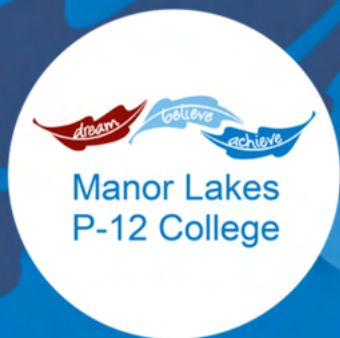




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MANOR LAKES P-12 COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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Student Achievements

Meet Our Local Youth Parliamentarian

Year 12 student Bodhi Collins has been announced as the Youth Member for our local federal seat of Lalor.

More than 2200 young people from across Australia applied to be part of the inaugural 2026 National Youth Parliament, and Bodhi was one of the successful 150 students – one from each federal electorate. He was selected because his “ideas, insight and commitment to contributing to Australia's future stood out”.

One of our college co-captains, Bodhi will join his fellow youth parliamentarians for a week at Parliament House in Canberra where they will take part in “hands-on experiences, including simulated parliamentary debates, workshops with political leaders and real-world policy discussions”.

They will also “gain a deeper understanding of how parliament works and how laws are developed and passed”.

Last year Bodhi and a few other Manor Lakes College students attended Victorian Youth Parliament (above).



RYDER PICKED FOR VICS SOFTBALL TEAM

Year 10 student Ryder Mason has been selected to represent Victoria in the School Sport Australia 18 Years And Under Softball Championships.

At just 15, Ryder is one of the youngest players chosen for the championships, which will be held in Blacktown, western Sydney, from May 24-29.

After starting in the juniors with the Werribee-based Hawks Fastpitch Softball Club, he progressed to the men's side and was a member of the 2025-26 B-grade premiership.

This year he has already competed in the under-17s state championships, with his team finishing third.



Share your achievements with us!

We would love to hear about your achievements outside school. Please email

manor.lakes.p12@education.vic.gov.au with some information and a photo if available.

PRIMARY CROSS-COUNTRY SUCCESS

For the first time in our primary school's history, we won the Wyndham district shield in cross-country.

Our squad of 50 runners from grades 3-6 represented our college extremely well, with everyone finishing their races, gaining points and contributing to our historic victory.

Special mention to the following 18 students who placed in the top 10 to progress to the division championships, which will be held on Thursday May 28.

9/10 Girls

Aishi	4th
Karliah Brighton-Jones	5th
Monika K	6th
Elmina K	9th

9/10 Boys

Caleb T	4th
Dut Dut	10th

11 Girls

Mayra S	3rd
Avani Joshi	5th

11 Boys

Dau Garang	1st
Willie Amol	2nd
Junior Bol	8th

12/13 Girls

Baheera K	1st
Sannihitha N	3rd
Mackenzie Vella	4th
Ruth Williams	8th
Makayla Vella	9th
Patience Mbabazi	10th

12/13 Boys

Paul Thomas	5th
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SECONDARY TEAMS PROGRESS TO REGIONALS

Five secondary sports teams have advanced to the western metropolitan regional finals:

- Volleyball – The senior boys will play in May, while the Year 7 boys and girls and Year 8 boys will play in November.
- Baseball – The senior boys will play in May.



UPCOMING EVENTS

 Wed May 6–Fri May 8

Mother's Day Stall

 Friday May 8

Years 3 & 4 Athletics (onsite)

 Friday May 15

Years 5 & 6 Athletics (onsite)

