Primary Cross Country

Last Wednesday the Primary held its Cross Country Carnival at the Manilla Showground. The Infants students also went to the showground and participated in a mini cross country obstacle course of their own.

The results were:

**Infants**

5 yr Boys: 1\textsuperscript{st} - Jack Ellem, 2\textsuperscript{nd} - Jordan Faulkner.
5 yr Girls: 1\textsuperscript{st} - Eve Maloney, 2\textsuperscript{nd} - Tenaya Gilbert, 3\textsuperscript{rd} - Brooke Browning, 4\textsuperscript{th} - Sophia Maloney.
6 yr Boys: 1\textsuperscript{st} - Joshua Morris, 2\textsuperscript{nd} - Cooper Taylor, 3\textsuperscript{rd} - Jack Ormiston, 4\textsuperscript{th} - Brayden Vipen.
6 yr Girls: 1\textsuperscript{st} - Alisha Carter, 2\textsuperscript{nd} - Sharlee Curry, 3\textsuperscript{rd} - Elle Fleming, 4\textsuperscript{th} - Danni Roberts.
7 yr Boys: 1\textsuperscript{st} - Jett Taylor, 2\textsuperscript{nd} - Connor Kesterton, 3\textsuperscript{rd} - Boady Russell, 4\textsuperscript{th} - Harry Good.
7 yr Girls: 1\textsuperscript{st} - Sekora Daley, 2\textsuperscript{nd} - Charlie Jones, 3\textsuperscript{rd} - Jade Kesterton, 4\textsuperscript{th} - Imogen Nunn.

Infant Participants: Ethan Rudd (above left), Chase Leonard and Harley Coomer-Ison (above middle), Dominic Ison and Janina Willoughby (above right)
Primary

Samantha McCubbin, Jayce Tavo, Angela Grant, and Callum Cocking (Above)

8/9yr Boys: Bailey Russell
8/9yr Girls: Shakaya Fenton
10yr Boys: Brock Russell
10yr Girls: Angela McCubbin
11yr Boys: Taine Mackay
11yr Girls: Holly Wagstaff
12/13yr Boys: Curtis Vickery-Baxter
12/13yr Girls: Samantha McCubbin

Primary Champions (above)

The champion house on the day was Peel.

Congratulations to all students who participated. Thank you to family and friends who came along and supported the students. The first four place-getters in each primary age group are competing in the Zone Cross Country at Barraba, today.

Luke Tunbridge (left)
Last Wednesday the Secondary school held its annual cross country event. The weather was perfect for the event, and there was a large turnout by the students from each of the three houses. All three houses performed exceptionally well. Sirius and Adara were both very competitive, but it was Zemos who were a cut above taking the win.

It was pleasing to see so many students participate and enjoy the afternoon, made even better by the SRC providing some cool refreshments once the students returned from their run.

Steven Howlett was the first student to cross the finish line, in a time of 20.28.41. Tiarn Northey was the first female student to cross the line, finishing just behind Steven, in a time of 21.21.83.

A big thank you to all staff, SRC and students that made the afternoon successful and enjoyable!

**House Champions**

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**Age Champions**

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**Taylor Skelton Success**

Congratulations Taylor for being selected in the Combined High School’s (CHS) Basketball team. Taylor will play in the NSW All Schools championships commencing on the 1st June. Last year Taylor was captain of the CHS team, however the captain of the side has not been named yet.

Taylor shone in the same tournament last year and was selected in the NSW team that went onto win the Gold Medal at the Australian Championships. We wish her all of our very best wishes to achieve the same heights this year.
School Contributions

The school contributions at Manilla Central School are the lowest in our area by comparison to other schools. We currently have $11,000.00 outstanding in school contributions.

We look forward to your $40.00 contribution to essential resources for students.

UNE Mathematics Day

Last Friday, Mrs Connors took four of Manilla’s finest Year 8 students to the University of New England in order to compete in the New England Mathematics Associations, Year 8 Mathematics Day. Isobel Kemp, Billy Pike, Cayden Fletcher and Zack Cant, pictured below were great ambassadors of Manilla Central and are to be highly commended for their results on the day and for the manner in which they competed.

Each of the 64 teams of 4 students competed in a range of activities. The day focused on teamwork and how mathematics is the basis of many current and emerging careers in science technology and engineering. The words fun and awesome were just some of the comments students made about the day. We are very pleased to say that we placed third in the small schools division.

Great work Zack, Isobel, Billy, Cayden and Mrs Connors. You have done us proud.

