storyline goes like this: Danish teenager Wendy Christensen has a premonition that the rollercoaster she, her friends and her boyfriend are about to go on, has a strange railway issue that causes everybody on the rollercoaster to die in the worst ways possible.

After this prophecy, Wendy begs and cries for her boyfriend and friends to get off the rollercoaster. Her friend's boyfriend, Kevin Fischer, had gotten off the rollercoaster to check on Wendy, but her own boyfriend, Jason Wise, does not get off, and he dies along with Wendy's best friend, Carrie Dreyer, in the horrible rollercoaster accident.



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FINAL DESTINATION REVIEW – CONTINUED

My rating for this movie was 10/10. It was terrific, although really gruesome and gross with lots of gore, which was made worse because of how realistic it seemed. Overall, the storyline and characters were absolutely amazing. It kind of shocked me how good it was. If you're not a huge fan of horror movies or you're just sensitive to gory stuff, these movies aren't for you. But if you have a strong stomach, I recommend these movies.

Final Destination 4 (2009)

Four teenagers – Nick O'Bannon, Hunt Wynorski, Lori Milligan and Janet Cunningham – go to watch a car racing competition at a local racetrack when Nick starts to have a premonition of an oil container spilling, causing a car's wheels to go out of control, crashing and flinging parts of the car and tyres everywhere, killing 56 innocent people. Like in the previous movies, Nick desperately tries to warn the other people in the crowd, saving at least seven lives as they all run out. Afterwards, the survivors of the crash start dying in strange ways (also like in the previous movies): one was dragged along the street by his own truck, engulfing him in flames as there were flammable alcohol items in the car; another was pierced in the eye by a zooming pebble sent from a lawnmower; the third died by having his organs sucked out by a pool drainer; and others were crushed, impaled, hit by cars, etc.

My rating for this film was 10/10. I loved the realism, but at the same time it was so realistic it made me gag ever so slightly. Just like previous movies it follows the group finding out 'Death's Design', and beating it with hints and taking action. The entire series made my heart throb, but they were still absolutely amazing.



Final Destination 5 (2011)

I could not make a review for *Final Destination 5*, as the platforms it's streamed on are ones my family do not own a membership for. But I will give you the storyline.

Sam Lawton and a few friends are embarking on a bus ride with colleagues to a corporate retreat when in a classic turn of events, Sam has a vision of the bridge they are crossing crashing and crumbling, leaving all people in the bus horrifyingly dying. Right after this vision ends, Sam tries to warn everybody on the bus but it's too late. As the bridge starts collapsing, he grabs his girlfriend, Molly Harper, and his best friend, Peter Friedkin. Sam manages to save a few others too, but they all soon find out that death is not that easily fooled.



Final Destination 5 looks like a pretty good movie and I recommend watching it if you're a member of platforms like *Paramount+* or *Amazon Prime Video*, as both of them stream the movie series.

Teen Fiction Book Review

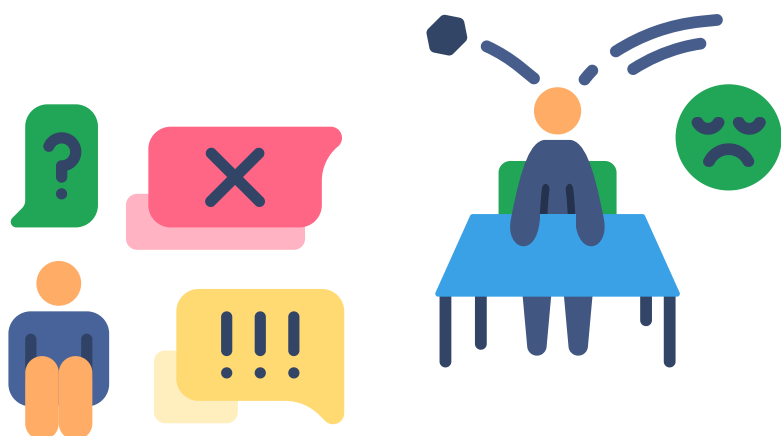
By Thy Vo, 8J

Hit Squad is about a new kid, Mickey, who desperately wants to blend in with his new high school. Due to his rough reputation, he has found himself in a group aiming to bring down their school's bullies. Unfortunately, they aren't as victorious as expected...

This book deeply immersed me in a whirlwind of emotions such as guilt, sympathy, and a sense of relation. It made me rethink the times when I was not at my safest and most confident throughout my childhood to this day. In those times I faced an unusual sense of fear and a risky atmosphere wherever I went.

The author, James Heneghan, perfectly pictures the truths and understanding to his young audience of the typical reality of high school life. This book reminds me of teens desperately "fitting in" at a school. This sometimes unexpectedly leads to bullying, which is mostly the main concept in this book.

It also reveals that wanting to fit in can change a person or their actions to do the bad things that happen later on. Bad things can result in terrible consequences and loss.



WARNING! May include themes deemed inappropriate by some readers.

My rating:



5/5

CITY OF SAINTS AND THIEVES

Review by Lillian Hadlow, 9F

The Blurb

In the shadows of Sangui City, there lives a girl who doesn't exist. After fleeing the Congo as refugees, Tina and her mother arrived in Kenya looking for the chance to build a new life and home. Her mother quickly found work as a maid for a prominent family headed by Roland Greyhill, one of the city's most respected business leaders. But Tina soon learns that the Greyhill fortune was made from a life of corruption and crime. So when her mother is found shot to death in Mr Greyhill's personal study, she knows exactly who's behind it.