 Friday June 5

Curriculum Day

 Thur June 18–
Fri July 3

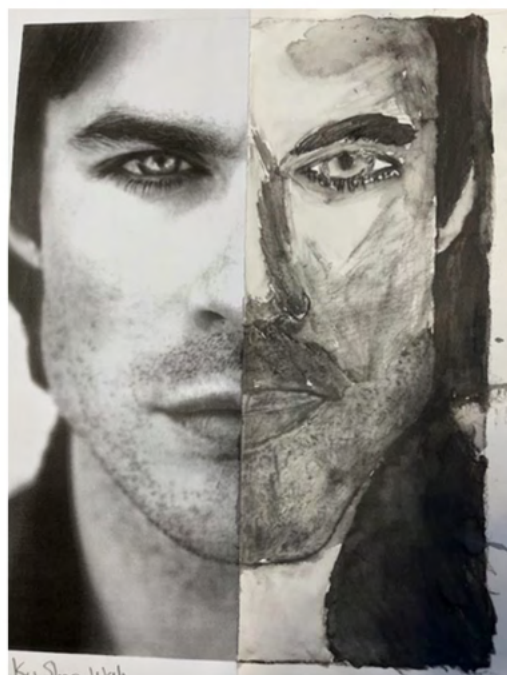
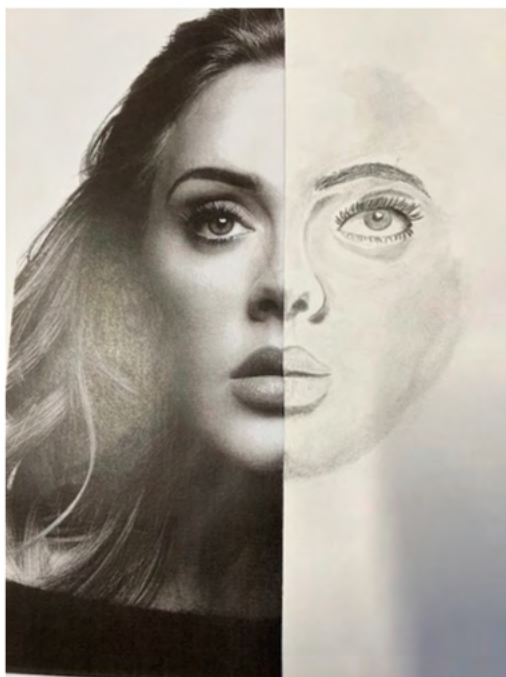
Dental van visit

 Monday June 22

Secondary Athletics Day

Year 10 Art – Portraits

Year 10 Visual Art students have been exploring portraiture and developing techniques to create proportionally accurate imagery. They experimented with a variety of materials, including charcoal, graphite and water soluble graphite.



Harmony Day

On Friday March 20, as part of Harmony Week, many students and staff donned their cultural dress or colours to show pride in their heritage and to celebrate the beauty of our diverse community.

Harmony Week recognises Australia's cultural diversity and brings together people from different backgrounds. It's about:

- **Inclusiveness**
- **Respect**
- **A sense of belonging for everyone.**



Let's celebrate the things that make us different and the values that bring us together.



IN THE PRESENCE OF GRAND PRIX GREATNESS

Some of our Year 10-12 students had the wonderful opportunity to meet Formula 1 racing car driver Kimi Antonelli during their recent excursion to the Melbourne Grand Prix.

On the Thursday before the big race, the 19-year-old Italian was happy to pose for a photo with our students (top right). Antonelli finished second in the race and then, in China on March 15, became the second-youngest winner of a Grand Prix (right, inset).

On their outing, our students participated in the Driver Learner Program, which provides students with the opportunity to explore the technology behind one of the world's most advanced sports through interactive exhibits, career seminars and STEM-based challenges.

The action-packed day was designed to inspire students and showcase diverse career pathways in STEM and motorsport.

They were certainly inspired, as shown in their reflections on the day.

Mankaran Chandel, Year 11

"The trip was a great success. The experience of watching the F2 and GT cars on the road gave me much information about the technical aspect of motorsport. The best part of the day was meeting Kimi Antonelli behind the Mercedes Centre. It is something that my group will always remember. These interactions in industries are priceless to the students and I believe that this needs to continue in the school program in coming years."

Uzair Rehman, Year 11

"It was really enjoyable and we had tons of learning opportunities, all while trying different activities and real-life experiences. It was a great mix of learning."

Kavya Narang, Year 11

"F1 day was an amazing experience. I got to enjoy different types of cars that were racing, including the V8s, Porsches and the F2, which was probably the best part. Hopefully next time, we get to see the F1 cars but even this was amazing. Would definitely go again next year if given the opportunity."