P&C Meeting Tuesday, 19th May

We invite all of our parent and community members to attend our monthly Parents and Citizens meeting. Our next meeting will take place in the Secondary Library. It will commence at 6:00p.m.
**Year 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews**

We are holding parent/teacher interviews for Year 12 students this Tuesday afternoon. We strongly encourage Year 12 parents to join us in the Secondary library from 5:30 – 6:00.

**Early Arrivals**

There are no teachers on duty before 8:30a.m. at the Secondary department and 8.40a.m. at the Primary, so please do not send your children to school before this time.

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**Secondary Library**

One of the many new arrivals available for borrowing now

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**Title:** Footy Dreaming  
**Author:** Michael Hyde

**Summary:** The story of two teenagers who play on opposing teams in a footy obsessed town. Ben is white and Noah is indigenous. Both are known as ‘gun players’ and have hopes and dreams of playing AFL football at the highest level. But racism and small town politics make their journey difficult.

Despite their own doubts and fears, the two teenagers get to know each other and become friends. Then tensions rise as sledging goes too far. Will Noah lose his cool, and his chance in the face of prejudice? Will Ben reject racism and forge his own path? Both Noah and Ben have the potential of making the big time. It is up to each of them whether they make it.

**Suitable for Lower Secondary, boys in particular.**

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Is there a book title that you would like to see added to our Library collection? Please come to see us in the Secondary Library and we will endeavour to get it in for you.

*Mrs Vanessa Christakos*  
*Secondary Librarian*
Well done to all the students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 who sat their NAPLAN tests last week. It’s valuable for students to learn what is involved in formalised testing, however it is also important to remember there are other ways of measuring students’ progress and achievement. Results are expected back in Term 3 and will be used by teachers to plan for future teaching based on student needs.

Year 5 Students concentrating hard during their NAPLAN tests

**Responsible Pet Care**

On Friday our infants students participated in a program designed to teach young children about all aspects of pet care. This included but was not limited to pet wellbeing, safety around animals and responsible pet ownership.

Zane Watson-Gayford with one of Friday’s “guests”

**Silver Award Winners**

Silver Award winners from the last Primary Assembly were Chloe Thrift, Kylah Vipen, Charlotte Good and Tamzynn Curry.

Congratulations girls!
Unknown Soldier

Later this term students in Stage 3 will be attending a live performance at the Capitol Theatre to see “The Unknown Soldier” by the Monkey Baa Theatre Company. The play is set on the battlefields of WW1 and follows the journeys of a 16 year old soldier fighting for King and country, and a modern day 11 year old boy who questions how anyone can simply disappear.

Last Thursday the students had the opportunity to attend a workshop to provide more background information about the play before they see the performance. The workshop used lots of drama based activities to explore the concepts. It provided a fantastic learning opportunity for students about Australia’s History. They are looking forward to seeing the performance.

Premier’s Reading Challenge - Primary

Students in the infants are off to a flying start in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. There are a few students who have already read the required number of books for their challenge level. All students who complete the challenge will be presented with a certificate at the end. It remains open until 21st August, so there is still plenty of time to get reading. A reminder to parents if recording books online at home, students’ logon at the PRC website using their DEC portal username and password. Primary students will know this as their Internet username and password.

If you have any questions, please see Mrs Hawley in the primary library.
Every year 1,800 public school children attend the safe haven next to Curl Curl beach at no cost to their parents or carers. During a 12 day stay they are provided with dental, optical, hearing and medical screening and treatment.

Children participate in educational programs and excursions designed to develop their social and emotional skills, build self-esteem and improve their overall well-being.

In support of this we had a very successful SRC Mufti Day last Friday raising $178.00 to support this very important program. Well done students of Manilla Central School!

Each class made a money line from their donations for Steward House. The longest line of money was achieved by Year 6 reaching an amazing 5.07 metres; second place with 1.5 metres went to Year 5.

Well done!

**COMING EVENTS - WEEK 5**

Mon, 18th May  Primary Zone Cross Country at Barraba

Tue, 19th May  Year 12 Parent/Teacher interview 5.30-6.30pm

P&C Meeting 6.00p.m. @ Secondary Library

Wed, 20th May  Careers Expo

Thu, 21st May  Gunnedah Eisteddfod – Primary Choir

Netball Schools Cup - Tamworth – Yrs 5&6 and 7&8 teams

U16s Touch Gala Day @ Inverell

Fri, 22nd May  3/4TAP assembly @ 12.40p.m.

Open Touch Gala Day @ Inverell

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