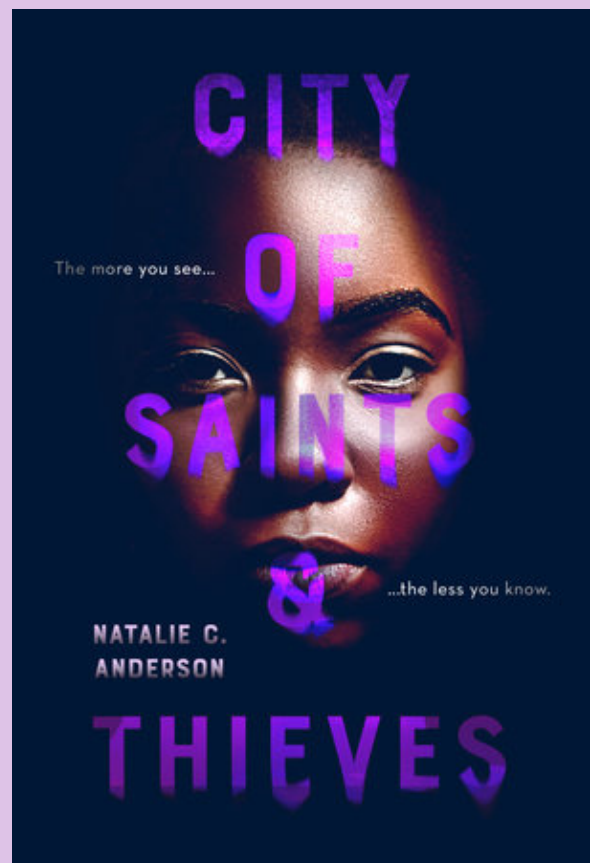
With revenge always on her mind, Tina spends the next four years surviving on the streets alone, working as a master thief for the Goondas, Sangui City's local gang. It's a job for the Goondas that finally brings Tina back to the Greyhill estate, giving her the chance for vengeance she's been waiting for. But as soon as she steps inside the lavish home, she's overtaken by the pain of old wounds and the pull of past friendships, setting into motion a dangerous cascade of events that could, at any moment, cost Tina her life. But finally uncovering the incredible truth about who killed her mother – and why – keeps her holding on in this fast-paced nail-biting thriller.

My Review

This book created a wide dynamic of what it is like for the poor overseas, and how some kids fall into bad things and try to get revenge.

When Tina tells us how her mum died, it hit me deeply. I could never think of someone close to me dying like that.

City of Saints and Thieves hit me every way. I love the amount of tension in it and how learning how some people live their lives. It made me upset in some bits but overall it's a really good book.



Rating: 4/5



If you have any suggestions for books I should read over the holidays and write a review about send me an email:

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2024 YEAR 8 & 9 ENRICHMENT

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Reading Challenge



CHILL & READ

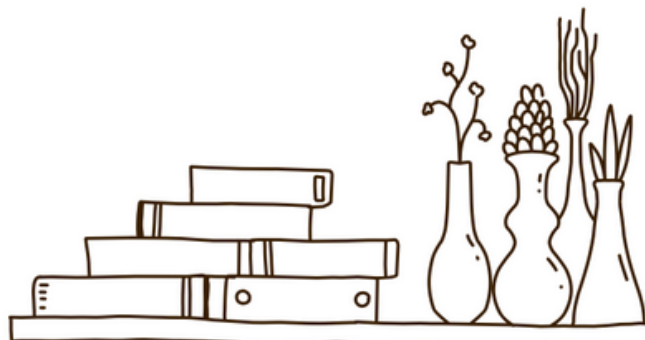
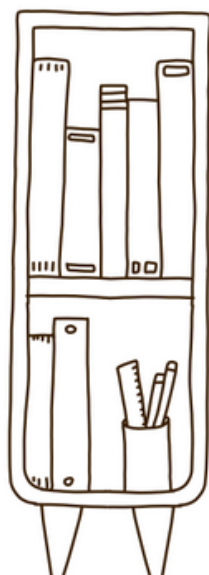
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MANOR LAKES COLLEGE

Warm up with a book from your library this winter. Track your reading by colouring in a book for every day that you read!

Fill out one shelf to earn 3 points for your house and a certificate!



1. WHERE'S YOUR COSY READING SPOT?

Draw a picture of where you like to read

3. START A NEW SERIES OR READ THE NEXT BOOK IN A SERIES YOU HAVE ALREADY STARTED

Title:

Author:

Recommended to:

5. LISTEN TO AN AUDIOBOOK WHILE DOING SOMETHING ELSE

Title:

Author:

Activity:

2. READ ALOUD TO A PERSON, PET OR PLANT

Title:

Author:

Read to:

4. RECOMMEND A BOOK YOU LOVED, IN PERSON OR ONLINE

Title:

Author:

Recommended to:

6. READ A BOOK SET SOMEWHERE YOU'D LIKE TO TRAVEL TO

Title:

Author:

Setting:

Words of Wisdom

“Talent without working hard is nothing.”

– Portuguese soccer legend Cristiano Ronaldo



MEME OF THE WEEK



**WHEN TEACHER
POINTS YOUR
FRIEND TO
ANSWER THE
QUESTION**

**WHEN YOUR
FRIEND
ANSWERS THE
QUESTION
CORRECTLY**