Lady Northcote Discovery Camp



Years 3 & 5 students recently enjoyed all-day excursions. Here's a Year 5 wrap from teacher Gordon Webb.

Year 5 teachers have been building students' personal and social capabilities, with a focus on resilience, rights and respectful relationships. The Lady Northcote Discovery Camp provided the perfect opportunity for students to put these skills into action, with 160 Year 5 students taking part in The Amazing Race.

The event comprised 17 checkpoints completed in a set order, with teams working alongside their allocated instructor. Students were required to stay together, communicate clearly and solve problems as a group. What stood out across the day was how students began to settle into their roles, listen to one another and work more effectively as teams as each challenge progressed.

Several checkpoints quickly became highlights. Students enjoyed a fast-paced version of 'Hungry Hippos', racing against the clock to clear balls from a pool without stepping inside. At 'Ring-a-Ring-a-Rosie', teams worked to improve their times across multiple attempts, showing persistence and a willingness to refine their approach. The 'Tallest Tower' challenge saw students using pipes and connectors to build a freestanding structure, requiring careful planning, cooperation and a shared focus to ensure it remained standing.

As the day unfolded, it was evident that students were drawing on the skills they have been developing in the classroom. Teams that initially found challenges difficult began to organise themselves, support one another and approach tasks with greater confidence and purpose. The growth in teamwork, communication and resilience was clear, particularly as students worked together to meet the objectives of each activity.

It was pleasing to see students come together, take responsibility within their groups and demonstrate a strong sense of community. The day provided a valuable opportunity for students to apply their learning in a meaningful way, and it was rewarding to see how these skills translated beyond the classroom.

Students' thoughts

- "I rate the camp 8/10. My favourite activity was mini golf. My least favourite was foosball human version." – **Aashif**
- "It was amazing! We did games, it was fun. We also helped each other. It taught me to work as a team." – **Arohi**
- "I loved the camp – 10/10! It was great. We got to stay extra. We built a campfire." – **Agastya**
- "It was a really good time with our teamwork and the activities. 9.5/10!" – **Jacob**
- "It was really worth it! We did lots of activities and it helped us with our teamwork skills. It was really fun and overall I rate it a 9/10!" – **Prayanshi**

Years 3 & 5 Day Camps continued



Year 3



ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

College co-captains Bodhi Collins, Leon Hume and Maddison Goodchild represented Manor Lakes College at the Anzac Day dawn service in Werribee.

During a typically moving ceremony attended by hundreds of people, the trio laid a wreath at the cenotaph as a mark of respect for soldiers who have died while serving our country in wars.

Lest we forget.



DOING IT FOR THE KIDS



Thank you to the students, families and staff who donated to the college's Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal fundraiser.

Across the college, we raised a total of \$1266 – a terrific effort

We're always proud to support such a great cause.



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY



On February 27, Year 6s, together with our secondary student volunteers, participated in Clean Up Australia Day.

All the Year 6s contributed by bringing paper bags, wearing gloves and picking up rubbish inside and around the school. Each student picked up more than one bag of rubbish, earning a Zooper Dooper.

Students picked up rubbish to help keep the grounds clean and safe while also being responsible and caring citizens.

All students felt good working together while picking up rubbish.

– By Year 6 students Prashastti, Mayush, Akshadh and Raheel



LOST PROPERTY

Have you lost a key, air pods or a watch? If so, you should check at either administration office for your lost items.

Lost clothing, drink bottles & bags are located in the Argyle building near the primary office.

Diversity & Inclusion



AFL HERITAGE LAUNCH



The AFL invited 10 students to represent Manor Lakes and their culture at the launch of The AFL Cultural Heritage Series event on Wednesday March 18 at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG).

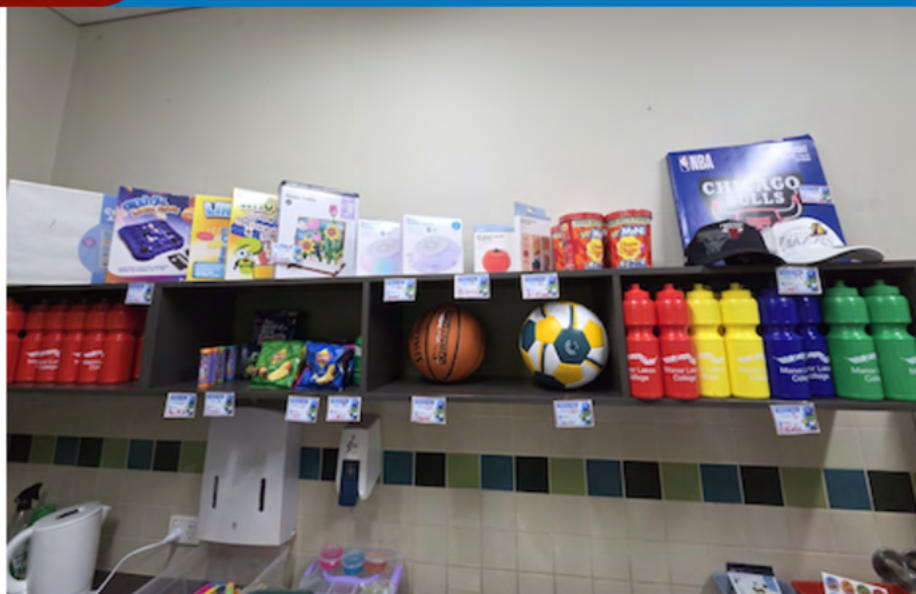
The launch included a fun AFL clinic with four cultural diversity AFL/AFLW player ambassadors, including Collingwood star Isaac Quaynor (pictured top right), celebrating connection through inclusive AFL activities.

World Down Syndrome Day

It was great to see the support for World Down Syndrome Day on Monday March 23. Students were asked to wear their brightest and loudest socks to support this great cause.



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR REWARDS



What is SWPBS?

School-wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) is a globally recognised, evidence-based framework that helps schools create safe, positive and inclusive environments where students and staff can thrive.

SWPBS helps schools build consistent, whole-school systems that promote positive behaviour, wellbeing and inclusion.

Reward Shop

Our SWPBS reward shop celebrates students who consistently demonstrate our school values:

- Aiming High.
- Being Responsible.
- Showing Respect.
- Valuing Community.

Students earn rewards through positive behaviour choices and can use their points to “purchase” fun items and experiences from the shop.

The SWPBS shop is all about recognising positive choices, encouraging responsibility and building a strong, supportive school culture. We are incredibly proud of the way our students are embracing our values, and this is just one more way we can celebrate their success.

Items include:

- Basketball/soccer
- Drink bottles
- Fidgets
- Slime
- Lego
- Art craft kits
- NBA hats
- Waterproof speakers
- Lollies
- Zooper Doopers
- Stickers






Gowrie
VICTORIA

Come meet our team at our **Kindergarten** **Open Day!**

**Gowrie Minindee Road
Kindergarten**

Wednesday 13 May, 4:30 – 6:00pm
52 Minindee Road, Manor Lakes, VIC 3024



Mobile Phone Policy

What you need to know for Term 2

Approx 250

phone notifications per day

for the average Australian teen over 25% of these notifications happen during school hours.

It takes up to 20 minutes to refocus after each interruption.

The Policy & Your Yondr Pouch



DET & School Policy

All phones must be switched off and securely stored during school hours - including recess and lunch.

No exceptions unless formally granted.

This is a Victorian Government requirement for every government school.



Manor Lakes P-12 College



Yondr Pouches — Term 2



Morning

Place phone in pouch, lock it, store in your locker.



End of Day

Use magnets at the main gates to unlock. Leaving early? Unlock at main office.

Pouches distributed Week 1, Term 2.



What Happens If You Break the Rules

Phone sighted during school hours

1st time

Hand phone to staff. Collect from Victoria Admin at end of day.

Subsequent times

Parent/carer must collect the phone. Detention issued.

Refusal to hand over phone

1st time

Suspension.

2nd+ times

Suspension, parent meeting, phone stored at sub-school office.



MANOR LAKES
STORM

**UNDER 14'S
TRAINING**

**TUESDAYS &
THURSDAYS
5.30PM**

PLAYERS NEEDED

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